

Grocery Management System (GMS) Release Notes 3.0 for Supplying Sources (Effective Sunday October 9, 2016)

With the launch of wine, the Grocery Management System (GMS) has been updated to reflect the increase in type of beverage alcohol products sold to the grocery channel.

The GMS Release Notes 3.0 for Supplying Sources focuses on the following core capabilities:

- GMS IT Access Form for Supplying Sources
- Product Catalogue and Product Information
- Order Management
- Payment to Supplying Sources
- Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)

Supplying Sources should note a revised Addendum to LCBO Product Management Policies & Procedures Manual for Wholesale to Authorized Store Operators will be available by Friday, October 14. New LCBO Purchase Order Terms and Conditions will take effect on Tuesday October 18, 2016. Both documents will be available on the Grocery Operations website at www.lcbowholesaleoperations.com.

GMS IT Access Form for Supplying Sources

The GMS IT Access Form is updated to reflect new functional capabilities. The updated form is available on the Grocery Operations website and allows Supplying Sources to change and revoke user privileges.

Product Catalogue and Product Information

The following changes have been made to the Product Catalogue:

1. The Product Catalogue can now be downloaded based on Store Authorization types which include:
 - Beer/Cider
 - Beer/ Cider/Wine
 - Beer/Cider/Restricted Wine
 - Wine Boutique
2. Wine products have been added to the catalogue download along with additional product specific information such as producer size, VQA wine, quality assurance wine, single country grapes and country production indicators
3. Additional columns have been added to the product catalogue download to account for new product attributes.

4. Users can determine products available to an authorization type on the product catalogue (i.e., Eligible for Beer & Cider, Eligible for Wine, Eligible for Wine Restricted, Eligible for Wine Boutique)
5. Sorting, filters and search capabilities have changed based on the alcohol beverage type

Order Management

Acknowledging orders in GMS is streamlined with the elimination of the 'Accept' step. Once the user has selected 'Acknowledge Order', the user enters the estimated delivery date and adjusts quantities, if required, and then clicks 'Apply'.

Payment to Supplying Sources

Payment to Supplying Sources will now be reflected as one invoice per purchase order and includes Bill of Lading (BOL) number.

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)

GMS is now EDI capable with certain store operators. All supplying sources who are interested and want to pursue EDI as a means of integrating order information should contact Grocery Operations Group at wholesaleservice@lcbo.com. Grocery Operations IT can organize working sessions with you to scope out EDI requirements for implementation in 2017.