

Changes in StockManager 10.1 to 10.3

1 General

Clients not registered for VAT

It is now possible to specify if an outlet is not registered for VAT.

The cost prices should all be inclusive of VAT. When you enter the cost price of deliveries (from a normal supplier) they will be automatically increased to include the VAT. Or if the delivery is from a supplier that includes VAT, e.g. a supermarket, the price will stay the same as the receipt.

To change the VAT status of an outlet, go to Admin → Outlet Details and a tick box is provided. When you change the status, the option is there for the cost prices (standard prices and suppliers prices) to be automatically increased/decreased.

Stocktakers Comments

Many screens now have a 'Comments' button at the top-right. You can enter comments as you go, to be reviewed and optionally printed later.

2 Liquor

Setup

Products

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Products cannot be deleted if they are used in a recipe.

The option Remove Old Products has been added to the Select Option drop-down list (and removed from the Administration screen). You can now use this option to remove inactive products from the current audit, as well as historical audits.

A recipe can be created for a single product. Click in the product and press Control-R. You will be prompted for some extra details. Once added, the recipe can be amended on the recipes screen.

When products are imported from another outlet, the search screen gives you the option to enter a closing stock, a cost price and a selling price for the product.

Sizes

The size description can now be 6 characters

Barcodes

It is now possible to assign a 'multiplier factor' to a barcode. So, if you scan a case of wine, and put in a count of 1, it will be multiplied up by 6 to give you 6 bottles.

Data Entry

Stocks

Product Activity report lists the recipes which include the selected product.

Period Product Activity report shows all cost & selling price changes.

If an inactive product is un-ticked, a check is made if the product has sales figures in Till Check. If so, a warning is given.

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Deliveries

There are now checks against the earlier audits for duplicated note numbers, invoice numbers.

Change Deliveries

A button ("To Standard") is there to update the standard cost prices from a selected delivery note.

There is also a button ("Recent") which will update the standard cost prices from the prices on the most recent delivery note.

It is now possible to change the supplier of a delivery note. If you do, checks are made against the new supplier to make sure products are 'available' from that supplier. If not, they can be added to that supplier's product list. Prices on the delivery note will be updated to reflect the new supplier's prices.

A button above the description column allows you to sort the list of products by description. To return to the order in which the products were entered onto the delivery note, click on the button again.

Change Credits

A button above the description column allows you to sort the list of products by description. To return to the order in which the products were entered onto the credit note, click on the button again.

Transfers

An outlet can be selected from the list even if the transfer is not directly between the outlets. The outlet name will appear on the transfers report.

If the transfer is directly between outlets, the stock period dates on the other outlet will be checked and a warning given if they don't match the date of the transfer note.

If a price is entered for the transfer, but the standard price is zero, the standard price will be updated and a message box shown.

You can now export a product to the other outlet, if it doesn't exist.

Change Transfers

A button above the description column allows you to sort the list of products by description. To return to the order in which the products were entered onto the transfer note, click on the button again.

Till Check

The screen now displays the Unit Description for each Product/PLU.

In the quantity column, a multiplier can be used, e.g. 4*6, allowing for till rolls which report items in a non-standard way.

PLU Numbers

A recipe can be created for a single product. Click in the product and press Control-R. You will be prompted for some extra details. Once added, the recipe can be amended on the recipes screen.

When entering a PLU number, a warning will be given if that PLU number has already been used – either for a product or a recipe.

PLU Consistency Report

A new section of the report will list recipes that have specified products but with a zero quantity.

A new section also lists non-live inactive products which have sales figures against the PLU.

Recipes

There is a new screen that shows a list of recipes together with the prices for each price band.

You can now remove recipes in one go by selecting them on a separate screen.

If a recipe is imported from another outlet, any products in that recipe will be made live.

The Create button shows a list of products for you to select from. Recipes can be automatically created containing those individual products. This is particularly useful if you want to create recipes for e.g. half pints of beer. Tick each of the beers and then enter 'R', '0.5' and 'Half' to the prompts. You can then amend the recipes to include the PLU number and a selling price.

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Simple recipes can be easily created on the Products/Stocks/PLU Numbers screens. Click in the relevant product and press Control-R. You'll be prompted for the quantity to be used, the selling price, the unit description and the PLU number. This is ideal for quickly creating half-pints of beer or wine by the glass.

Multiple recipes can be easily created using the Create button. You can then select a number of products and you're prompted for the recipe code prefix, the quantity to be used and the unit description. With this you can do all the wine-by-the-glass recipes at the same time.

Recipe Pricing

The PLU Number has been enabled so you can edit it here.

Multi-Roll Entry

You can now use Control-F to search for products, as per other screens.

Data entry by PLU

The Total option displays the total on screen, as well as putting the figures into the audit trail.

Read Till File

Products will be set live if data is read for that product's PLU.

It is now possible to read till data from a .XLS file. There is also a new way to select which columns in the spreadsheet contain the relevant data for till check.

Till Variance reports

The GT readings can be shown on the variance reports.

In a multi-bar, the cellar consumption can be included in the variances

Reports

On clicking on the Reports button, you will get a prompt/warning to run the PLU Consistency report if there have been changes made to products, recipes, PLU numbers, prices, etc.

There is an option to use the Average Price for the retail variance calculations on the Variance by Product report. If it's not ticked, the fixed bar price will be used.

Reports

Print Set

The Till Variance reports can now be included

StockMate

Android Tablet

Bluetooth. If both your laptop and tablet are configured for Bluetooth, you can use it to communicate between the two, as an alternative to wifi or cable.

Remote FTP. It is possible to send data to/from the tablet via the Cloud, using what's called an FTP server. The data is sent to the FTP server from the laptop and can be picked up by the tablet at any time. Similarly, the count can be retrieved in the other direction. This could be of use where a number of tablets are being used to count bars at a sports venue.

Consumption @ Retail report shows individual products, the consumption quantity and the retail amount. This option is only of any benefit if deliveries/credits/transfers have already been entered on the laptop, before data was prepared for the count.

Negative consumption report is similar to the Consumption @ Retail report, but it only shows those products which have a negative consumption.

Transfers have been added to the product info displayed.

It is now possible to count stock by typing in a numerical product code. If you know your product codes, this can be a quicker way of counting rather than scrolling the screen to find a product. On the search screen, tap on any product to display the keypad. Click on the “By Code” button and you can now enter a product code and “Enter”, then the count for that product.

Import Product from another outlet will prompt you for part of the description of the product you want, without having to wait for all products to be displayed.

Memor Scanner

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The multipliers can be set up on the laptop, prior to sending to the Memor. Or, they can be setup on the Memor when you scan a box. Any changes will be returned to the laptop.

Android & Memor

Increase in the number of products in an outlet that can be transferred to the handheld. This has been raised to 25000. However, with that many products, the app will run much more slowly.

The number of locations has been increased to 100.

Add Product – a unique product code will be suggested based on the section & subsection selected, and the product codes already used. If there is inconsistency in the existing product codes in the selected section & subsection (e.g. some start with a D and some with a B), no suggested product code will be shown and you will have to make up your own code.

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More backups are made to improve the security of your data. Occasionally, users have removed/overwritten the outlet data on the handheld without retrieving the count first. Backups can be created by you (a ‘User’ backup) and they are also created every time an outlet is selected (a ‘System’ backup) and multiple backups are retained on the handheld for each outlet. They are kept there either until you remove them (using ‘Tidy Data’) or until you have moved on two audits. You have the option to restore a backup at any time, and this will overwrite the live data for the outlet.

3 Food

Many of the changes for food are similar to liquor and listed here for completeness only.

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Delivery Notes

Delivery note numbers are automatically generated to simplify entry. You can overwrite it with the specific number, if required.

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Till Check

A Total Value column is now shown on the right of the screen.

The Grand Total and Receipts figures are shown at the bottom of the screen.

The PLU entries can be sorted in different ways.

Tools

Import/Export

You can now select the sections which apply.

Reports

Stock/Valuation/Trading Account

Warnings put out if there are zero cost prices

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4 Administration

Outlet Details

You can select a Master Outlet for the current outlet. The Master Outlet will become the default outlet when you use the Import/Export options. Also, when adding a new product, the option is there to check the product code against the Master Outlet, ensuring consistency of product codes across a group of outlets.

There are now five separate boxes where you can write in notes about the client. These can optionally be printed on reports (but your report layouts will need to be edited).

Remove Old Products

This option has been moved to the Products screen.

Admin Password

The password can now be left blank, so it will not be necessary to type a password to get into Administration or Cumulatives.

Stocktakes Report

This report will list the most recent liquor & food audits for each outlet. The outlet is only included in the list if there is some text in the first box of General Notes in Outlet Details.

5 Additional Reports

New Liquor Reports

Deliveries/Credits/Transfers Price Exceptions

The above reports list all transactions where the specified cost price does not match the standard cost price for a product.

Trading Account

This report covers a number of audits.

Adjusted Trading Account

This report covers the business between the current adjustment date and the last stock's adjustment date.

New Food Reports

Deliveries/Credits

Reports can be created to show the transactions between two dates (irrespective of the dates of the stocktakes).

Deliveries/Credits Price Exceptions

The above reports list all transactions where the specified cost price does not match the standard cost price for a product.

Adjusted Trading Account

This report covers the business between the current adjustment date and the last stock's adjustment date.

Supplier Prices

As per liquor, this compares supplier prices for individual products.

6 Remote Links

There is now an option to exchange outlets using one of the Cloud Storage choices, e.g. Dropbox, Google Drive, One Drive, etc.

7 Multi-Bar Tools

Option to copy Recipe prices from one bar to another (selectively by price band)

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