

Instructions for Motor Fuel Tax XML File Validation

Complete the following instructions in order to validate your MFT XML returns:

1. Go to ATAP at <https://atap.arkansas.gov/>
2. Click on the “XML Return File Validation” hyperlink located under the “More” tab
3. Follow “Steps to Validate File” instructions

Common XML Validation Errors

Following error(s) found in the file: The 'http://www.irs.gov/efile:Net' element is invalid - The value '1372.5' is invalid according to its datatype 'http://www.irs.gov/efile:MFQuantityType' - The FractionDigits constraint failed.

Cause: The **Net** field has a decimal.

Fix: Enter a whole number for the **Net** field.

Following error(s) found in the file: The 'http://www.irs.gov/efile:Net' element is invalid - The value " is invalid according to its datatype 'http://www.irs.gov/efile:MFQuantityType' - The string " is not a valid Decimal value.

Cause: There is a blank value in the **Net** field.

Fix: Enter a valid value in the field.

Following error(s) found in the file: The element 'Seller' in namespace 'http://www.irs.gov/efile' has invalid child element 'Name' in namespace 'http://www.irs.gov/efile'. List of possible elements expected: 'FEIN, SSN, CBN' in namespace 'http://www.irs.gov/efile'.

Cause: The elements in **Seller** are out of order.

The element **FEIN, SSN, or CBN** is expected before the **Name** element.

Fix: Correct the order of the elements so that **FEIN (or SSN/CBN)** comes before **Name**.

Following error(s) found in the file: The element 'DistributorSchedule' in namespace 'http://www.irs.gov/efile' has invalid child element 'Schedulecode' in namespace 'http://www.irs.gov/efile'. List of possible elements expected: 'ScheduleCode' in namespace 'http://www.irs.gov/efile'.

Cause: Elements are case sensitive.

Fix: Enter element name correctly.

Important Notes:

- Both Importers and First Receivers should use the Distributor Schedule
- If you are filing for more than one return such as a Distillate Importer/First Receiver return and a Gasoline Importer/First Receiver return, it is recommended that all return types be reported on the same XML file.
- For the state license number field, you will need to use your state issued account number. (Ex: 11111111-MFT)

Instructions for MFT XML Upload

Complete the following instructions in order to file your MFT XML returns each month:

1. Log onto ATAP at <https://atap.arkansas.gov/>
2. Select your MFT Account by clicking on the Account ID hyperlink
3. Click the “File” hyperlink for the period you want to file for
4. Click on the **Import** button on the sidebar
5. Click the **Choose File** button, navigate to the .xml file you saved above, and select it
6. Click the **Import** button
7. Correct any errors on the return
8. Click the **Submit** button when ready