



# **Global 3000 Enhancement Note**

## **ZS60\_000079 Long Descriptions on Orders**

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## INTRODUCTION

The requirement is to introduce a new parameter which causes long description records to be transferred to order lines in all cases.

If the parameter "Copy long descriptions to order" is set, and the "Comments" option on an order line is used to delete all the comments, when the "Comments" option is reselected the comments re-appear. There is no way of preventing them appearing on the order documents.

What is happening is that when you go into "Comments" for an order line for the first time the long description (LD) records for the product are copied to another set of LD records attached to the order line which form the comments, and these are displayed in the window. They may be amended or deleted.

Re-selecting "Comments" first checks to see if there are any LD records attached to the order line and if there are, they are displayed. If there are none, it repeats the copy function and the comments re-appear.

Similarly, the print programs look for comments attached to the order line and print them if found. If there are none, and the "Copy descriptions" flag is set they always print the long descriptions from the LD records attached to the product. As far as the print programs are concerned, the situation where you have deleted all the comment lines is identical to that in which you never selected "Comments" in the first place.

Long description handling in POP is correctly controlled by a parameter COPOLD which causes the long descriptions to be copied to the order at order entry. However, the **SOP** parameter COCMTS is being used to control printing packaging instruction lines on purchase orders.

### Proposed solution

The existing flag will continue to operate as now but will be re-named to more closely indicate its function:- "Print long descriptions on order documents?"

A new flag will be introduced "Copy long descriptions at order entry?" which will cause order entry to copy the product long descriptions to the order at the point the order is set up, and at no other time.

A second new flag, "Print packaging instructions on purchase orders?", will be introduced in Purchase Order Processing to control the printing of packaging instructions on purchase orders.

If the "Copy long descriptions at order entry" flag is set the print programs only print comments attached to detail lines. If they do not exist, nothing is printed.

If this flag is not set, long descriptions are copied to order lines only when the Comments option is selected. These comments are always printed by the print programs. If there are no comments on the order line, the long descriptions from the product are printed if the "Print long descriptions" flag is set, otherwise nothing is printed.

A recovery program is provided to set initial values of the new flags and write descriptions on to existing orders if the existing "Copy long descriptions" flag is set to "Y", thus ensuring that orders print in the same way as before the service pack is applied.

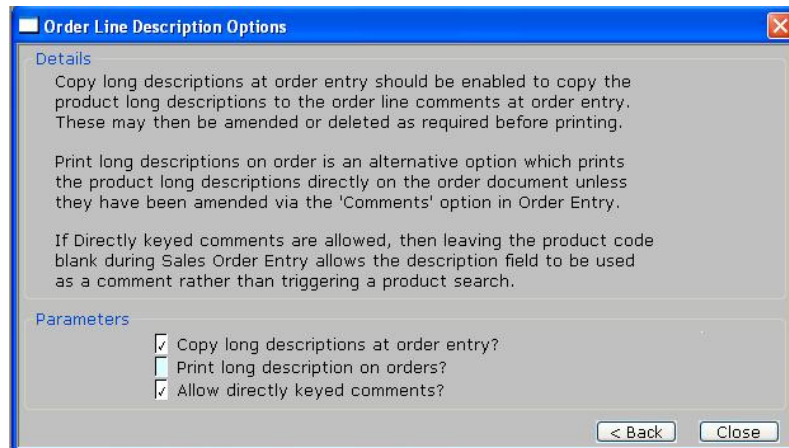
Note: This function increases the requirement for LD records in database PARAS.

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## DOCUMENTATION CHANGES

### SOP Parameters

**Fig 1: Order Line Description Options**



**Purpose** These parameters concern additional detail line descriptions on orders and requisitions.

*The prompts are:*

**Copy long descriptions at Order Entry?**

Set to copy the product long description to detail line comments for the order line at Order Entry. The lines of description are then available for amendment via the Comments option in the Line Options menu.

**Print long description on orders?**

*(Only if you are not copying long descriptions)* Set to print the long descriptions from the product on the order documents for order lines that have no detail comments.

If this is set, you may still use the Comments option to alter the copied description specifically for the order or requisition, if necessary.

*Note*

If “Print long descriptions on orders?” is set, the long description from the product will be printed in the situation where the Comments option is used to copy the product long description into the detail line comments and those comments are subsequently deleted.

If neither of these options is set, the detail line comments are initially blank.

**Allow directly keyed comments?**

Set to leave the product code blank during order and requisition entry. You can then use the detail line description to enter a comment of up to 30 characters.

If this is not set, you cannot leave the product code blank. If you attempt to do so, a pop-up enquiry displays a list of valid product codes.

*Note*

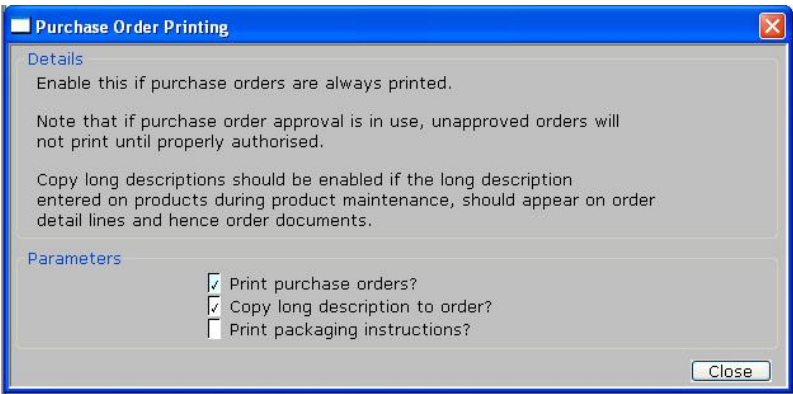
The detail line comments options are available regardless of how you set this item.

*On completion* ⇒ Order Entry menu

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# POP Parameters

Fig 2: Purchase Order Printing



This window enables you to specify whether or not purchase orders are printed at your installation, whether the product’s long description is copied to the purchase order and whether packaging instructions are printed.

The prompts are:

- Print purchase orders?**

Set if purchase orders are always printed. Do not set if purchase orders are never printed.

Note

If Global 3000 EDI is in use, this parameter also controls whether purchase orders can be exported via EDI; i.e. if this parameter is set, they can be printed and exported; if it is set to N, they can be neither printed nor exported.

Note

If the ‘Order approval’ System Parameter is set, purchase orders cannot be printed or exported until they have been approved.
- Copy long description to order?**

Set to copy the long description associated with a product to the Purchase Order at order entry. Subsequent changes to the long description made through Product Maintenance will not affect the long description as it appears on the order. However it can be modified on the order through the Detail Comments option of the Amend Item Line menu.

If you do not set this the long descriptions associated with products are not copied to orders.
- Print packaging instructions?**

*(Only if you are printing purchase orders)* Set to print the packaging instruction entered with the supplier’s product details on the purchase orders.
- On completion**

⇒ POP parameters menu.

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