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## 1065 Stakeholders

We are pleased to post an updated version (**2006v2.2**) of the Tax Year (TY) 2006 **Forms 1065 and 1065-B** XML schemas and Business Rules, and an updated version (**2006v1.4**) of TY 2006 **Form 7004** XML schemas and Business Rules, that we refer to as Release 4.0. The schemas and business rules contain changes since the December 15, 2006 posting (December 18, 2006 for Form 7004).

**Please note:** Use version 2006v2.0 or 2006v2.1 to submit production returns until we notify you that 2006v2.2 has been installed in production. At that time, versions 2006v2.0, 2006v2.1 and 2006v2.2 will be active. Schema validation will use version 2006v2.2 but you will determine which version to support.

We are also posting the Production version (2006v1.4) of the Tax Year (TY) 2006 Form 7004 XML schemas and Business Rules. These schemas and business rules contain changes since the December 18, 2006 posting.

**Please note:** Use version 2006v1.0 or 2006v1.1 or 2006v1.2 or 2006v1.3 to submit production extensions until we notify you that 2006v1.4 has been installed in production. At that time, versions 2006v1.0, 2006v1.1, 2006v1.2, 2006v1.3 and 2006v1.4 will be active. Schema validation will use version 2006v1.4 but you will determine which version to support.

Forms 1065 and 1065-B XML schemas and Business Rules 2006v2.2 and Form 7004 XML schemas and Business Rules 2006v1.4 is scheduled to be installed into ATS and Production on February 14, 2007 when transmitting through the EMS, A2A, and IFA channels.

## XML Schemas

The TY 2006 schemas include all tax forms and schedules for Forms 1065 and 1065-B. Schema version 2006v2.2 is posted to the Production and ATS System charts at:

<http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=153999,00.html>. Also included are "Diff Files" that shows changes from the previous schema version 2006v2.1.

The TY 2006 production schemas include all tax forms and schedules for Form 7004. Schema version 2006v1.4 is posted to the Production and ATS System charts at:

<http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=128360,00.html>. Also included are "Diff Files" showing changes from the previous schema versions.

## Business Rules

**Forms 1065 and 1065-B** Business Rules for TY 2006 (new version 2006v2.2) are posted in two different formats containing identical information – Adobe (.pdf), and Comma Separated File (.csv). A column within the file identifies key changes made from the last posted version of the Business Rules. The new rules are posted to the Production and ATS System charts at:

<http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=153999,00.html>.

**Form 7004** Business Rules for TY 2006 (version 1.4) are posted in two different formats containing identical information – Adobe (.pdf), and Comma Separated File (.csv). A column within the file identifies key changes made from the last posted version of the Business Rules. The new rules are posted to the Production and ATS System chart at: <http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=128360,00.html>.

## Key Changes

Forms and Publications Office is in the process of revising Form 8886. Unfortunately, it will not be ready for distribution before January, thus we have removed Form 8886 schema. When Form 8886 is ready for distribution, we will get the schema updated as soon as possible. However, we can accept the **updated** Form 8886 in pdf if necessary.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please contact us through the ETA 1065 Team at [1065MeF@irs.gov](mailto:1065MeF@irs.gov). For Form 7004 questions, please contact Linda Lateef at (202) 283-0014.