NMLS September 2017 (2017.3) Release Notes

Release Date: September 18, 2017

The purpose of these release notes is to provide a summary of system enhancements and maintenance updates included in NMLS Release 2017.3.

The Roadmap enhancements targeted for Release 2017.3 are:

- ESB Regulator Compliance Support – Bond amount coverage, company licensing details, and branch licensing details will be available to state regulators to assist with determining bond requirement compliance for a specific license type.
- ESB Surety Industry Roster Reports – New roster-like reports of bonds will be available to surety companies and surety bond producers.
- ESB Annual Certification & Validation – Surety companies and surety bond producers must complete an annual attestation (between November 1st and December 31st) regarding the accuracy of their profile, state authorization, and active association information in NMLS. Surety Names, NPN/NAIC numbers, and state authorizations will also be validated against the NAIC/NIPR databases.
- MSB Call Report - Transactions Destination Country Reporting (Section IV) – Money transmission licensees engaged in foreign transmission will be required to report Transactions Destination Country data as part of fourth quarter submission of MSB Call Report.

General Enhancements

System Maintenance Updates

ESB Regulator Compliance Support (State Context)

SUMMARY: Bond amount coverage, company licensing details, and branch licensing details will be available to state regulators to assist with determining bond requirement compliance for a specific license type.

NMLS will display the following information on a new *Electronic Surety Bond Coverage by License Type* page in Company Composite View:

- Pending and approved company licenses (including licenses for other trade names)
- Pending and approved branch licenses (including licenses for other trade names)
- Aggregate bond amounts by license type

Regulator users will be able to use links to access license information filtered for the selected license/branch. Support users will also have access to this view.

ESB Surety Industry Roster Reports (State Context)

SUMMARY: New roster-like reports of bonds will be available to surety companies and surety bond producers.

The surety company version of the report will provide bond details for all bonds underwritten by the surety company or its related underwriting companies. The surety bond producer version of the report will provide bond details for all bonds where the surety bond producer is listed as the producer for the bond.

ESB Annual Certification & Validation (State Context)

SUMMARY: Surety companies and surety bond producers must complete an annual attestation (between November 1st and December 31st) regarding the accuracy of their profile, state authorizations, and active association information in NMLS. The Surety's Name, NPN/NAIC number, and state authorizations will also be validated against the NAIC/NIPR databases.

All surety users will be presented with a message upon login once the attestation period begins that will remain until the attestation is completed. A link in the message, presented to authorized users, will take the user directly to the attestation page under the Tasks tab. Only surety account administrators and users with the Manage Surety Company Profile/Manage Surety Bond Producer Profile role will be able to perform the attestation. If attestation is not completed prior to the December 31st deadline, all users for the surety entity will be prevented from accessing and conducting any bond activity under the "Surety Bond Management" section of NMLS until the attestation is complete. State authorizations may ultimately be removed if attestation is not completed.

Notifications

All surety entities AAs will receive an email notification when the attestation period begins. An additional notification will be sent on December 1st if attestation has not been completed and on January 1st if the attestation is overdue.

Attestation History

Attestation history, showing the attestation date and user who performed the attestation for the surety, will be viewable in Composite View by authorized surety users associated to the record, regulator users, and support users. Attestation history will also be available in the Data Analytics database.

MSBCR - Transactions Destination Country Reporting (Section IV) (State Context)

SUMMARY:

MSB Call Report Transactions Destination Country Reporting is required to be submitted as part of the fourth quarter submission by money transmission licensees engaged in foreign transmission activity. The System will be updated to allow the submission of Section IV through NMLS. Section IV is comprised of:

a. Company-wide Transactions Destination Country Detail
b. State Transactions Destination Country Detail

License Settings
Regulators can control the requirement to submit State Transactions Destination Country Detail through a License Setting.

Report submission
If allowed or required, the functionality will be available to licensees for manual data field entry and a bulk upload through an .xml file or .csv spreadsheet.

Reporting Frequency
Transaction destination country reporting Sections (IV(a) and IV(b)) are due annually after the fourth quarter.

Data Accuracy
Calculations, data validations and completeness checks will be performed by the System to improve the accuracy of the information submitted and reduce possible data entry errors.

Activity Report
MSB Call Report Activity Report will include Transaction Destination Country data in Reports for fourth quarter filings.

License Items
A license item is being added for any company that submits an amended report that triggers the Transaction Destination Country section to be required. Specifically, if a company adds foreign transaction data to a previously submitted report, the Transaction Destination Country section will be required and a license item will be posted to the company's account to make them aware of the requirement.

General Enhancements - ESB Industry Dashboard (State Context)

The *ESB Industry Dashboard* provides surety companies and surety bond producers with summary information related to bonds issued in NMLS. Users will be able to use links from the Dashboard to access relevant pages in NMLS.

Dashboard Content – Surety Company Users

The Surety Company Dashboard is made up of two sections and their related components:

BOND OVERVIEW

1. **Active Bonds (across surety company)**
   a. *All Bonds* – count of active bonds associated to the surety company and any of its underwriting companies
   b. *Bonds – Surety Company/Underwriting Company* – count of active bonds associated to a specific underwriting company with a separate row for each
   c. *Notice of Cancellation Bonds* – count of bonds in Notice of Cancellation status
   d. *Pending BOR Changes* – count of BOR changes in a pending status (row only appears if count > 0)
2. **Active Bonds (underwriter user) –** defaults to logged-in user but dropdown available to select other underwriter users
   a. *All Bonds* – count of active bonds associated to the surety company and any of its underwriting companies assigned to the selected underwriter
   b. *Notice of Cancellation Bonds* – count of bonds in Notice of Cancellation status assigned to the selected underwriter

CURRENT ACTION ITEMS (creator user)

1. **Bonds Pending Action**
   a. *Requires Rep Signature* – count of bonds created by the user in "Requires Rep Signature" status if no producer is associated to the bond
   b. *Returned Bonds* – count of bonds created by the user in "Returned to Surety" status if no producer is associated to the bond
2. **Revisions Pending Action**
   a. *Requires Rep Signature* – count of riders/revised form bonds created by the logged-in user in "Requires Rep Signature" status if no producer is associated to the bond
   b. *Returned Revisions* – count of riders/revised form bonds created by the logged-in user in "Returned to Surety" status if no producer is associated to the bond
3. **Bonds Requiring Form Updates**
   a. *Upgraded Bond Required* – count of bonds created by the logged-in user in "Requires Rep Signature" or "Returned to Surety" status requiring upgrade to a new form version if no producer is associated to the bond
   b. *Revised Form Bond Required* – count of bonds created by the logged-in user requiring surety action for issuance of a revised form bond if no producer is associated to the bond

Navigation

Counts in the dashboards will link the user to NMLS pages relevant to the information provided. The Dashboard will be available from anywhere in NMLS by using the Home tab. The existing Home Page will be available via a NMLS Navigation link from the left navigation panel under the Home tab. Support users will have access to surety industry dashboards.

General Enhancements - ESB Industry Dashboard (State Context)

Dashboard Content – Surety Bond Producer Users

The *Surety Bond Producer Dashboard* is made up of three sections and their related components and reflects information for bonds where the producer is the active producer on the bond:

BOND OVERVIEW (across surety bond producer)

1. **Active Bonds**
    a. *All Bonds* – count of active bonds
    b. *Notice of Cancellation Bonds* – count of bonds in Notice of Cancellation status

CURRENT ACTION ITEMS (across surety bond producer)

1. **Bonds Pending Action**
    a. *Requires Rep Signature* – count of bonds in "Requires Rep Signature" status
    b. *Returned Bonds* –count of bonds in "Returned to Surety" status
2. **Revisions Pending Action**
    a. *Requires Rep Signature* – count of riders/revised form bonds in "Requires Rep Signature" status
    b. *Returned Revisions* – count of riders/revised form bonds in "Returned to Surety" status
3. **Bonds Requiring Form Updates**
    a. *Upgraded Bond Required* – count of bonds in "Requires Rep Signature" or "Returned to Surety" status requiring upgrade to a new form version
    b. *Revised Form Bond Required*– count of bonds requiring surety action for issuance of a revised form bond (i.e. bonds requiring revised form bond issuance that do not have a revised form bond in "Pending Principal Signature" status or an "Undelivered" revised form bond in Executed status)

CURRENT ACTION ITEMS (for creator user)

1. **Bonds Pending Action**
    a. *Requires Rep Signature* – count of bonds created by the logged-in user in "Requires Rep Signature" status
    b. *Returned Bonds* – count of bonds created by the logged-in user in "Returned to Surety" status
2. **Revisions Pending Action**
    a. *Requires Rep Signature* – count of riders/revised form bonds created by the logged-in user in "Requires Rep Signature" status
    b. *Returned Revisions* – count of riders/revised form bonds created by the logged-in user in "Returned to Surety" status
3. **Bonds Requiring Form Updates**
    a. *Upgraded Bond Required* – count of bonds created by the logged-in user in "Requires Rep Signature" or "Returned to Surety" status requiring upgrade to a new form version
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General Enhancements

SCR Number	Category/Title	Description	Context
39849	Composite: Add Filters to State License/Registration List	A filter will be added to the *Company, Branch, and Individual State License/Registration List* in Composite View. Filter criteria include state regulatory agency and license type (other trade name licenses will display with the primary license for the corresponding type). The license type filter can be used only after a state regulatory agency is selected and the dropdown list will include only licenses currently or previously held by the licensee. No filter criteria will be selected when navigating to the page. However, when returning to the list using the back button, the most recently used filter criteria will be maintained. In addition, when accessed by a regulator user, the pages will default to displaying and highlighting licenses for the logged in regulator at the top of the list.	State
40551	Education: PE Expired Indicator	NMLS will evaluate NMLS education compliance records and set a PE Expired flag if at least three (3) years have passed since the individual's prelicensure education (PE) compliance was obtained <u>and</u> the individual has not obtained or maintained a license or registration for a period of at least three (3) years. State Regulators will be able to view the flag on the individual's record and will be warned prior to approving an individual license if the flag is set to "Yes," This will allow state agencies that recognize PE expiration to identify individuals that need to retake PE prior to license approval.	State
39863, 39871	ESB: Manage Bond Page Filters	In support of Dashboard navigation, the following filters will be available on the Manage Bond page for surety company and surety bond producer users: • **Creator** – includes a dropdown list of all users that have created a bond or rider for the surety bond list and returns only bonds where the most recent revision of the bond was created by the selected user • **Form Version Upgrade Required** – when selected, returns only bonds for which a bond form version upgrade is needed • **Revised Form Bond Required** – when selected, returns only bonds for which a Revised Form Bond is needed • **Revision Type** – allows users to select original bonds or revisions to return bonds where the most recent (non-voided) revision corresponds to the selected revision type Surety company users will also have a **No Active SBP** filter that, when selected, returns only bonds that do not currently have an associated surety bond producer.	State

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39872	ESB: BOR Page Filter	In support of Dashboard navigation, a status filter will be added to the BOR Change list viewable by surety company users.	State
35499	ESB: Surety Entity Management - Legal Name Freeze	The System will maintain the legal name of the surety/underwriting company associated to a bond/rider/revised form bond at the time a bond/rider/revised form bond is signed by the surety and display that name when the bond/revised form bond is rendered in the System. Name change history will be viewable in Composite View for any surety, state regulator, and support user with access to the surety record. Legal Name changes for surety entities are facilitated by SRR Support staff.	State
40008	ESB: Surety Entity Management - Surety Entity Freeze and Annual Surety C&V - Surety Suspensions	Enhancements will be made to better support the removal of surety company, underwriting company, and surety bond producer authority to conduct business in NMLS for one or more states in the following circumstances: 1) in the case of a merger or acquisition resulting in a wind-down of business; or 2) if state authorizations cannot be validated against NAIC or NIPR database information during the annual surety industry certification and validation process. A history of state authorization changes will be captured and displayed in the System, including impacted states, prior status, and new status. The change history will be viewable in Composite View by support users, state regulators, and relevant sureties.	State
39347	ESB: Revised Form Bond Considerations – Effective Date	The System will be updated to default the *Term Acceptance Date* for revised form bonds to the date the revised form bond is created or the effective date of the bond, if the bond effective date is a future date. Sureties will be able to back-date the *Term Acceptance Date* to a date no earlier than the effective date of the bond or the activation date of the bond form, whichever is later. The language displayed at the top of the revised form bond and next to the effective date on the bond will reference the *Term Acceptance Date*.	State
39346	ESB: Email to Surety for SBP Executions	A new subscription-based notification will be available that will be sent to the assigned underwriter user, if subscribed, when a surety bond producer signs a bond or rider. This notification will not default to Account Administrators if another user is not subscribed.	State
40277	ESB: Do not allow Bond Effective Date change to invalidate a previous Rider	For data integrity purposes, the System will require a *Bond Effective Date* updated via rider to be earlier than the earliest rider effective date (i.e. a bond rider cannot be effective prior to the underlying bond).	State
38523	MSB Call Report: CSV templates	The System will be updated to allow users to upload CSV for Parts 1 -3 without the description column.	State

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36853, 40430	MSB Call Report: Renewal Impacts	A new system setting was added that will allow regulators to prevent a license from requesting renewal if the license has an active license item for a past due MSB Call Report submission. The System will prevent Company licenses from auto renewal if there is an active Regulator-created or system-created MSB License item.	State
39503. 39504	MSB Call Report: Mark all ST and TD-B filings 'Ready to Submit'	The System will be updated to allow the users to mark all State-specific Transactions (ST) sections and State Transactions Destination Country Detail (TD-B) sections with no completeness checks/data warnings as 'Ready to Submit' in one click without navigating to each ST/TD-B filing.	State
38984	MSB Call Report: Regulator's ability to clear system created MSB Call Report license item	Regulators will be able to clear MSB Call Report license items created by the System.	State

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SCR Number	Category/Title	Description	Context
39258	Account Admin: Account Profile search results show dormant state company name for federal institution	The *User Account Profile* search results will be updated to display the name from the active federal registry record if the state record for the company is dormant.	State
40102	Account Admin: Create Organizational User shows dormant company name	The *Create Organization User* page (for Application Admin, Support and Company Account Admin users) will be updated to display the name from the active federal registry record if the state record for the company is dormant.	State
35734	Account Admin: Company name does not appear in banner when viewing from Federal context	The company name will be added to the banner in the *Manage Company Record* section of the Admin tab (Federal Context).	Federal
14266	Account Admin: No Credential Subscription Invoices Error	A new user will see an appropriate message instead of an error if they attempt to log in before their Subscription Invoice is paid.	Federal
40637	Composite View: State License/Registration List - Sort by Current Renewal Status not sorting	The *Registration List* functionality will be updated to allow for sorting by the Current Renewal Status on the Company, Branch or Individual State License/Registration Lists page.	State
8404	Credit Reports: Do not allow credit report request without active license	Completeness checks will be added to individual and related company/branch filings to prevent a credit report request from being submitted if no regulator will have access to the credit report.	State
37436	Data Download: Advance change notice deletion record creation	A regulator will no longer receive a Qualifying Individual (QI), Direct Owner (DO) or Indirect Owner (IO) deletion in their data download file if the Advance Change Notice (ACN) is cancelled prior to submission.	State
39508	Data Download: IsGeneralDisclosureExplanation Flag Value	The system will be updated to ensure the IsGeneralDisclosureExplanation flag value is populated for a filing regardless of whether the form version upgrade is accepted or rejected.	State
38765	Filings: Manage Agency Access Page for Control Persons shows Company in Sandbar	The *Manage Agency Access* page sandbar will be updated to display the Individual name and NMLS ID instead of the related Company Name and NMLS ID.	State
34881	Filings: More than one pending company filing created for the same company	The System will prevent users from creating two pending company filings by creating filings in separate tabs at the same time.	State
32896	State Renewals: Navigation	The left navigation on the *Renewal Selection List* page will be updated to highlight user location based on the link selected.	State

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SCR Number	Category/Title	Description	Context
33769, 37446	State Renewals: Branch renewal submission	The System will be updated to ensure a branch license cannot be submitted for renewal unless a company license in the same jurisdiction has been submitted or is being requested in the current renewals cart.	State
40086	Surety Bonds: Support users - State authorizations Saved message to know if actual changes made	The messaging presented to support users will clarify if there were changes to save when using the save function on the state authorization page.	State