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# IRAS GST API SUBMISSION FORMAT AND FRONT-END VALIDATIONS

GST F5/F8, GST F7 Returns and IRAS Audit File

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## 1. Introduction

This document serves as a guide to application developers on the functionalities that should be present in the accounting software to facilitate the submission of GST F5/F8, GST F7 and Transaction Listing via the Application Programming Interface (API) service.

It should be read together with the following documents:

- (a) IRAS API Services Interface Specifications – File GST Return (GST F5 and F8);
- (b) IRAS API Services Interface Specifications – Edit Past GST Return (GST F7);
- (c) IRAS API Services Interface Specifications – GST F5 Submission (CorpPass); and
- (d) IRAS API Services Interface Specifications – GST Transaction Listing Submission

## 2. Getting Ready

### 2.1 Reference for Data Fields

Please refer to the following materials for the formats and explanations of the various data fields.

#### 2.1.1 GST F5 Return

- e-Tax guide: “[How Do I Prepare My GST Return](#)”
- <https://www.iras.gov.sg/irashome/default.aspx> > GST > GST-registered businesses > Filing your taxes > How to File Tax > Completing GST Return for general tips and instructions on completing GST F5 Return

#### 2.1.2 GST F8 Return

- e-Tax guide: “[How Do I Prepare My GST Return](#)”
- <https://www.iras.gov.sg/irashome/default.aspx> > GST > GST-registered businesses > Other Services > Cancelling GST Registration

#### 2.1.3 GST F7 Return

- e-Tax guide: “[How Do I Prepare My GST Return](#)”
- <https://www.iras.gov.sg/irashome/default.aspx> > GST > GST-registered businesses > Filing your taxes > Correcting Errors Made in GST Return (Filing GST F7)

#### 2.1.4 IRAS Audit File (IAF)

- e-Tax Guide: “[Guide on Accounting Software for Software Developers](#)”
- <https://www.iras.gov.sg/irashome/default.aspx> > Businesses > Self Employed/ Sole Proprietors/ Partners > Getting It Right > IRAS Accounting Software Register

## 2.2 Reference for API Specifications

Please refer to the circulated Interface Specifications documents for the design considerations and requirements of the various API services.

- IRAS API Services Interface Specifications – File GST Return (GST F5 and F8)
- IRAS API Services Interface Specifications – Edit Past GST Return (GST F7)
- IRAS API Services Interface Specifications – GST F5 Submission (CorpPass)
- IRAS API Services Interface Specifications – GST Transaction Listing Submission

## 3 Guidelines for GST F5/F8 and F7 Returns

### 3.1 Format

#### 3.1.1 GST F5 Return

The following statement must be displayed at the top header of the GST Return printout:

**“GST F5  
GOODS AND SERVICES TAX RETURN  
GOODS AND SERVICES TAX ACT (CAP 117A)”**

**“Declaration:**

**I declare that the information provided in this return is true and complete.  
I understand that penalties may be imposed for the submission of an incorrect  
return and/or provision of false information to the Comptroller of GST.”**

#### 3.1.2 GST F8 Return

The following statement must be displayed at the top header of the GST Return printout:

**“GST F8  
GOODS AND SERVICES TAX RETURN  
GOODS AND SERVICES TAX ACT (CAP 117A)”**

**“Declaration:**

**I declare that the information provided in this return is true and complete.  
I understand that penalties may be imposed for the submission of an incorrect  
return and/or provision of false information to the Comptroller of GST.”**

### 3.1.2 GST F7 Return

The following statement must be displayed at the top header of the GST Return printout:

**“GST F7  
GOODS AND SERVICES TAX RETURN  
GOODS AND SERVICES TAX ACT (CAP 117A)”**

**“Declaration:**

**I declare that the information provided in this return is true and complete.  
I understand that penalties may be imposed for the submission of an incorrect  
return and/or provision of false information to the Comptroller of GST.”**

### 3.2 Front-end Validations

The following validations should be performed at the point of generating the GST F5/ F8 and GST F7 Returns and amending the GST F5/F8 and GST F7 values before submission to IRAS.

<b>Front-end Validation</b>	<b>Response</b>
Auto summation/ pre-population	Box 4: Total value of (1) + (2) + (3)  Automatically computed after filling in the amounts for Box 1, Box 2 and Box 3
Auto summation	Box 8: Equals: Net GST to be paid to/ claimed from IRAS  Automatically computed after filling in the amounts for Box 6 and Box 7
Pre-population	Box 16: Net GST per box 8 above  Automatically computed after Box 8 is populated
Auto summation	Box 18: Equals: Total tax to be paid to/ claimed from IRAS  Automatically computed after filling in the amount for Box 17
Box 7 > 0 and Box 3 <> 0 and any of the supplies contains Non- Regulation 33 Exempt Supplies (Tax Code ESN33)	Prompt reminder message “Input tax incurred in the making of exempt supplies is not claimable unless the De Minimis Rule is satisfied. Please review if De Minimis Rule is satisfied.”

<p><u>GST F5/F8</u> Box 13 is null</p> <p><u>GST F7</u> Box 15 is null</p>	<p>Prompt reminder message “Revenue for the accounting period box is not entered with figure.”</p> <p>Provide options to edit the field or proceed to submit the return</p>
<p>Box 1 &gt; 0 &amp; Box 6 &lt; 0</p>	<p>Prompt the following message: “Standard-rated supplies is in positive value, output tax should not be in negative value. Please re-enter the value of output tax due. Otherwise, please indicate reasons by clicking on the following:  <input type="checkbox"/> GST on Bad Debt Recovery  <input type="checkbox"/> GST collected prior to registration  <input type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify reasons”</p> <div data-bbox="691 786 1430 844" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;">Text box up to 200 characters</div> <p>If reasons are required but not even one reason is selected, to prompt the error message, “You Have Not Specified The Reasons”</p> <p>Check to ensure that the text box is filled if the option “Others” is selected and vice versa</p> <p>Map the reasons provided to “Grp1 reason**”</p>
<p>Box 1 &lt;&gt; 0 &amp; Box 6 = 0</p>	<p>Prompt the following message “Standard-rated supplies is completed, output tax should not be NIL. Please re-enter the value of output tax due. Otherwise, please indicate reasons by clicking on the following:  <input type="checkbox"/> GST on Bad Debt Recovery  <input type="checkbox"/> GST collected prior to registration  <input type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify reasons”</p> <div data-bbox="691 1581 1385 1639" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;">Text box up to 200 characters</div> <p>If reasons are required but not even one reason is selected, to prompt the error message, “You Have Not Specified The Reasons”</p> <p>Check to ensure that the text box is filled if the option “Others” is selected and vice versa</p> <p>Map the reasons provided to “Grp1 reason**”</p>

<p>Box 1 = 0 &amp; Box 6 &lt;&gt; 0</p>	<p>Prompt the following message          “As output tax is completed, standard-rated supplies should not be NIL. Please re-enter the value of standard-rated supplies.          Otherwise, please indicate reasons by clicking on the following:  <input type="checkbox"/> GST on Bad Debt Recovery  <input type="checkbox"/> GST collected prior to registration  <input type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify reasons”</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Text box up to 200 characters</div> <p>If reasons are required but not even one reason is selected, to prompt the error message, “You Have Not Specified The Reasons”</p> <p>Check to ensure that the text box is filled if the option “Others” is selected and vice versa</p> <p>Map the reasons provided to “Grp1 reason*”</p>
<p>Box 1 &lt; Box 6 OR          Box 1 = Box 6</p>	<p>Prompt the following message          “Output tax should be less than standard-rated supplies. Please re-enter the value of output tax due. Otherwise, please indicate reasons by clicking on the following:  <input type="checkbox"/> GST on Bad Debt Recovery  <input type="checkbox"/> GST collected prior to registration  <input type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify reasons”</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Text box up to 200 characters</div> <p>If reasons are required but not even one reason is selected, to prompt the error message, “You Have Not Specified The Reasons”</p> <p>Check to ensure that the text box is filled if the option “Others” is selected and vice versa</p> <p>Map the reasons provided to “Grp1 reason*”</p>

<p>Box 5 &lt; Box 7</p>	<p>Prompt the following message  “Input tax and refunds claimed should be less than taxable purchases. Please re-enter the value of input tax and refunds claimed.  Otherwise, please indicate reasons by clicking on the following:  <input type="checkbox"/> Tourist Refund  <input type="checkbox"/> Bad Debts Relief  <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Notes  <input type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify reasons”</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Text box up to 200 characters</div> <p>If reasons are required but not even one reason is selected, to prompt the error message, “You Have Not Specified The Reasons”</p> <p>Check to ensure that the text box is filled if the option “Others” is selected and vice versa</p> <p>Map the reasons provided to “Grp2 reason**”</p>
<p>Box 7 &lt;&gt; 0 &amp; Box 5 = 0</p>	<p>Prompt the following message  “Input tax and refunds claimed has been completed, taxable purchases should not be NIL. Please re-enter the value of taxable purchases.  Otherwise, please indicate reasons by clicking on the following:  <input type="checkbox"/> Tourist Refund  <input type="checkbox"/> Bad Debts Relief  <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Notes  <input type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify reasons”</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Text box up to 200 characters</div> <p>If reasons are required but not even one reason is selected, to prompt the error message, “You Have Not Specified The Reasons”</p> <p>Check to ensure that the text box is filled if the option “Others” is selected and vice versa</p> <p>Map the reasons provided to “Grp2 reason**”</p>



<p><u>GST F5/F8</u> Box 7 &lt;&gt; 0 &amp; Box 9 = Box 5</p> <p><u>GST F7</u> Box 7 &lt;&gt; 0 &amp; Box 11 = Box 5</p>	<p>Prompt the following message                      “Input tax and refunds claimed should be NIL as you had declared the same value in taxable purchases and MES/3PL/Other Approves Schemes. Please re-enter the value of input tax and refunds claimed.                      Otherwise, please indicate reasons by clicking on the following:  <input type="checkbox"/> Tourist Refund  <input type="checkbox"/> Bad Debts Relief  <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Notes</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Text box up to 200 characters</div> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify reasons”</p> <p>If reasons are required but not even one reason is selected, to prompt the error message, “You Have Not Specified The Reasons”</p> <p>Check to ensure that the text box is filled if the option “Others” is selected and vice versa</p> <p>Map the reasons provided to “Grp2 reason*”</p>
<p><u>GST F5/F8</u> Box 9 &lt;&gt; 0 &amp; Box 5 &lt; Box 9</p> <p><u>GST F7</u> Box 11 &lt;&gt; 0 &amp; Box 5 &lt; Box 11</p>	<p>Prompt the following message                      “Taxable purchases should include MES/3PL/Other Approved Schemes and therefore be greater than MES/3PL/Other Approved Schemes figures. Please re-enter the value of taxable purchases.                      Otherwise, please indicate reasons by clicking on the following:  <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Notes</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Text box up to 200 characters</div> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify reasons”</p> <p>If reasons are required but not even one reason is selected, to prompt the error message, “You Have Not Specified The Reasons”</p> <p>Check to ensure that the text box is filled if the option “Others” is selected and vice versa</p> <p>Map the reasons provided to “Grp3 reason*”</p>

<p>If taxpayer selects “Yes” for the Tourist Refund/Pre-registration claim/Bad debt relief claim when Box 7 is NIL</p>	<p>Prompt error message  “Input tax and refund claims should not be Nil if you are claiming for Tourist Refund/Pre-registration claim/Bad debt relief claim.”</p>
<p>If taxpayer selects “No” for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Box 10: Did you claim for GST you had refunded to tourists? when Box 10 &lt;&gt; 0; or</li> <li>- Box 11: Did you make any bad debt relief claims? When Box 11 &lt;&gt; 0; or</li> <li>- Box 12: Did you make any pre-registration claims? when Box 12 is &lt;&gt; 0</li> </ul>	<p>Prompt error message  “Please select Yes if you are claiming for Tourist Refund/Pre-registration claim/Bad debt relief claim.”</p>
<p>If taxpayer selects “Yes” for return covering accounting period before 1 Jan 2020:</p> <p><u>GST F5/F8</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Box 14: Did you import services subject to GST under reverse charge?; or</li> <li>- Box 15: Did you operate an electronic marketplace to supply digital services subject to GST on behalf of third-party suppliers?</li> </ul> <p><u>GST F7</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Box 16: Did you import services subject to GST under reverse charge?; or</li> <li>- Box 17: Did you operate an electronic marketplace to supply digital services subject to GST on behalf of third-party suppliers?</li> </ul>	<p>Prompt error message  “Invalid input.”</p>

<p><u>GST F5/F8</u> Box 17 &lt; 0 and Box 19 &gt; 0</p> <p><u>GST F7</u> Box 18 &lt; 0 and Box 24 &gt; 0</p>	<p>Prompt error message: “Total value of goods imported under IGDS is in positive value, deferred import GST payable should not be in negative value. Please re-enter value.”</p>
<p><u>GST F5/F8</u> Box 17 = 0 and (Box 19 &gt; 0 or Box 19 &lt; 0)</p> <p><u>GST F7</u> Box 18 = 0 and (Box 24 &gt; 0 or Box 24 &lt; 0)</p>	<p>Prompt error message: “Total value of goods imported under IGDS is completed; deferred import GST payable should not be zero value. Please re-enter value.”</p>
<p><u>GST F5/F8</u> Box 19 = 0 and (Box 17 &lt; 0 or Box 17 &gt; 0)</p> <p><u>GST F7</u> Box 24 = 0 and (Box 18 &lt; 0 or Box 18 &gt; 0)</p>	<p>Prompt error message “As deferred import GST payable is completed, Total value of goods imported under IGDS should not be zero value. Please re-enter the value.”</p>
<p><u>GST F5/F8</u></p> <p>i) Box 19 &lt; 0 and Box 17 &gt; 0; or ii) Box 19 &lt; 0 and Box 17 &lt; 0 and Box 17 &lt;= Box 19; or iii) Box 19 &gt; 0 and Box 17 &gt; 0 and Box 17 &gt;= Box 19</p> <p><u>GST F7</u></p> <p>i) Box 24 &lt; 0 and Box 18 &gt; 0; or ii) Box 24 &lt; 0 and Box 18 &lt; 0 and Box 18 &lt;= Box 24; or iii) Box 24 &gt; 0 and Box 18 &gt; 0 and Box 18 &gt;= Box 24</p>	<p>Prompt error message “Total value of goods imported under IGDS should be more than deferred import GST payable. Please re-enter the value.”</p>
<p>If Contact Telephone Number is not in 8-digit format</p>	<p>Prompt error message “Telephone number entered must be a 8-digit local number.”</p>

## 4 Guidelines for IRAS Audit File (IAF)<sup>1</sup>

### 4.1 Front-end Validations

The following validations should be performed at the point of data entry to ensure the accuracy of the transaction details.

IAF Table	Front-end Validation and Response													
Company Information	<p>This table contains the following fields:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="687 584 1106 889"> <tr><td>CompanyName</td></tr> <tr><td>CompanyUEN</td></tr> <tr><td>GSTNo</td></tr> <tr><td>PeriodStart</td></tr> <tr><td>PeriodEnd</td></tr> <tr><td>IAFCreationDate</td></tr> <tr><td>ProductVersion</td></tr> <tr><td>IAFVersion</td></tr> </table> <p>All the fields in this table <u>must not</u> be blank.</p> <p>IAFCreationDate <u>must not</u> be earlier than PeriodStart and PeriodEnd.</p> <p>PeriodStart, PeriodEnd and IAFCreationDate <u>must not</u> be future-dated (i.e. these fields should be <math>\leq</math> to the date when the IAF is submitted).</p>	CompanyName	CompanyUEN	GSTNo	PeriodStart	PeriodEnd	IAFCreationDate	ProductVersion	IAFVersion					
CompanyName														
CompanyUEN														
GSTNo														
PeriodStart														
PeriodEnd														
IAFCreationDate														
ProductVersion														
IAFVersion														
Purchase Listing	<p>This table contains the following fields:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="687 1373 1106 1870"> <tr><td>SupplierName</td></tr> <tr><td>SupplierUEN</td></tr> <tr><td>InvoiceDate</td></tr> <tr><td>InvoiceNo</td></tr> <tr><td>PermitNo</td></tr> <tr><td>LineNo</td></tr> <tr><td>ProductDescription</td></tr> <tr><td>PurchaseValueSGD</td></tr> <tr><td>GSTValueSGD</td></tr> <tr><td>TaxCode</td></tr> <tr><td>FCYCode</td></tr> <tr><td>PurchaseFCY</td></tr> <tr><td>GSTFCY</td></tr> </table> <p>All the fields (except PermitNo) in this table <u>must not</u> be blank.</p>	SupplierName	SupplierUEN	InvoiceDate	InvoiceNo	PermitNo	LineNo	ProductDescription	PurchaseValueSGD	GSTValueSGD	TaxCode	FCYCode	PurchaseFCY	GSTFCY
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PurchaseFCY														
GSTFCY														

<sup>1</sup> Format required for submission of transaction listings

	<p>If TaxCode# is IM/ME/IGDS, PermitNo <u>must not</u> be blank.</p> <p>If TaxCode# is TX/TXCA/IM/IGDS/BL/TX-ESS/TX-N33/TX-RE,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) PurchaseValueSGD <u>must not</u> be 0<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>(ii) GSTValueSGD <u>must not</u> be 0<sup>1, 2</sup>.</li> <li>(iii) GSTFCY <u>must not</u> be 0<sup>1, 2</sup> if PurchaseFCY is not 0.</li> </ul> <p>If TaxCode# is ZP/ME/NR/EP/OP,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) PurchaseValueSGD <u>must not</u> be 0<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>(ii) GSTValueSGD <u>must</u> be 0.</li> <li>(iii) GSTFCY <u>must</u> be 0.</li> </ul> <p>If FCYCode is SGD/XXX, PurchaseFCY <u>must</u> be 0.</p> <p>If FCYCode is <u>not</u> SGD/XXX, PurchaseFCY <u>must not</u> be 0<sup>1</sup>.</p> <p><u>Must not</u> have duplicate entries.</p>													
Supply Listing	<p>This table contains the following fields:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="687 1218 1106 1715"> <tr><td>CustomerName</td></tr> <tr><td>CustomerUEN</td></tr> <tr><td>InvoiceDate</td></tr> <tr><td>InvoiceNo</td></tr> <tr><td>LineNo</td></tr> <tr><td>ProductDescription</td></tr> <tr><td>SupplyValueSGD</td></tr> <tr><td>GSTValueSGD</td></tr> <tr><td>TaxCode</td></tr> <tr><td>Country</td></tr> <tr><td>FCYCode</td></tr> <tr><td>SupplyFCY</td></tr> <tr><td>GSTFCY</td></tr> </table> <p>All the fields<sup>3</sup> (except CustomerName<sup>4</sup>, CustomerUEN<sup>4</sup> and Country<sup>5</sup>) in this table <u>must not</u> be blank.</p> <p>If TaxCode# is SR/SRCA-C/DS,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) SupplyValueSGD must not be 0<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>(ii) GSTValueSGD <u>must not</u> be 0<sup>1, 6</sup>.</li> </ul>	CustomerName	CustomerUEN	InvoiceDate	InvoiceNo	LineNo	ProductDescription	SupplyValueSGD	GSTValueSGD	TaxCode	Country	FCYCode	SupplyFCY	GSTFCY
CustomerName														
CustomerUEN														
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ProductDescription														
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Country														
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	<p>(iii) GSTFCY <u>must not</u> be 0<sup>1, 6</sup> if SupplyFCY is not 0.</p> <p>If TaxCode# is SRCA-S/ZR/ES33/ESN33/OS,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) SupplyValueSGD <u>must not</u> be 0<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>(ii) GSTValueSGD <u>must</u> be 0.</li> <li>(iii) GSTFCY <u>must</u> be 0.</li> </ul> <p>If FCYCode is SGD/XXX, SupplyFCY <u>must</u> be 0.</p> <p>If FCYCode is <u>not</u> SGD/XXX, SupplyFCY <u>must not</u> be 0<sup>1</sup>.</p> <p><u>Must not</u> have duplicate entries.</p>
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**Note:**

# A different naming convention for the TaxCode may be used by different accounting software providers.

<sup>1</sup> Negative value is acceptable for this field.

<sup>2</sup> GSTValueSGD and GSTFCY should be reported based on the GST values stated on the supplier's invoice. These values may not be exactly 7% of the purchases (PurchaseValueSGD and PurchaseFCY) due to rounding adjustments.

<sup>3</sup> Certain transactions may not be the sales made by the business but are classified as supplies for GST purposes. For these transactions, proxies may be used to record the invoice details (e.g. InvoiceNo and InvoiceDate).

- (i) For exchange gain/loss, CustomerName, CustomerUEN and InvoiceNo should be tagged to the invoice relating to the exchange gain/loss. InvoiceDate should be the payment date of the invoice when the exchange gain/loss is realised.
- (ii) For interest income (which is usually presented in the bank statement), InvoiceNo should be the document number of the posting in the system and InvoiceDate should be the date of receipt of the interest income.

<sup>4</sup> CustomerName and CustomerUEN may be blank for sales made to non GST-registered customers (e.g. end consumers and individuals).

<sup>5</sup> Country refers to the destination of the exported goods. Hence, it may be blank for goods that are not exported.

<sup>6</sup> GSTValueSGD and GSTFCY may not be exactly 7% of the supplies (SupplyValueSGD and SupplyFCY) for certain types of transactions (e.g. Gross Margin Scheme, prompt payment discount).

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