

# Ishida Astra

## Country of Origin Labeling (COOL)

Setting the Astra for COOL is straightforward. Refer to the following steps.

### Program Country Names

Each country or group of countries must be programmed in a text message.

1. Enter the Programming Menu.
2. Select Extra Message. Step P07. [See Figure 1.](#)
3. Add messages with country names as needed. Messages 1-98 are available.

**NOTE:** Extra Messages may also be programmed via a computer using AstraLink Pro software.

### Key Assignment to Select the Country Messages

A function key must be assigned to the keyboard if the operators will be selecting the country message.

1. Enter the Programming Menu.
2. Select Preset Key. Step P04. [See Figure 2.](#)
3. Set the function key type as 9: Extra Message – press 9, FEED.
4. Assign desired key location – press 0, touch the key.

### Linking Country Extra Messages to PLUs

Country messages may be temporarily linked to a PLU each time it is recalled (Method #1) or the country messages may be pre-programmed to each PLU (Method #2).

**NOTE:** Pre-programmed messages can be temporarily overridden using Methods #1.

#### Method #1

1. In Operation Mode, call a PLU.
2. Enter the number of the Extra Message for the desired country.
3. Press the Extra Message function key.

#### Method #2

1. Enter the Programming Menu.
2. Select PLU File. Step P01.
3. Select a PLU. Go to step P01-18.
4. Program the Extra Message (Country) number as needed.

### PC Communication

The AstraLink software program may be used to enter the Country names and assign the Message function key as indicated below.

#### Program Country Names

Select *Extra Messages* and add messages with country names as needed. Messages 1-98 are available.

#### Linking Country Extra Messages to PLUs

For each PLU enter the message number of the appropriate country.

#### Extra Message Function Key

Select *Keyboard* and assign the desired key location as key type Extra Message. The keysheet may be printed from the AstraLink program. [See Figure 3.](#)

### Label Size

The label has a fixed area available to print the PLU Name and Extra Message. If the space is not large enough for both, either the label must be changed or the character sizes of PLU Name and/or Extra Message must be reduced.

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## Reference

Refer to the following Ishida manuals for additional information and details.

- Astra Operation manual.
- Astra Service manual.
- AstraLink User Guide.

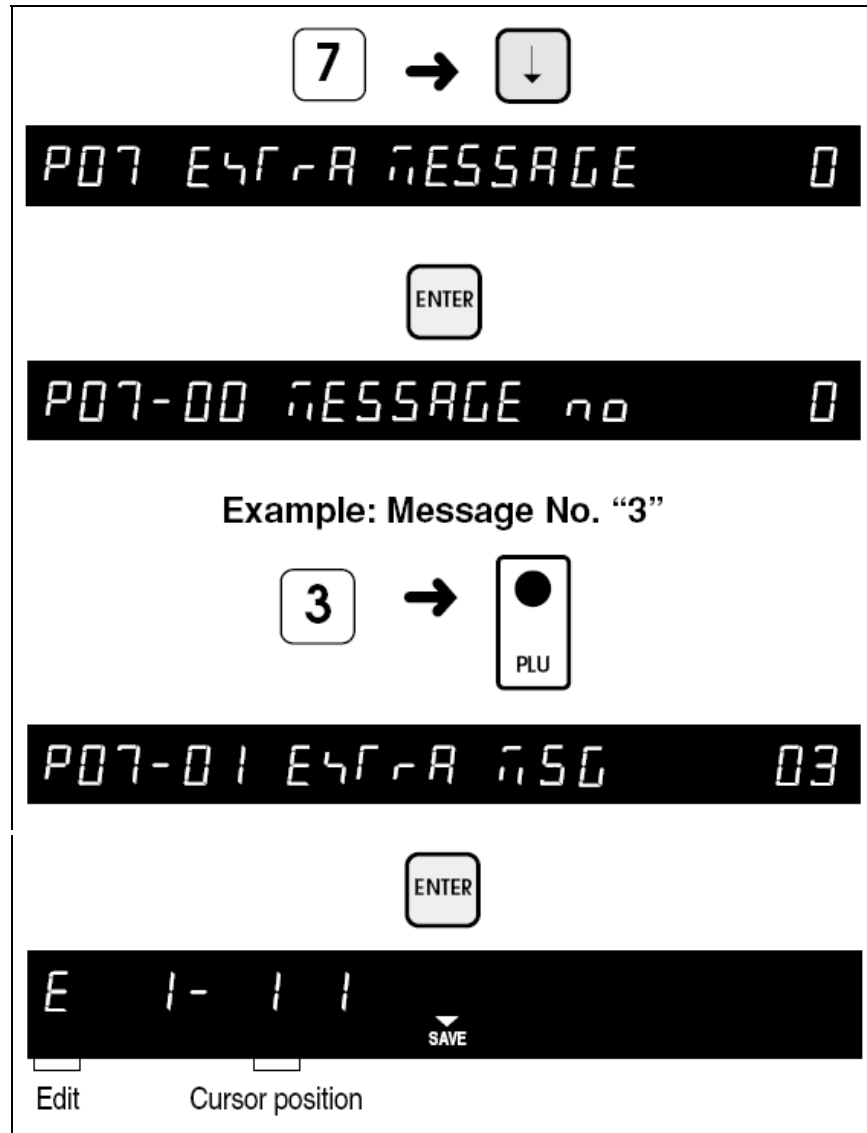


Figure 1. Programming Extra Messages – Example: Message No. 3.

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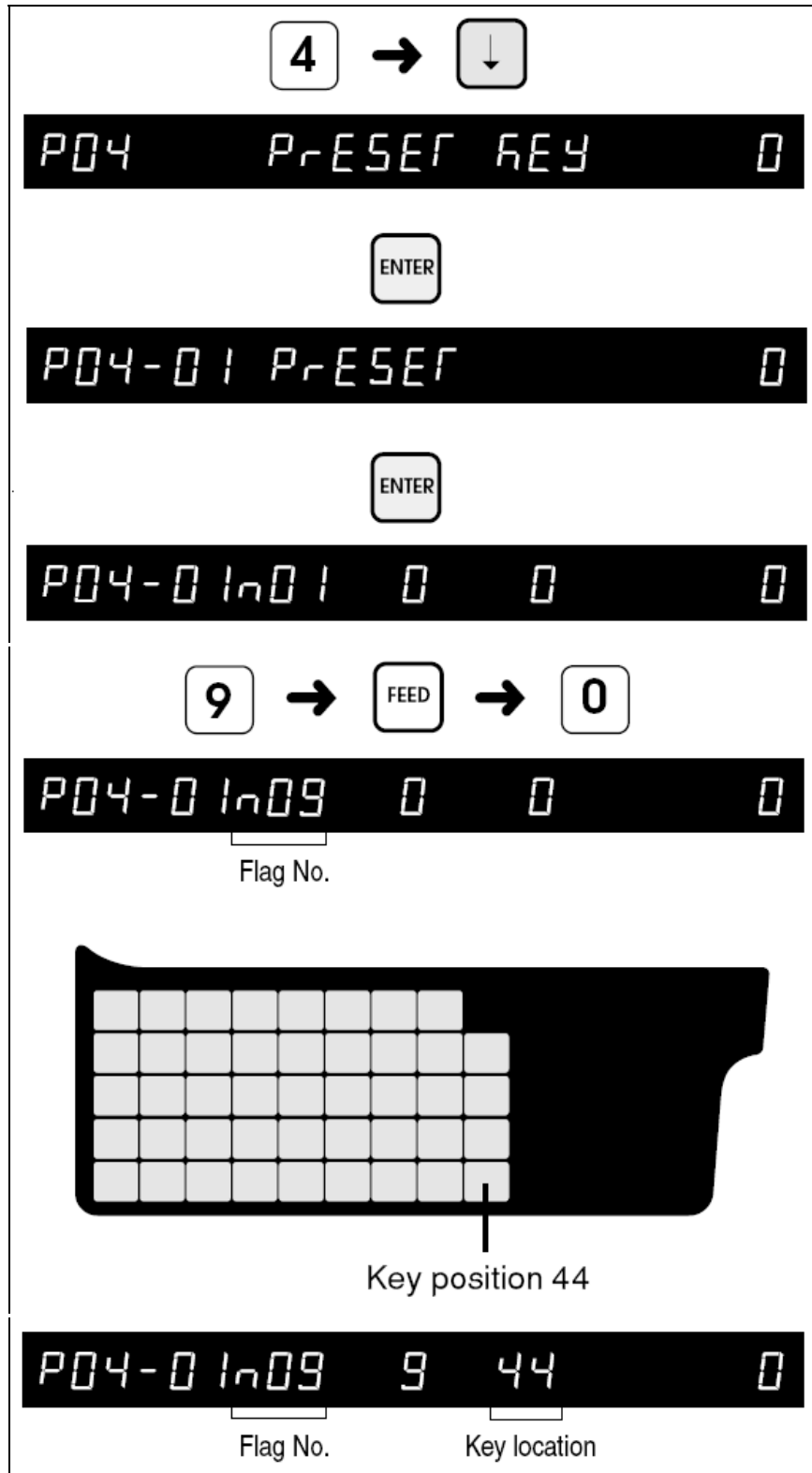


Figure 2. Extra Message function key assignment.

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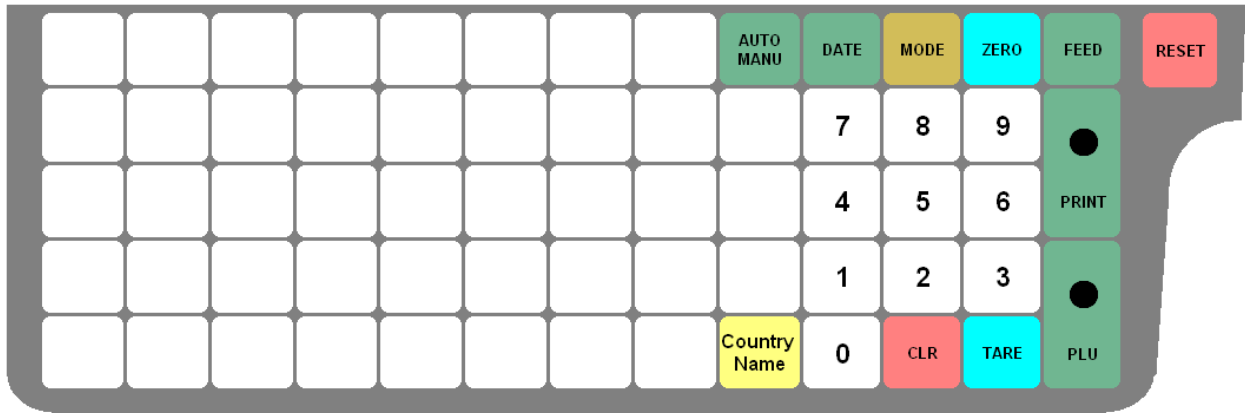


Figure 3. Extra Message function keysheet "Country Name".