

Effective January 6th, 1999 we will be in a position to begin testing the EDI Purchase Order (850) with your company under the 4010 version. Our current time frame for the Invoice (810) is March. Our time frame for the 855 is the second week of February.

If your company is capable of receiving a Purchase Order under version 4010 and can send the Invoice back to us under version 3010; then we would like to begin the conversion process right away. In subsequent e-mails today, you will receive our implementation guideline for the 850, business examples for the 850, and our 997 guideline.

Changes for the 4010 version of the 850 are as follows:

For new store orders, we will be using the NS qualifier (New Store) in the BEG02, plus we will use the SAC segment instead of the SSS segment to convey new store allowances

All date fields will be 8 digits in length (except for the ISA09 element)

The method for identifying cross-dock orders has changed (the ST qualifier in the N101 will be for the distribution center, while the MA qualifier will identify the retail location the purchase order will ultimately be received by...we will no longer utilize the IC qualifier in the N101)

We will no longer support the 9 and 92 qualifiers in the N103...we will utilize the 93 qualifier instead with only the store number following

We will no longer support the NTE segment

Also by mid-year 1999, we will be increasing the field length of the following fields:

Item Number will increase to 9 digits

Store Number will increase to 5 digits

Purchase Order Number will increase to 9 digits

Please make certain that you will be able to accommodate the larger field sizes within your 4010 map.

Our testing procedure for the 850 document is as follows:

We will be testing the 4010 version of the 850 using our test id, which is 6135830000 with a 08 qualifier. The ISA-15 will be T for test as well.

We will send one test purchase order. We require a fax to 336.658.7105 of how you translated the purchase order. If you print the order off, and rekey it into your system, fax us what you printed. If your EDI program is integrated with other systems, fax us a screen print of the order off your system. We will also require a functional acknowledgment (997) at the summary level (no AK2s and AK5s).

Please contact me when you are ready to test the Purchase Order.

The specs for the 850 document have been given to the companies listed below:

Software Suppliers the Specs were sent to:

Access EDI

Arrow Service Bureau

Clark International

DNS Worldwide

EC Company

Piedmont Systems

St. Paul

Sterling Commerce

True Commerce

TSI International

Premenos

Supply Tech

Harbinger