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ALL ACCOUNTING OFFICERS AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS

OFFICE OF THE ACOUNTANT GENERAL PRACTICE NOTE 2 OF 2001:

LOGIS/FMS INTERFACE: USE OF LEDGER ACCOUNTS FOR ORDER PAYMENTS

At present there appears to be a growing trend to process transactions against ledger accounts via the LOGIS/FMS interface. In the interest of sound financial management, LOGIS will no longer allow any transactions against ledger accounts through the electronic interface with FMS. Consequently, any ledger account on the following transaction codes, with effect from 1 April 2001, will be rejected by both LOGIS and FMS:

Commitments	(1432)
Payments	(1463)
Disallowances	(1475)
Journals	(1398)

The LOGIS/FMS interface will therefore only accept a valid expenditure objective for the commitment of expenditure on an official order form. This procedure requires the approved budget on FMS to be captured and reflected against specific objectives, from which payments will be done. Also note that all other transactions against ledger accounts through the LOGIS/FMS interface will be rejected.

Although FMS validation processes allow for certain, specified payments (1084) to be done against a ledger account, the use of specified payments are not allowed for official order forms generated by LOGIS.

In the event where "non-voted funds" apply (e.g. donor funds, trading accounts, etc), a separate fund code and relevant expenditure objective codes must be created in consultation with FMS for such LOGIS expenditure. The creation of the fund code and relevant expenditure objective codes will allow for commitments and payments against an expenditure objective, thus

the need for allocations against ledger accounts would no longer be necessary or accepted. Any additional journals in this regard must be done on FMS.

Please be advised that all departments must finalise their outstanding ledger account transactions during the financial year ending 31 March 2001. Please do not hesitate to contact the LOGIK Centre at (012) 672 1881, should you require any guidance or assistance in the set-up of the correct code structures.

Kind Regards

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