**VBA - TIMS Spool (ECAP) File Format -**

One Spool File (.SPL) file may contain multiple documents, each document is separated out by a leading token \*INIT\* and an ending token \*END\*.  The document body begin with a token \*START\*.  While the document meta data is sandwiched in between the \*INIT\* and \*START\* tokens.  A document in a spool file must follow the format as bellow:

\*INIT\*   
Claimant First Name   
Claimant Middle Initial   
Claimant Last Name   
Veteran's SSN   
Claimant's SSN   
Document Type   
Facility Code   
School Name   
Benefit Type   
\*START\*   
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Document Content   
………………………………………………………….   
………………………………………………………….   
\*END\*

Please note the attributes –

Claimant First Name   
Claimant Last Name   
Veteran's SSN   
Claimant's SSN   
Document Type

These attributes are the “mandated” attributes. If a document misses anyone of these attributes, the Auto Index process will route it to the TIMS upstream “Fix Index” queue for fixing.

Please also note the attribute –

Benefit Type

If a document does not provide this value of this attribute, the “Auto Index” process will default it to CH33 Benefit Type.