

## **MRI's Multi Currency Compliance**

MRI is well versed in the guidelines and procedures involved in operating a business in the global market. Because of our worldwide presence, we have made it a priority to adapt to the needs of our clients throughout the world to ensure that the process of buying and implementing our software is as efficient and unproblematic as possible.

An example of our global awareness and ability to modify our product to the needs of our client's overseas was reflected in our response to the 1999 implementation of the Euro, where Member States of the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) commenced conducting trade using this form of currency. This event resulted from years of negotiations conducted under the framework of the European Council. The Council developed policies and guidelines that govern the adoption and implementation of the Euro by the member states.

MRI took steps to ensure that they complied with the guidelines set forth by the European Council. This was done in conjunction with the release of MRI's multi currency capabilities as of January 1, 1999. Regarding EMU and multi currency requirements, MRI's software solutions meet the following criteria:

- Automatically handles triangulation between non-participating currencies and the Euro, and between the Euro and participating currencies in conformance with EMU prescribed methodology.
- Allows mixed currency matching of payments in one currency to invoices in another.
- Stores all currency exchange rates to six significant figures, including six decimal places.
- Copes automatically with the rounding errors in multi-currency conversions in conformance with EMU prescribed methodology.
- Provides the ability to reconcile foreign currency bank accounts in their own currency.
- Allows a Euro invoice to be raised locally, with the option of stating the VAT component in Sterling within the UK & other nations requiring a VAT component.
- Provides reports in both Euros and base currencies.
- Handles exchange gains and losses on transactions automatically when dealing with currencies outside the EMU.
- Provides a conversion facility to switch the base currency from base to Euros.
- Complies with special rules governing the transitional period that also must be adhered to for EMU compliance. The transitional period for the original 11 EMU member nations ran from 1/1/1999 through 31/12/2001. For the UK it runs from 1/1/1999 through 31/12/2002 or such time as when the UK chooses to comply with the EMU and recognize the Euro as its base currency and do away with the Sterling. MRI will be monitoring all new additions to the EMU and will make any necessary changes to meet compliance.
- Provides a conversion program to convert EMU member nation entity amounts to Euros for the purpose of historical comparisons of transactional data.

For more information about multi currency requirements, please contact your local sales department.