



ARCOS

Automation of
Reports and **C**onsolidated
Orders **S**ystem

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What is ARCOS?

- **ARCOS is an automated, comprehensive drug reporting system which monitors the flow of DEA controlled substances from point of manufacture through commercial distribution channels to point of sale or distribution at the dispensing/retail level, i.e., hospitals, retail pharmacies, practitioners, mid-level practitioners, and teaching institutions.**

(21 CFR Section 1304.33)



ARCOS Tracks:

- **CI and CII materials (manufacturers and distributors)**
- **CIII narcotics (manufacturers and distributors)**
- **CIII gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB) products (manufacturers and distributors)**
- **CIII and CIV psychotropic drugs (manufacturers only)**



WHO Reports To ARCOS?

- **Manufacturers of Controlled Substances Must Report:**
 - **Manufacturing, Acquisitions, Distributions, Inventories**

- **Distributors of Controlled Substances Must Report:**
 - **Acquisitions, Distributions, and Inventories**

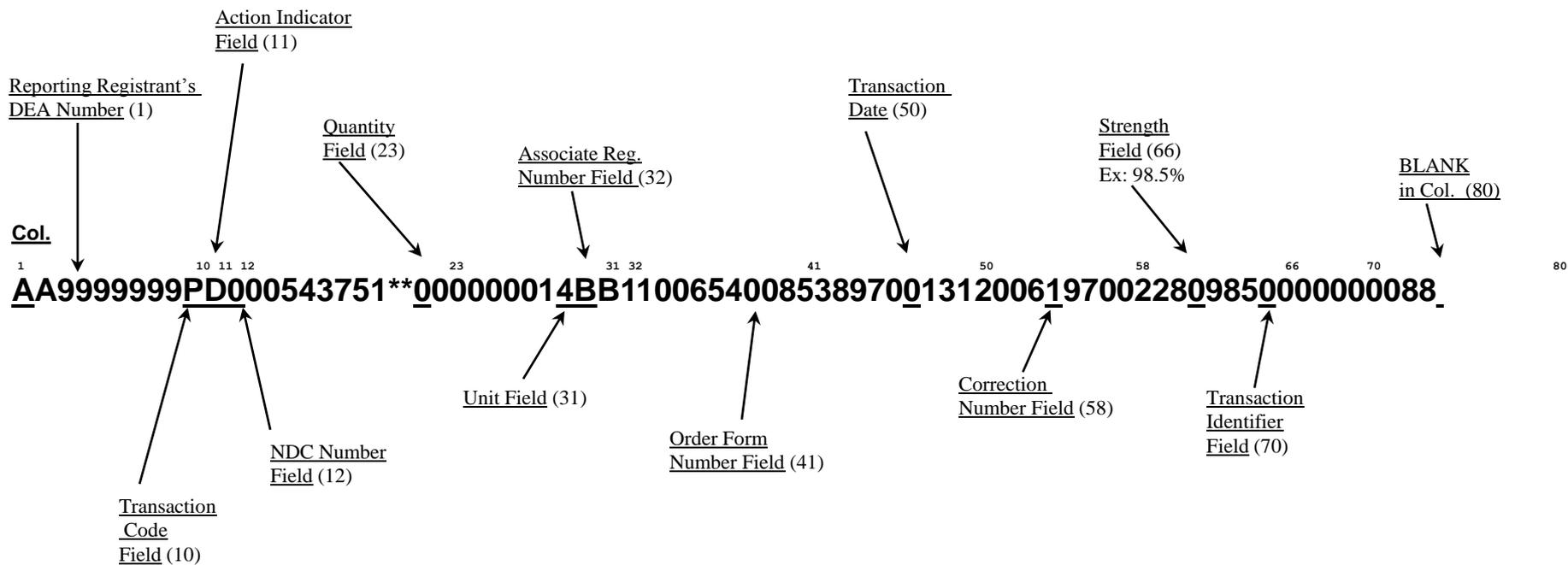


ARCOS Reportable Activities

- Sales
- Purchases
- Returns
- Unsolicited Returns
- Thefts
- Lost-In-Transit
- Destructions
- Government Seizures
- Government Supplied
- Inventories
- Manufacturing



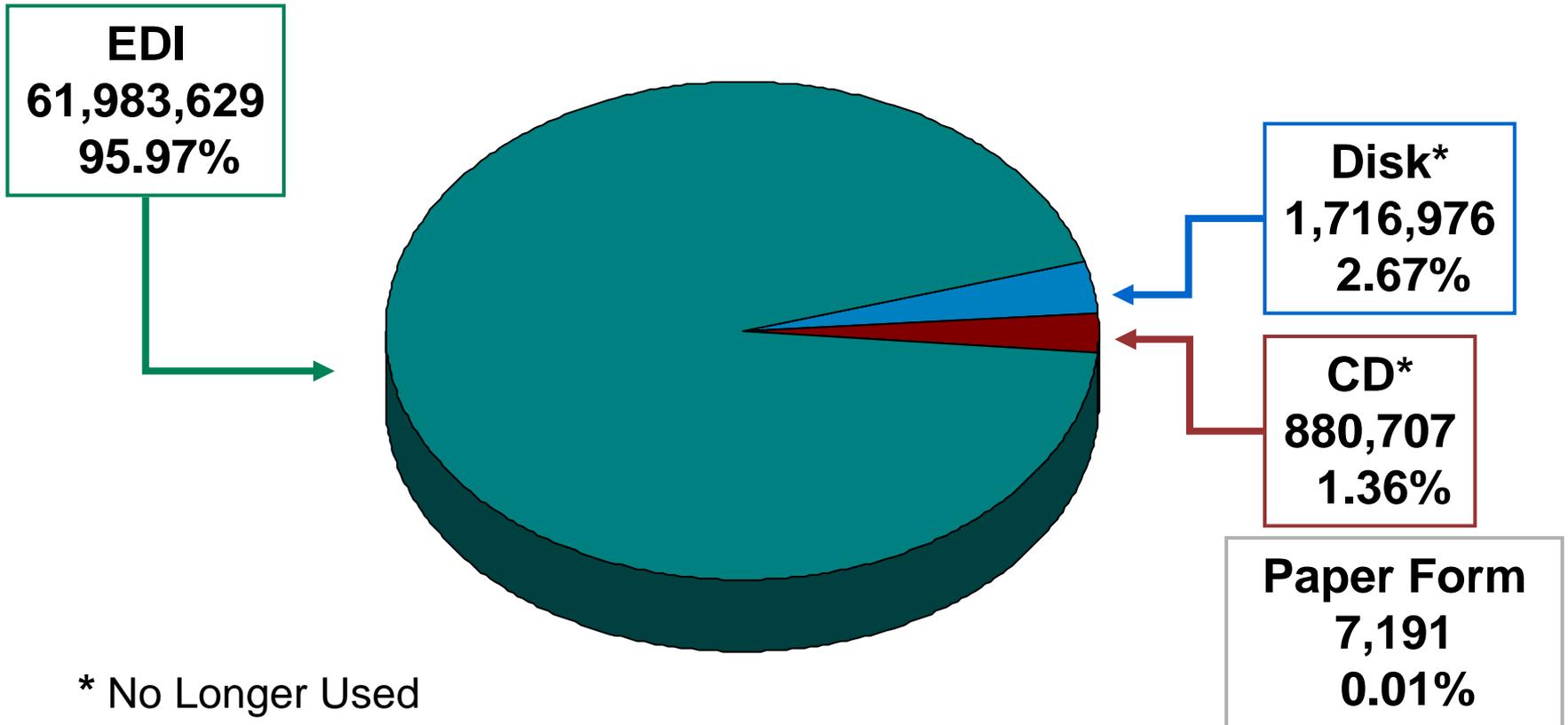
Typical Automated Transaction





ARCOS Transactions Submitted in 2008

64,588,503





ARCOS Do's

Do:

- Report on a quarterly or monthly basis even if there is no reportable activity
- File reports NLT the 15th of the month
- Confirm NDC's before including in ARCOS reports (E76 Error)
- Include Year End Inventories with the 4th Qtr or December report
- Keep the ARCOS Unit informed regarding contact person(s) for your firm



ARCOS Don't's

Do Not:

- Report manufacturing transactions for a distributor
- Submit a separate Year End Inventory report
- Report CIII or CIV non-narcotics for a distributor
- Submit your reports before the 1st of the month or quarter