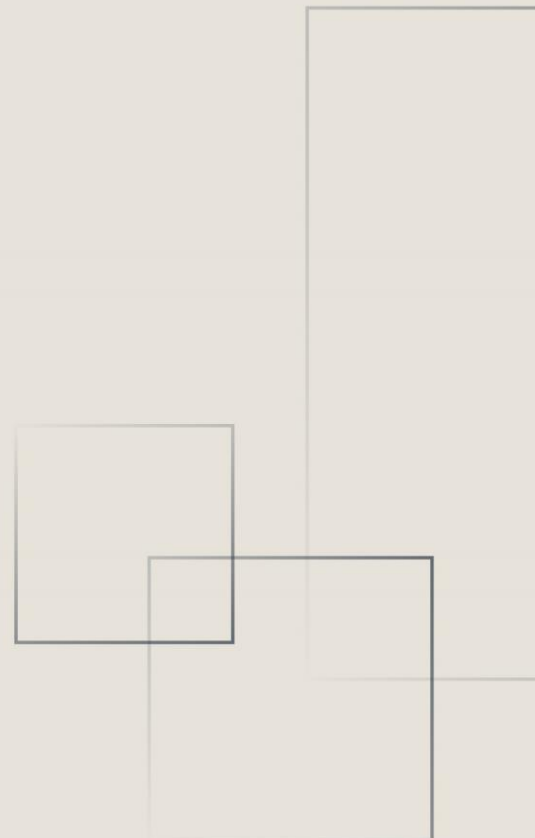


## Cepheo Advanced Vendor Catalog

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# 1 VERSION HISTORY

Date	Version	Author	Reviewers	Changes
01-04-2023	1.0	AVOLL		First Cepheo version
03-05-2023	1.1	GEEFT		<p>Updated documentation according to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- that the entity Vendor catalog product purchase prices (CatVendorProductCandidatePurchasePriceEntity) has been replaced with the new Advanced vendor catalog product purchase prices (PJMAVCCatVendorProductCandidatePurchasePriceEntity)</li> </ul> <p>Also updated documentation with new on from/to date from purchase price to sales price trade agreement, plus some more information on standard vendor catalog use of sales price margin which also can be used with Advanced Vendor Catalog.</p>
14-06-2023	1.2	GEEFT		Added paragraph on workaround for possible import failure when the Category hierarchy is selected on the Vendor catalog and the dummy value in the xml file is not recognised in the import (setup of conversion from dummy value on data import project to Category hierarchy)
15-08-2023	1.3	GEEFT		Added documentation for new field 'Reference', which also can be used to find correct vendor catalog if there are several active catalogs with same vendor when uploading file with use of web service.
18-01-2024	1.4	GEEFT		<p>Added documentation for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Popup that shows when processing data with open of Details on Catalog file history and filtering in the Catalog approval page.</li> <li>• New button 'Approve(async)' to run approve in async (when workflow is disabled).</li> </ul>

## 2 INTRODUCTION

The Advanced Vendor catalog is an extension of standard Vendor Catalog to use for import process for product catalogs submitted from vendors. The Vendor can send or upload the details for products that the vendor supplies to your company.

With the use of automatically processing, the workflow approval can also be skipped to streamline the data exchange and updates from your vendors. The vendor catalog entities and functionality are extended with support for more product data details, updates of existing data for both purchase prices and purchase discounts with the use of extensive setup. The release and updates of products include template product setup on procurement categories, resulting in products ready for procurement immediately after import.

With use of Azure logic apps with starting point in the Azure samples, the files can be fetched and transformed to XML format supported by the Advanced vendor catalog and processed automatically to D365 using web services. See separate documentation for Azure samples.

### 3 LICENSE CONFIGURATION KEYS

System administration > Setup > Licensing > License Configuration >

New configuration keys:

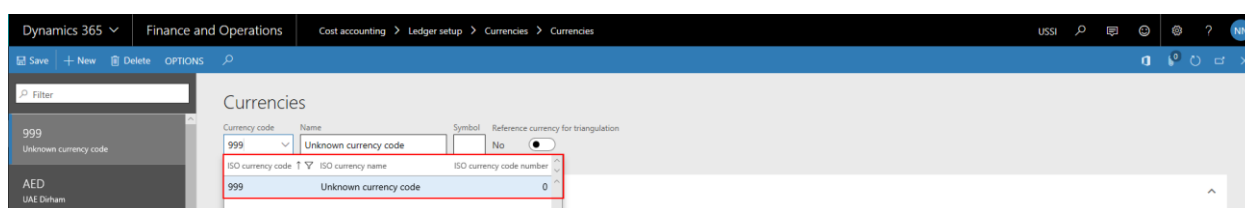
- **Cepheo Advanced Vendor Catalog** key has been added to activate the Advanced vendor catalog functionality.

## 4 SETUP

### 4.1 Unknown currency code

It might happen that a currency code from the initial files does not exist in D365. In this case, the standard vendor catalog upload process fails. There is an ability to set up an unknown currency code in D365 for the advanced vendor catalog.

1. Go to **General ledger > Currencies > Currencies**
2. Click **New**
3. In **Currency code**, type '999' and select a standard ISO currency code from the **Currency code** drop down.



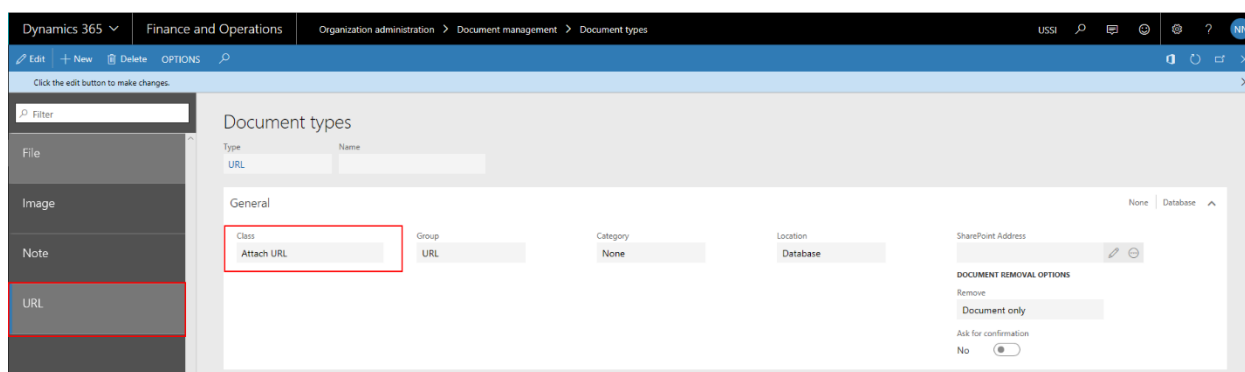
### 4.2 Document type URL

While releasing products, provided URLs from XML file can be added or updated to released products based on the appropriate setup from procurement category. Products can be released into multiple companies. So, the same document type should exist within all companies.

To ensure that a document type exists, follow the steps below.

1. Go to **Organization administration > Document management > Document types**
2. Create a new Attach URL document type if needed as shown below.

You can use the same URL document type for URL1 and URL2 from the XML file or create two Attach URL document types. For instance, URL1 and URL2.



### 4.3 Vendor catalog import parameters

Before using advanced vendor catalogs, make sure that all parameters are set up.

1. Go to **Procurement and sourcing > Setup > Vendors > Vendor catalog import parameters**



2. Enter maximum upload size 500 Mb
3. **Select unknown currency code '999'**: Drop-down to currencies. It might happen that a currency code from the initial files does not exist in D365. In this case, the standard vendor catalog upload process will fail. There is an ability to set up an unknown currency code "999" in D365 for advanced vendor catalogs. This value "999" should be added to the currencies list before.
4. **Select Document type URL1 and URL2**: Drop-down to document types filtered by class "Attach URL." It uses while releasing of approved products for the creation of an attachment with URL1 from XML file. This is a company-specific drop-down. The document type with the same name should exist within all companies in which products are going to be released.

**Note:** You must change companies to select different Document type they have different name in the companies used with advanced vendor catalogs.

#### File Webservice

If you will use the webservice to import from Azure using the "Azure samples" or other Azure logic apps or other use of the webservice, then also fill in following setup:

5. **Enter the 'output-XML' blob folder in the Container field:** To store blob container. By default, it is set up to "output-xml" in all azure logic apps.
6. **Enter Azure storage account:** To store an Azure storage account which uses for a connection to Microsoft Azure storage with blobs.
7. **Enter access key 1 from the Azure portal for the selected Azure storage account:** An access key for the selected Azure storage account.

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### Vendor catalog import parameters ?

Enter the maximum size, in megabytes, for a catalog maintenance request file that can be submitted by the vendor.

Maximum upload size:

Unknown currency code:

Document type URL 1:

Document type URL 2:

**FILE WEBSERVICE**

Container:

Azure storage account:

Access key:

OK Cancel

## 4.4 Set up price/discount journal number sequence

While releasing products a new trade agreement journal is created for each released product. Ensure, that you have enough the Price/discount number sequence length for each company to update prices/discounts for a significant number of products.

1. Go to **Accounts receivable > Setup > Accounts receivable parameters**
2. Click **Number sequences**
3. Find **Price/discount journal number**
4. Right click on **Number sequence code** and select **View details**

Accounts receivable parameters

Set up number sequences for receivables documents

Group	Reference	Number sequence code	Reuse numbers	Use same number as	Description
Quotation	Sale_353		<input type="checkbox"/>		Unique key for quotation identification. The key is used
Quotation journal	Sale_354		<input type="checkbox"/>		Unique key for quotation. The key is used when sending a
Quotation confirmation	Sale_355		<input type="checkbox"/>		Unique key for quotation. The key is used when confirming a
Confirmation	Sale_356		<input type="checkbox"/>		Unique key for confirmation. The key is used as unique
Picking list	Sale_357		<input type="checkbox"/>		Unique key for picking list. The key is used as unique
Packing slip	Sale_358		<input type="checkbox"/>		Unique key for packing slip. The key is used as unique
Customer invoice	Sale_359		<input type="checkbox"/>		Unique key for invoice, allocated when invoice updating.
Sales credit note	Sale_360		<input type="checkbox"/>		Unique key for credit note, allocated when creating credit
Packing slip voucher	Sale_361		<input type="checkbox"/>	Packing slip	Unique key for voucher used when posting to the general
Customer invoice voucher	Sale_362		<input type="checkbox"/>	Customer invoice	Unique key for vouchers, used when posting to the general
Sales credit note voucher	Sale_363		<input type="checkbox"/>	Sales credit note	Unique key for vouchers, used when posting to the general
Price/discount journal number	Sale_364		<input type="checkbox"/>		Unique key for trade agreement journals. The key is
Bill of lading	Sale_365		<input type="checkbox"/>		Unique key for the bill of lading table, used when identification of
Sales agreement ID	Sale_366		<input type="checkbox"/>		Unique key for sales agreement identification. The key is used
Parking slip connection voucher	Sale_367		<input type="checkbox"/>		Unique key for voucher used

5. Change **Value** by adding # in the mask to have length 9
6. Change **Largest** to 999999999

NUMBER SEQUENCES

Sale\_364 : Sale\_364

Segments

Segment	Value	Length
Alphanumeric	#####	9

Format

#####

References

General

SETUP

In use: ☒ No ☐ Manual

Stopped: ☒ No ☐ Continuous

Manual: ☒ No ☐ To a higher number

ALLOW USER CHANGES

To a lower number: ☒ No ☐ To a higher number

To a higher number: ☒ No ☐ No

NUMBER ALLOCATION

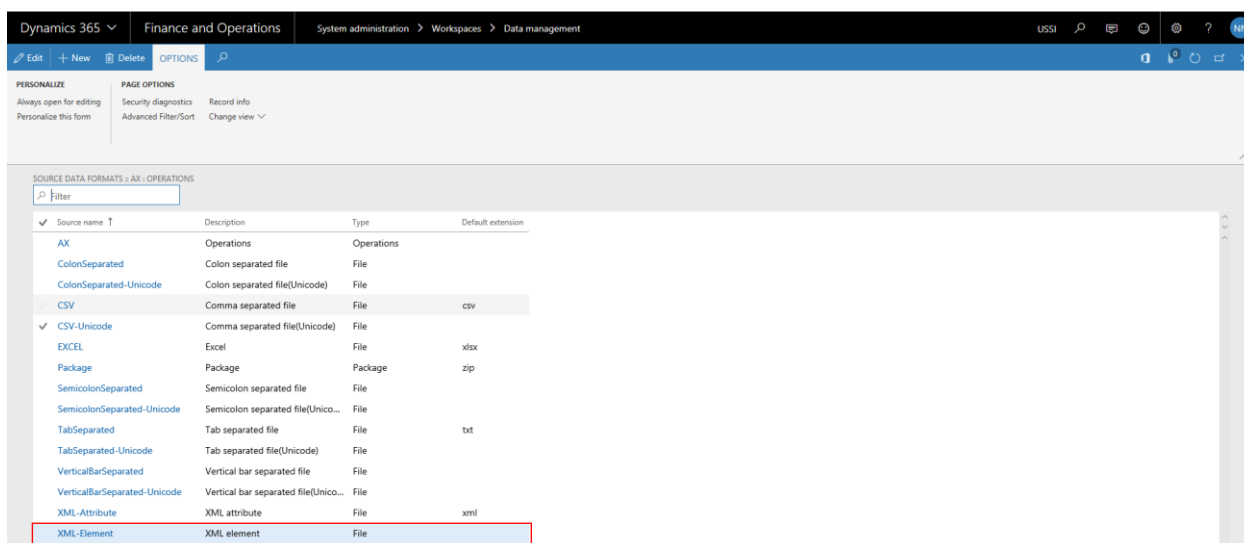
Smallest: 1 Largest: 999999999 Next: 126

7. Repeat steps from 1-6 for each company if needed.

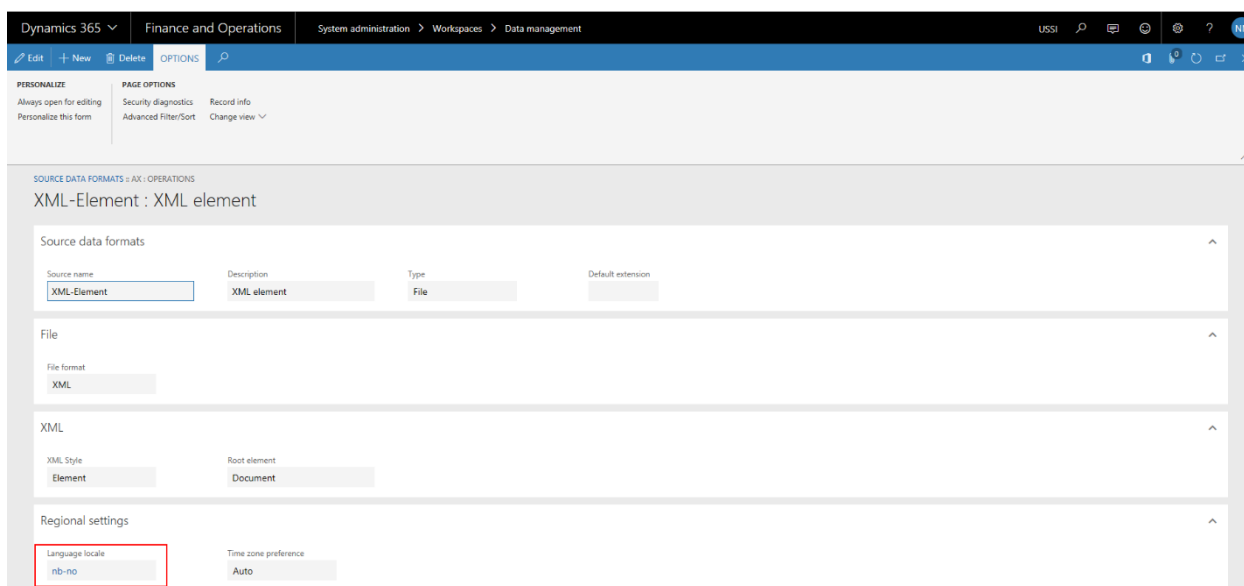
## 4.5 Configure XML data source format

Make sure that XML-Element file type exists in D365.

1. Go to **System administration > Workspaces > Data management**
2. Click on the **Configure data source** tile
3. Click on the **source name** hyperlink



- On the **Regional settings** tab, you can select an appropriate **language locale**. For instance, 'nb-no' if the date format in CSV file is 'DD.MM.YYYY'. While running the Nelfo transformation, the date from the initial files are converted from the date format 'YYYYMMDD' to 'YYYY-MM-DD' in the resulted XML-file.



## 4.6 Set up advanced vendor catalog composite entity and its child entities

Before creating an advanced vendor catalog import project, make sure that a new **Advanced vendor catalog** composite entity exists, and mappings are generated for it and its child entities.

- Go to **System administration > Workspaces > Data management**
- Click on the **Framework parameters** tile
- Select the **Entity settings** tab
- Click **Refresh entity list**
- Wait until entity list is refreshed.
- Go to **System administration > Workspaces > Data management**

7. Click on the **Data entities** tile
8. Filter out target entities by the Target entity field starting with PJM

There are a new **Advanced vendor catalogs** composite entity and **Advanced vendor catalog product purchase prices**, **Vendor catalog discounts** and **Vendor catalog special agreement** entities.

Entity	Staging table	Target entity	Entity type	Change tracking	Type
Advanced vendor catalog product purchase prices	PIMAVCCatVendorProductCandidatePurchasePriceStaging	PIMAVCCatVendorProductCandidatePurchasePriceEntity	Entity	None	PIMAVCCatVendorProd...
Advanced vendor catalogs		PIMAVCCatVendorCatalogEntity	Composite entity	None	
Vendor catalog discounts	PIMAVCCatVendorVendDiscountStaging	PIMAVCCatVendorVendDiscountEntity	Entity	None	PIMAVCCatVendorVend...
Vendor catalog special agreement	PIMAVCCatVendorSpecialAgreementStaging	PIMAVCCatVendorSpecialAgreementEntity	Entity	None	PIMAVCCatVendorSpeci...

9. Click on the **Child entities** button to see all child entities for the **Advanced vendor catalog composite** entity.

Entity	Staging table	Target entity	Entity type	Change tracking	Type	Set-based
Advanced vendor catalogs_CatVendorCatalogMaintenanceRequestEntity	CatVendorCatalogMaintenanceRequestStaging	CatVendorCatalogMaintenanceRequestEntity	Entity	None	CatVendorCatalogMainte...	
Advanced vendor catalogs_CatVendorProductCandidateDefaultOrderSettingsEntity	CatVendorProductCandidateDefaultOrderSettingsStaging	CatVendorProductCandidateDefaultOrderSettingsEntity	Entity	None	CatVendorProductCandid...	
Advanced vendor catalogs_CatVendorProductCandidateEntity	CatVendorProductCandidateStaging	CatVendorProductCandidateEntity	Entity	None	CatVendorProductCandid...	
Advanced vendor catalogs_CatVendorProductCandidateSalesPriceEntity	CatVendorProductCandidateSalesPriceStaging	CatVendorProductCandidateSalesPriceEntity	Entity	None	CatVendorProductCandid...	
Advanced vendor catalogs_PIMAVCCatVendorProductCandidateTranslationEntity	PIMAVCCatVendorProductCandidateTranslationStaging	PIMAVCCatVendorProductCandidateTranslationEntity	Entity	None	PIMAVCCatVendorProduct...	
Advanced vendor catalogs_PIMAVCCatVendorSpecialAgreementEntity	PIMAVCCatVendorSpecialAgreementStaging	PIMAVCCatVendorSpecialAgreementEntity	Entity	None	PIMAVCCatVendorSpecial...	
Advanced vendor catalogs_PIMAVCCatVendorVendDiscountEntity	PIMAVCCatVendorVendDiscountStaging	PIMAVCCatVendorVendDiscountEntity	Entity	None	PIMAVCCatVendorVendDL...	

10. Close the form.
11. Click on the **Modify target mapping** button for each child entity to ensure that all fields are mapped correctly.

Staging field	Mapping type	Function	Target field	Sequence	Return par...	Call validat...
PIMAVCCURRENCYCODE	=		PIMAVCCURRENCYCODE	0	0	✓
PIMAVCCURRENCYCODEDISCOUNTS	=		PIMAVCCURRENCYCODE...	0	0	✓
PIMAVCEFFECTIVEDATE	=		PIMAVCEFFECTIVEDATE	0	0	✓
PIMAVCEFFECTIVEDATEDISCOUNTS	=		PIMAVCEFFECTIVEDATEDI...	0	0	✓
PIMAVCEXPIRATIONDATE	=		PIMAVCEXPIRATIONDATE	0	0	✓
PIMAVCEXPIRATIONDATEDISCOUNTS	=		PIMAVCEXPIRATIONDATE...	0	0	✓
PIMAVCORGANIZATIONNUMBER	=		PIMAVCORGANIZATIONNN...	0	0	✓
UPLOADDATETIME	=		UPLOADDATETIME	0	0	✓
VENDORPARTYNUMBER	=		VENDORPARTYNUMBER	0	0	✓

12. Click on the **Generate mapping** button to generate it automatically if needed.

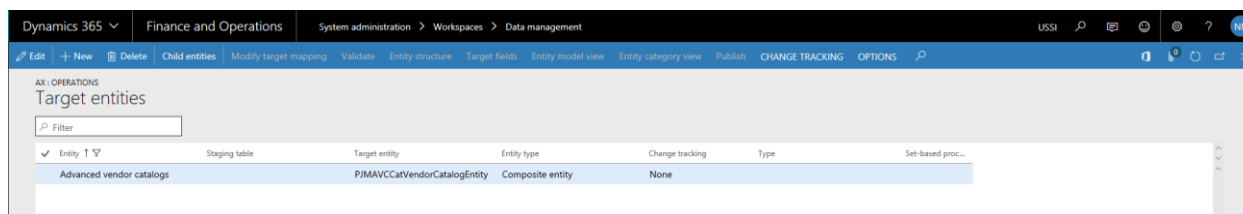
#### 4.6.1 Advanced vendor catalogs entities

The following is the existing entities, where one has been replaced and two new entities have been added to it:

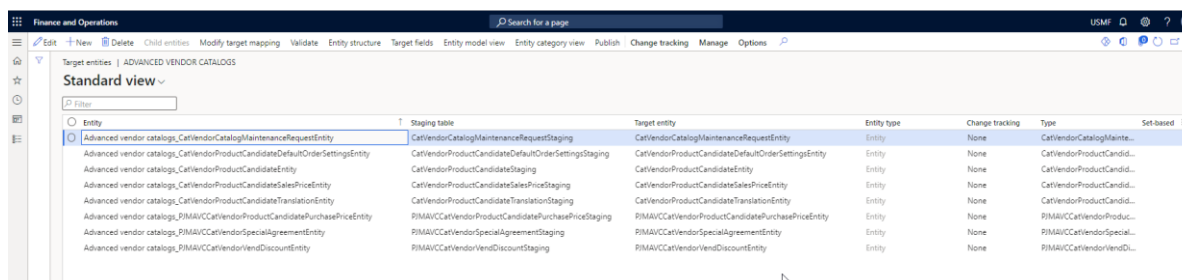
Is new?	Is updated ?	Entity	Target entity	Entity type
No	Yes	Vendor catalog maintenance requests	CatVendorCatalogMaintenanceRequestEntity	Entity
Yes	No	Vendor catalog discounts	PJMAVCCatVendorSpecialAgreementEntity	Entity
Yes	No	Vendor catalog special agreement	PJMAVCCatVendorVendDiscountEntity	Entity
No	Yes	Vendor catalog products	CatVendorProductCandidateEntity	Entity
Yes	Yes	Advanced vendor catalog product purchase prices	PJMAVCCatVendorProductCandidatePurchasePriceEntity	Entity
No	No	Vendor catalog product sale prices	CatVendorProductCandidateSalesPriceEntity	Entity
No	No	Vendor catalog product name and description translations	CatVendorProductCandidateTranslationEntity	Entity
No	No	Vendor catalog product purchase default order settings	CatVendorProductCandidateDefaultOrderSettingsEntity	Entity

Some of the standard entities for vendor catalogs functionality have been updated with the new fields to import additional information.

To view them, on the dashboard, select the **Data Management** workspace, then click the **Data entities** tile.



Click the **Child entities** button to review all the child entities for the new composite entity.



Open the excel file "Advanced vendor catalog entities.xlsx" for detailed information for the advanced vendor catalog entities and information about mandatory fields in the staging and target tables. Notice that all fields which are mandatory for the staging tables are mandatory for the XML file.

## 4.7 Set up advanced vendor catalog import project

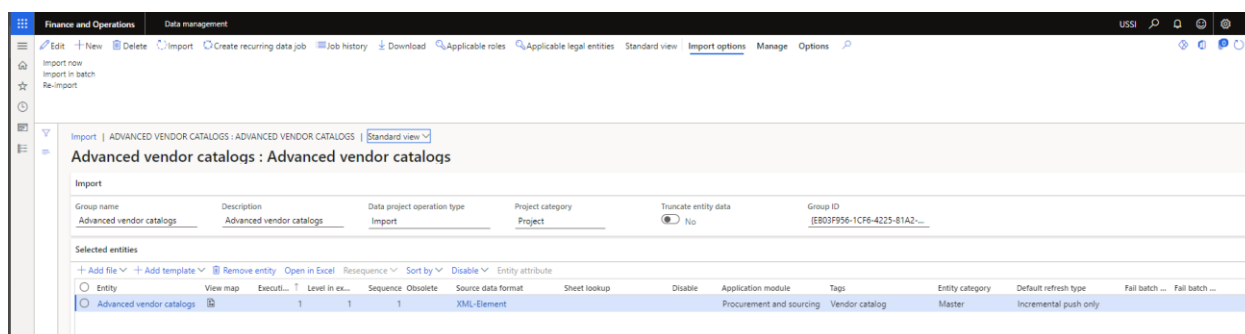
Before starting to work with advanced vendor catalogs, the **Advanced vendor catalogs** import project must exist.

1. Go to **System administration > Workspaces > Data management**
2. Click on the **Import** tile
3. Type **Group name = Advanced vendor catalogs**
4. Type **Description = Advanced vendor catalogs**. Notice that the project name should be the same as the **Advanced vendor catalogs** composite entity name.
5. In the **Source data format** list, select **XML-Element**
6. In the **Entity name** list, select **Advanced vendor catalogs**
7. Click the **Upload and add** button to upload example XML file.

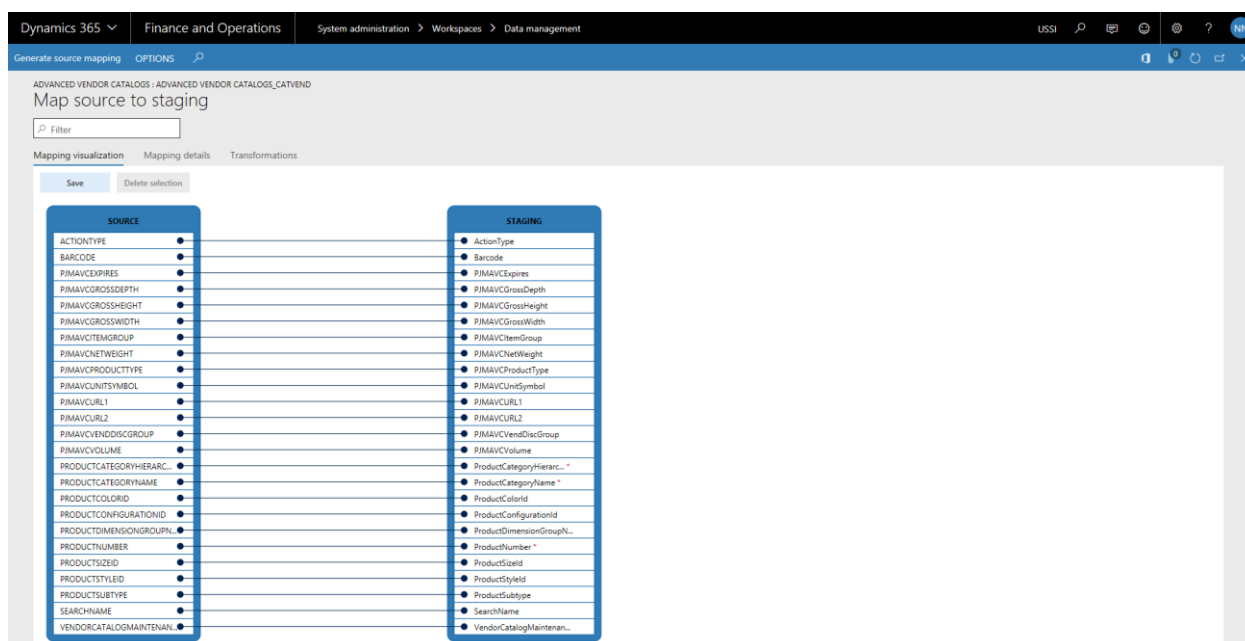
The info log appears that entity mappings have completed successfully.

The import data project for the Advanced vendor catalogs composite entity has been created.

8. Select the **Advanced vendor catalogs** import project tile
9. Click **Load project**
10. Click **View map**



11. Select a child entity on the left side of the form and click **View map** to make sure that all fields are correct mapped automatically.
12. On the **Mapping visualization** tab, you can review the mapping



13. Repeat steps from 10 to 11 for each child entity.

## 4.8 Set up unit conversion

It is possible to use units from import files which differ from existing units in D365. In this case, to make sure that an upload file does not fail, the conversion should be set up for the following entities and their unit fields:

Entity	Field
CatVendorProductCandidateEntity	PJMAVCUnitSymbol
PJMAVCCatVendorProductCandidatePurchasePriceEntity	UnitSymbol
CatVendorProductCandidateSalesPriceEntity	UnitSymbol
CatVendorProductCandidateDefaultOrderSettingsEntity	UnitSymbol

1. Go to **System administration > Workspaces > Data management**
2. Select the **Advanced vendor catalogs** import project tile
3. Click **Load project**
4. Click **View map**
5. Select the **Mapping details** tab
6. Find one of the mentioned unit field above and click **Conversion**

The screenshot shows the 'Map source to staging' interface in Dynamics 365. The 'Conversion' tab is active, displaying a table with columns: 'Auto-generated', 'Auto default', 'Source field', 'Staging field', 'Ignore blank val...', 'Text qualifier', and 'Use enum label'. The row for 'PJMAVCUNITSYMBOL' is highlighted with a red box, indicating it is the selected field for conversion setup.

Auto-generated	Auto default	Source field	Staging field	Ignore blank val...	Text qualifier	Use enum label
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTIONTYPE	ACTIONTYPE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	BARCODE	BARCODE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PJMAVCXPIRES	PJMAVCXPIRES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PJMAVCGROSSDEPTH	PJMAVCGROSSDEPTH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PJMAVCGROSSHEIGHT	PJMAVCGROSSHEIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PJMAVCGROSSWIDTH	PJMAVCGROSSWIDTH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PJMAVCITEMGROUP	PJMAVCITEMGROUP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PJMAVCNETWEIGHT	PJMAVCNETWEIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PJMAVCPRODUCTTYPE	PJMAVCPRODUCTTYPE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PJMAVCUNITSYMBOL	PJMAVCUNITSYMBOL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PJMAVCURL1	PJMAVCURL1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PJMAVCURL2	PJMAVCURL2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PJMAVCVENDDISCGROUP	PJMAVCVENDDISCGROUP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PJMAVCVOLUME	PJMAVCVOLUME	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PRODUCTCATEGORYHIERARCH...	PRODUCTCATEGORYHIERARCH...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PRODUCTCATEGORYNAME	PRODUCTCATEGORYNAME	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Add all needed unit conversions between units from an initial file and units from D365 as below.

Dynamics 365 ▾ Finance and Operations System administration > Workspaces > Data management

Save + New Delete OPTIONS

ADVANCED VENDOR CATALOGS : ADVANCED VENDOR CATALOGS\_CATVEND

## Define conversion values

Filter

✓	Source value	Staging value
	bg	bag ▾
	ct	cu. ft
	kgm	kg
	kmg	kg
	mtr	m
	op	option
	pk	pct
	ro	ea
	stykke	pcs

- Repeat steps from 4 to 7 for each mentioned entity and the unit symbol fields from the table above.

## 4.9 Set up a maximum batch threads

There is a new **Multithreading** slider on the **Upload file** form, the **Release approved products** form in vendor catalogs which allows running the approve of products, the release of approved products in a multithreading mode. It means that the batch tasks are created based on the parameter below. Notice: when this parameter is checked on the **Upload file** form it means that the approval of products runs in a multithreading mode. If a total number of products in XML file is less than maximum batch threads then despite turning on the **Multithreading** option, it performs in an asynchronous mode without the creation of batch tasks.

To use this option, it requires to set up maximum batch threads on the standard **Server configuration** form.

- Go to **System administration > Setup > Server configuration**
- On the **Batch Server Configuration for instance** tab, enter a value in the **Maximum batch threads** field.



**Server configuration**

AOS instance name: BatchVCA-TST-01-1 | Max concurrent sessions: 2000

**CACHE LIMITS**

Configuration Item	Value
Error on exceeding maximum number o...	No
Use read only secondary SQL Azure inst...	Yes
Maximum number of tables in join	26
Entire table cache size	96
Global Object Cache elements	200000
Record cache elements for Parameter L...	20000
Record cache elements for Reference T...	20000
Record cache elements for Group table...	20000
Record cache elements for Transaction...	20000
Record cache elements for Transaction...	20000
Record cache elements for Transaction...	20000
Record cache elements for Worksheet L...	20000
Record cache elements for Worksheet...	20000
Record cache elements for Worksheet L...	20000

**Cache limits for this AOS instance**

Configuration Item	Value
Entire table cache size	0
Global Object Cache elements	0
Record cache elements for Framework L...	0
Record cache elements for Group table...	0
Record cache elements for Main table g...	0
Record cache elements for Parameter L...	0
Record cache elements for Reference T...	0
Record cache elements for Transaction...	0
Record cache elements for Transaction...	0
Record cache elements for Transaction...	0
Record cache elements for Worksheet L...	0
Record cache elements for Worksheet...	0
Record cache elements for Worksheet L...	0

**Batch Server Configuration for this instance**

**BATCH SERVER CONFIGURATION**

Configuration Item	Value
Maximum batch threads	14

## 4.10 Set up workflows

In standard, the **Catalog import approval** and the **Catalog import product approval** workflows must exist to start working with vendor catalogs. For advanced vendor catalogs you can also select to disable the workflows, see how in chapter below “Vendor catalogs”.

1. Go to **Procurement and sourcing > Setup > Procurement and sourcing workflows**
2. You can import workflows from files and make changes to them if needed.

**PROCUREMENT AND SOURCING WORKFLOWS**

St...	Default	ID	Name	Association	Type	Instances	Active version
✓		000061	Purchase requisition line review	Organization...	PurchReqLineReview	0	1.0.0.0
✓		000062	Purchase requisition review	Organization...	PurchReqReview	0	1.0.1.0
		000081	Replenishment requisition review	Organization...	PurchReqReview	0	1.0.0.0
		000141	Spending Limit PR Line Review	Organization...	PurchReqLineReview	0	
✓		000246	Catalog import approval	Organization...	CatVendCatalogImportApproval	0	1.0.0.0
✓		000247	Catalog import product approval	Organization...	CatProductApproval	0	1.0.0.0

## 5 PROCUREMENT CATEGORIES

### 5.1 Basic setup

A procurement category is used to default values on released products while releasing new products or updating existing released products from advanced vendor catalogs. To set up these parameters follow the steps below:

1. Go to **Procurement and sourcing > ... > Procurement categories**
2. Select a category on the left side
3. On the **Product properties** tab, you can default values and parameters which are used when products are created while approving new products from advanced vendor catalogs
4. On the **Basic product properties** tab, you can default values and parameters which are used while releasing new products from advanced vendor catalogs. You must set up values and parameters for each legal entity if there are more than one is going to be used while releasing products.

The screenshot displays the Dynamics 365 interface for setting up procurement categories. The left-hand navigation pane lists various categories, with 'Computers' highlighted. The main area is titled 'Procurement categories: Procurement - Office Supplies'. It features two tabs: 'Product properties' and 'Basic product properties'. The 'Product properties' tab is currently active, showing fields for 'Buying legal entity' (set to 'Contoso Consulting USA'), 'Products', 'Product properties', and 'Groups'. The 'Basic product properties' tab is also visible, showing fields for 'Edit by legal entity' (set to 'US'), 'Purchase unit' (set to 'ea'), 'Item group' (set to 'ProItem'), 'Line discount group (Sell) selection', 'Purchase warehouse' (set to 'MainOffice'), 'Prices', 'Sales tax', 'Bar code', 'Warehouse', 'Vendor', and 'Warehouse'. The 'Product properties' tab is highlighted with a red box, and the 'Basic product properties' tab is also highlighted with a red box.

5. Repeat the previous step for each legal entity if needed, by selecting a legal entity in the **Legal entity** field on the **Basic product properties** tab.
6. On the **Basic product properties updates** tab, you can default parameters which are used while updating released products from advanced vendor catalogs.

The screenshot shows the Dynamics 365 interface for 'Procurement categories: Procurement - Office Supplies'. The 'Buying legal entity' is set to 'Contoso Consulting USA'. The 'Basic product properties updates' tab is selected and highlighted with a red box. This tab contains several sections:

- Update existing products:** A dropdown menu set to 'Always' and a toggle switch for 'Yes'.
- PRICES:** Fields for 'Purchase price' and 'Cost price', each with a 'Yes' toggle.
- VENDOR:** Fields for 'Vendor' and 'Approved vendor', each with a 'Yes' toggle, and a dropdown for 'Approved vendor check method' set to 'Warning only'.
- DEFAULT ORDER SETTINGS:** Fields for 'Purchase lead time', 'Purchase multiple', and 'Purchase min. order quantity', each with a 'Yes' toggle.
- ATTACHMENTS:** Fields for 'Purchase max. order quantity', 'Purchase standard order quantity', 'URL 1', and 'URL 2', each with a 'Yes' toggle.

7. Repeat the previous step for each buying legal entity if needed, by selecting a legal entity in the **Buying legal entity** field on top of the **Procurement category** form.
8. Repeat steps from 2 to 8 for each category used in the XML file or a category selected for advanced vendor catalogs.

The standard **Procurement categories** form has been enhanced with the following additional tabs to have the ability to set up the parameters on procurement categories for a legal entity while the creation of products or releasing approved products from advanced vendor catalogs:

- **Product properties**
- **Basic product properties**
- **Basic product properties updates**

This screenshot shows the same Dynamics 365 form, but with the left-hand navigation pane visible. The 'Product properties', 'Basic product properties', and 'Basic product properties updates' tabs are highlighted with a red box, indicating they are the new or enhanced features.

## 5.2 Product properties

On the **Product properties** tab the following fields have been added to set up parameters on procurement categories while the creation of products from advanced vendor catalogs. Notice that products create while an approval of products. The parameters on this tab are cross-company.

The screenshot shows the 'Finance and Operations' application window. The left sidebar lists various categories, with 'Computers' selected under 'OFFICE MACHINES'. The main area displays the 'Procurement categories: Procurement - Office Supplies | My view' page. The 'Basic product properties' tab is active, showing fields for 'Prefix product number', 'Tracking dimension group', 'Storage dimension group', and 'Product dimension group'. The 'Prefix product number' field is empty, while the others are set to 'None', 'StwWH', and 'StwWH' respectively.

- **Prefix product number.** Alphanumeric. Length 3. A prefix for product numbers. Used in both creation of new products by approval and search for products on update and delete. It is also used on released products.
- **Tracking dimension group.** To default tracking dimension group on new released products in all legal entities during the first release of products. Notice that it is not updated on existing released products in the further releases of products from vendor catalogs so it is important to fill in it if it needs to be used.
- **Storage dimension group.** To default a storage dimension group on new released products in all legal entities during the first release of products. Notice that it is not updated on existing released products in the further releases of products from vendor catalogs so it is important to fill in it if it needs to be used.
- **Product dimension group.** To default a product dimension group on new released products in all legal entities during the first release of products. Notice that it is not updated on existing released products in the further releases of products from vendor catalogs so it is important to fill in it if it needs to be used.

## 5.3 Basic product properties

On the **Basic product properties** tab the following fields have been added to set up parameters on procurement categories while the first release of approved products from advanced vendor catalogs. The parameters on this tab are a company-specific.

There are two additional tabs on it

- **Edit by legal entity.** To set the parameters on procurement categories for the selected legal entity in the **Legal entity** field.
- **Edit in grid.** To set up the parameters based on the selected field group in the **Property group** field across all legal entities.

The screenshot shows the 'Finance and Operations' application window. The left sidebar is the same as the previous screenshot. The main area displays the 'Procurement categories: Procurement - Office Supplies | My view' page. The 'Edit by legal entity' tab is active, showing a grid of fields for 'Legal entity', 'Units', 'Groups', 'Sales tax', 'Bar code', 'Warehouse', and 'Vendor'. The 'Legal entity' field is set to 'US\$1'. The 'Units' field is set to '1.00'. The 'Groups' field is set to 'From import'. The 'Sales tax' field is set to 'ALL'. The 'Bar code' field is set to 'EAN-13'. The 'Warehouse' field is set to 'MainOffice'. The 'Vendor' field is set to 'MainOffice'.

The **Edit by legal entity** tab:

- **Legal entity.** Drop-down to legal entities.
- **Units**

- **Purchase price unit.** To default a purchase price unit on new released products. (same as in Retail product hierarchy, the Basic product properties tab).
- **Sales price unit.** To default a sales price unit on new released products. (same as in Retail product hierarchy, the Basic product properties tab).
- **Units selection.** To select how to insert units on new released products.
  - **Blank.** To insert all units on new released products from procurement category setup (the unit fields below).
  - **From import.** To insert a value from the Unit field on the All products tab of the Catalog approval page form in Inventory unit, Purchase unit, and Sales unit, BOM unit on new released products. If the Unit field is blank, then insert all units on new released products from procurement category setup.
- **Purchase unit.** Drop-down to units. To insert a purchase unit on new released products. (same as in Retail product hierarchy, the Basic product properties tab).
- **Inventory unit.** Drop-down to units. To insert an inventory unit on new released products. (same as in Retail product hierarchy, the Basic product properties tab).
- **Sales unit.** Drop-down to units. To insert a sales unit on new released products. (same as in Retail product hierarchy, the Basic product properties tab).
- **BOM unit.** Drop-down to units. To insert a BOM unit on new released products. (same as in Retail product hierarchy, the Basic product properties tab).
- **Groups**
  - **Item group selection.** To select how to insert item groups on new released products.
    - **Blank.** To insert an item group on new released products from procurement category setup (the Item group field below).
    - **From import.** To insert an item group from XML file (CatVendorProductCandidateEntity.PJMAVCITEMGROUP). If it is blank, then insert item group on new released products from procurement category setup.
    - **From vendor discount group.** To insert an item group on new released products based on the vendor discount group from XML file (CatVendorProductCandidateEntity. PJMAVCITEMGROUP). This field is not shown by default, but it can be added to the All products tab of the Catalog approval page form by using personalization. The Number of characters parameter uses to define what number of characters should be used from the start of vendor discount group to create a new item group with ID if it does not exist in D365. Otherwise, an existing item group uses. Notice: If the Separate discount import option is checked on a vendor catalog then a description from a vendor discount group uses as an item group description. Otherwise, ID inserts as an item group description.
    - **From Product number.** To insert item groups on new released products based on product numbers from an XML file. The Number of characters parameter uses to define what number of characters should be used from the start of product number to create a new item group with ID if it does not exist in D365. Otherwise, an existing item group uses.
  - **Number of characters.** To define a number of characters for an item group. Acceptable values are in the range 1 - 10.
  - **Item group.** Drop-down to item groups. To insert an item group on new released products. (same as in Retail product hierarchy, the Basic product properties tab).
  - **Coverage group.** Drop-down to coverage groups. To insert a coverage group on new released products. (same as in Retail product hierarchy, the Basic product properties tab).
  - **Counting group.** Drop-down to counting groups. To insert a counting group on new released products. (same as in Retail product hierarchy, the Basic product properties tab).
  - **Inventory model.** Drop-down to inventory models. To insert an inventory model on new released products. (same as in Retail product hierarchy, the Basic product properties tab).
  - **Line discount group (Purchase) selection.** To select how to insert purchase item line discount groups on new released products.
    - **Blank.** To insert a purchase item line discount group on new released products from procurement category setup (the Line discount group (Purchase) field below).
    - **From vendor discount group.** To insert a purchase item line discount group on new released products based on a vendor discount group from XML file. The Number of characters parameter uses to define what number of characters should be used from the start of vendor discount group to create a new item line discount group with ID and ID also as a description of an item line discount group if it does not exist in D365. Otherwise, an existing item line discount group uses.

- **From Product number.** To insert item groups on new released products based on product numbers from an XML file. The Number of characters parameter uses to define what number of characters should be used from the start of product number to create a new item group with ID and ID also as a description of an item line discount group if it does not exist in D365. Otherwise, an existing item group uses.
  - **Number of characters.** To define a number of characters for a purchase item line discount group. Acceptable values are in the range 1 - 10.
  - **Line discount group (Purchase).** Drop-down to item line discount groups. To insert a purchase item line discount group on new released products.
  - **Line discount group (Sell) selection.** To select how to insert sales item line discount groups on new released products.
    - **Blank.** To insert a sales item line discount group on new released products from procurement category setup (the Line discount group (Sell) field below).
    - **From vendor discount group.** To insert a sales item line discount group on new released products based on a vendor discount group from XML file. The Number of characters parameter uses to define what number of characters should be used from the start of vendor discount group to create a new item line discount group with ID and ID also as a description of an item line discount group if it does not exist in D365. Otherwise, an existing item line discount group uses.
    - **From Product number.** To insert item groups on new released products based on product numbers from an XML file. The Number of characters parameter uses to define what number of characters should be used from the start of product number to create a new item group with ID and ID also as a description of an item line discount group if it does not exist in D365. Otherwise, an existing item group uses.
  - **Number of characters.** To define a number of characters for a purchase item line discount group. Acceptable values are in the range 1 - 10.
  - **Line discount group (Sell).** Drop-down to item line discount groups. To insert a sales item line discount group on new released products.
- **Sales tax**
  - **Purchase order sales tax group.** Drop-down to item sales groups. To insert a purchase order sales tax group on new released products (same as in Retail product hierarchy, the Basic product properties tab).
  - **Sales order sales tax group.** Drop-down to item sales groups. To insert a sales order sales tax group on new released products (same as in Retail product hierarchy, the Basic product properties tab).
- **Default warehouses**
  - **Site.** Drop-down to sites. To insert a site on new released products (same as in Retail product hierarchy, the Basic product properties tab).
  - **Purchase warehouse.** Drop-down to warehouses. To insert a default purchase warehouse on new released products on the Default order settings form (same as in Retail product hierarchy, the Basic product properties tab).
  - **Inventory warehouse.** Drop-down to warehouses. To insert a default inventory warehouse on new released products on the Default order settings form (same as in Retail product hierarchy, the Basic product properties tab).
  - **Sales warehouse.** Drop-down to warehouses. To insert a default sales warehouse on new released products on the Default order settings form (same as in Retail product hierarchy, the Basic product properties tab).
- **Bar code**
  - **Bar code setup.** Drop-down to bar code setups. To insert a bar code setup on new released products (same as in Retail product hierarchy, the Basic product properties tab).
- **Warehouse**
  - **Reservation hierarchy.** Drop-down to inventory reservation hierarchies. To insert a reservation hierarchy on new released products. (same as in Retail product hierarchy, the Basic product properties tab).
  - **Unit sequence group ID selection.** Dropdown to select if the unit in from import should be used to find "Unit sequence group ID". Select "From import" if you want to use the import value, or else keep it blank and the value in "Unit sequence group ID." will be used. If you select "From import", then you should have minimum setup of Unit sequence group ID's in the legal entity for each imported unit. The "Unit sequence group ID" for each unit should have one line with the corresponding imported unit, and checkmark on "Default unit for purchase and transfer". The search for "Unit sequence group ID" will search in the groups and find the first group which have imported unit

as the lowest "Line number" and checkmark on "Default unit for purchase and transfer". *Note: This parameter is used together with parameter "Unit selection" and value "From import", which is setup to use imported units and not specified on the category. If you use specified units on the category, you should have this field blank and select a "Unit sequence group ID" in next field which correspond with the selected "Inventory unit".*

Screenshot example of Unit sequence group ID with more units, where the lowest Unit is Ea and it is also a checkmark in "Default unit for purchase and transfer". If you import Ea from the vendor, then this Unit sequence group ID will be inserted on the released product. *Note: If you have other Unit sequence group ID which also have equal first line, then the first found will be used.*

Line number	Unit	License plate packing type	License plate ...	Use unit for cycle counting	Default unit for purchase and transfer	Default unit for produ...	Default container type	Default unit t...
1.0000000000	Ea	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.0000000000	Box	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
3.0000000000	PL	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Another screenshot example of a Unit sequence group ID with only one line. This is example of minimum setup for each unit imported from vendor.

Line number	Unit	License plate packing type	License plate ...	Use unit for cycle counting	Default unit for purchase and transfer	Default unit for produ...	Default container type	Default unit t...
1.0000000000	MTR	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

- **Unit sequence group ID.** Drop-down to unit sequence group IDs. To insert a unit sequence group ID on new released products. (same as in Retail product hierarchy, the Basic product properties tab).
- **Prices**
  - **Purchase price.** Select to insert purchase price on released products based on a price quantity. If a currency on products in vendor catalog is different from a company currency, a currency exchange rate on an effective date is used. If there exists no currency exchange rate on an effective date, a purchase price is inserted based on a prior date. If no exchange rate exists, a purchase price could not be updated, and a message is added to the Event log form.
  - **Cost price.** Select to insert a cost price on released products. If there exist discounts in vendor catalog, then this is subtracted from the purchase price and inserted as a cost price. If no discount exists, then a cost price is inserted with a purchase price. If the Cost price: Special agreement parameter is selected, then a special agreement is used to calculate the cost price instead of the standard purchase price. If a currency on a product in vendor catalogs is different from a company currency, a currency exchange rate on an effective date is used. If there exists no currency exchange rate on an effective date, the purchase price will not be inserted.
  - **Cost price: Special agreement.** Select to use the special agreement to calculate the cost price instead of the standard purchase price.

**Note:** If there are several records for purchase price with same product (for example different from/to qty), then the price from the first record will be used as purchase price on the released product.

- **Vendor**
  - **Approved vendor.** Select to insert a vendor as an approved vendor for released products.
  - **Approved vendor check method.** Drop-down to the standard Approved vendor check method list with possible values: No check, Warning only, Not allowed (same as on released products). To insert an approved vendor check method on new released products.



- **External item description.** Select to insert a vendor product number, a name, and a description in external item descriptions with *Party code type*: Table, *Vendor Relation*: Vendor catalog vendor, *External item number*: Vendor product number, *Description*: Product name, *External item text*: Product description.

The **Edit in grid** tab:

In the **Property group** drop-down, select an appropriate group field to see parameters across all legal entity.

The screenshot shows the Dynamics 365 interface for 'Procurement categories: Procurement - Office Supplies'. The 'Buying legal entity' is set to 'Contoso Consulting USA'. The 'Edit in grid' tab is selected. A dropdown menu for 'Property group' is open, showing options: Groups, Default product settings, Prices, Vendor, Bar code, Default warehouses, Fiscal information, Sales tax, Units, Label attributes, and Warehouse. The 'Groups' option is highlighted.

The screenshot shows the Dynamics 365 interface for 'Procurement categories: Procurement - Office Supplies'. The 'Buying legal entity' is set to 'Contoso Consulting USA'. The 'Basic product properties' tab is selected. The 'Property group' dropdown is set to 'Prices'. The 'Default product settings' section shows 'Prefix product number' as 'PN'. The 'GROUPS' section shows 'Tracking dimension group' as 'None'. The 'Storage dimension group' is set to 'Ware' and the 'Product dimension group' is empty. A table below shows the 'Legal entity' selection for various legal entities.

Legal entity	Purchase price	Cost price	Cost price: Spec...
GLMF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GLSI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GLRT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
USRT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
JPMF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 5.4 Basic product properties updates

On the **Basic product properties updates** tab the following fields have been added to set up parameters on procurement categories while the update of existing released products from advanced vendor catalogs. The parameters on this tab are a company-specific. Select a value in the **Buying legal entity** field on top of the form to set up the parameters for a specific company.



The screenshot shows the Dynamics 365 interface for 'Procurement categories: Procurement - Office Supplies'. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories like 'CORP PROCUREMENT CATEGORIES', 'ADVERTISING', 'COMMISSIONS AND REBATES', etc. The main area displays the 'Edit category hierarchy' form. The 'Basic product properties updates' section is expanded, showing a grid of update options for existing products. The grid includes sections for General, Prices, Vendor, Default order settings, and Attachments, each with a list of parameters and 'Yes' or 'No' toggle buttons.

- **Update existing products.** Select how to handle existing products in vendor catalogs. Drop-down with the values:
  - o **Never.** No update information on released products. If it is selected, all remaining parameters are turned off automatically and not active.
  - o **Always.** Always update information based on the selected sliders below on released products.
  - o **If main vendor.** Only released products which have the current vendor on the vendor catalog as a main vendor are updated based on the selected sliders below.
- **All.**
- **General**
  - o **Search name.** To force update of search name on released products when there exists local searchname on the released product.
  - o **Item group.** To update an item group on released products.
- **Prices**
  - o **Purchase price.** To update a purchase price on released products.
  - o **Cost price.** To update a cost price on released products.
  - o **Purchase line discount group.** To update a purchase item line discount on released products.
  - o **Sales line discount group.** To update a sales item line discount on released products.
- **Vendor**
  - o **Vendor.** To update a main vendor on released products. The Vendor field on the Purchase tab.
  - o **Approved vendor.** To update an approved vendor list on released products.
  - o **Approved vendor check method.** To update an approved vendor check method on released products.
  - o **External item description.** To update external item description with changes in product name and description
- **Default order settings**
  - o **Purchase lead time.** To update a purchase lead time on released products on the Default order settings form.
  - o **Purchase multiple.** To update a purchase multiple on released products on the Default order settings form.
  - o **Purchase min. order quantity.** To update a purchase min. order quantity on released products on the Default order settings form.
  - o **Purchase max. order quantity.** To update a purchase max. order quantity on released products on the Default order settings form.
  - o **Purchase standard order quantity.** To update a purchase standard order quantity on released products on the Default order settings form.
- **Attachments**
  - o **URL 1.** To update the created attachment for URL 1 from XML file on released products.
  - o **URL 2.** To update the created attachment for URL 2 from XML file on released products.

## 5.5 Project category

There is an additional standard form to select additional parameters on procurement categories. To open it, click the **Edit category hierarchy** button on the top of the **Procurement categories** form. On the **Assign**

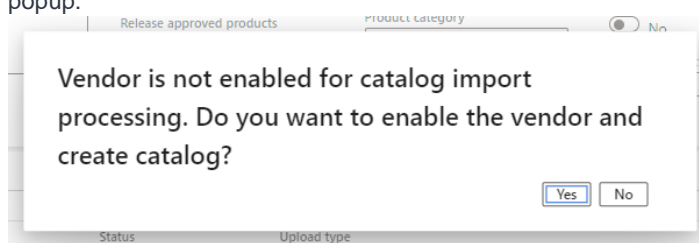
**project categories** tab, select a project category with transaction type 'Item' in the **Project category** field to insert or update a project category on new or existing released products.

The screenshot shows the 'Procurement categories' form in Dynamics 365. The left-hand navigation pane lists various procurement categories, with 'RENT' selected and highlighted. The main content area displays the 'Category hierarchy' for 'RENT'. At the top, there are fields for 'Name' (RENT), 'Code' (RENT), 'Active' (Yes), and 'Import status' (Not applicable). Below this is the 'General' section, which includes 'Created date' (12.10.2016 21.11.17), 'Modified date' (21.03.2018 12.53.43), 'Classify as tangible product' (No), 'Description' (Rent Expense), 'Created by' (ANNIE), 'Modified by' (xxqaz), 'Friendly name' (Rent Expense), and 'Keywords'. Further down, there are expandable sections for 'Category attributes', 'Commodity codes', 'Category pages', 'Assign project categories', and 'Foreign trade'. The 'Assign project categories' section is expanded, showing a 'Project category' dropdown menu with 'ProjItem' selected. This dropdown is highlighted with a red rectangle.

## 6 VENDOR CATALOGS

### 6.1 Create new vendor catalog

1. Go to **Procurement and sourcing > Catalogs > Vendor catalogs**
2. Click **New**
3. Search and select the vendor in field **Vendor**  
**Note:** The dropdown is showing all vendors in all companies through the global address book
4. Enter a name for the vendor catalog in **Name**  
**Note:** You must have unique names of the vendor catalogs
5. Click **Save**
6. If the vendor has not been enabled before for vendor catalog, you must answer yes in the the following popup:



You will upon clicking Yes get a message saying that the vendor has been successfully configured for catalog import processing, which means also that the vendor is approved in all companies where it exists (if linked through global address book)

7. See next steps in coming chapters for remaining setup

### 6.2 Details

- **Organization number:** Displays organization number for the selected party name in the Vendor field. Also used together with Use by webservice to find the correct catalog to upload file for.
- **Reference:** Reference number, for example vendor reference, contract ID or similar. Also used together with Use by webservice to find the correct catalog to upload file for.
- **Automated approval:** Displays status of automated approval – disabled or enabled
- **Workflow:** Displays status of workflow – disabled or enabled
- **Description:** You can enter extra description for the vendor catalog

#### File webservice

- **Used by web service:** Select the vendor catalog to use with web service.  
Can only be set to Yes if there are not any other vendor catalogs with organization number and reference.

If you try to check two vendor catalogs with same organization number and reference, then an info log

web service can only be enabled for one vendor catalog with same organization number and reference”.

**See more details in own chapter for the webservice below.**

The screenshot shows the 'Catalogs' tab in the Cepheo Advanced Vendor Catalog. A yellow warning banner at the top states: "Use of web service can only be enabled for one vendor catalog with same organization number and reference". Below the banner, the 'Test' section is visible, containing a 'Details' table with fields for Vendor, Reference, Description, and FILE WEBSERVICE. The 'FILE WEBSERVICE' field is currently set to 'No'.

Maintain		Related information		Setup	
Release approved products	Disable workflow	Vendor profile		Trade agreements	
Enable automated approval	Enable workflow	Generate catalog template	▼		
Disable automated approval	Delete				

Update catalog | Standard view ▼

**Test**

Details

Vendor Capable Sales and Service	Reference 	Description 	FILE WEBSERVICE Used by web service <input type="radio"/> No	Product category RENT
Name 	Automated approval 			Product name 

**Note:**

- Vendor catalogs with “Is deleted” = Yes are not considered during this verification.
  - The field can only be edited with clicking on “Update catalog button”
  - The **Upload type**: “Add updated to the existing vendor catalog” will be used with use of webservice.
  - The “Procurement category hierarchy” option will always be used on the upload of files through webservice.
- **Release approved products**: Select to automatic release approved products with use of web service. Only editable if “Used by webservice” is set to Yes. See below for more details on release of products.
- Note:** This will only be run if “Automated approval” = Enabled and “Workflow” is Disabled

## Default product settings

- **Category hierarchy**: Drop-down to category hierarchies with the following category hierarchy types: *Procurement category hierarchy, Commodity code hierarchy, Retail vendor product hierarchy.*

**Note:** Select hierarchy type of Procurement category hierarchy only

To define a default category hierarchy during vendor catalog import. If a category hierarchy is empty in the XML file, then it requires to select it in this field. Otherwise, the upload of a file will fail.

- **Product category**: To define a default product category during vendor catalog import. If a product category is empty in XML file, then it requires to select it in this field. Otherwise, the upload of file will fail.

**Note:** all used product categories in the XML file or the selected value in this field, should be added to the approved procurement categories for created vendors in all legal entities. Or else the upload of file will fail.

**Note:** If ‘Category hierarchy’ got a dummy value in the xml file and also selected on the Vendor Catalog, we have experienced in some cases that the import will fail. If this occurs, then there must be added a conversion to the ‘Advanced Vendor Catalogs’ import project in Data management from the dummy value to the value of the Category hierarchy.

- **Product name**: Select to update a product name on existing products.

- **Product description:** Select to update a product description on existing products.
- **Create expired products:** To create expired products.
  - o **No:** Products which are marked as expired in an XML file and they do not exist in D365 are rejected while uploading a file. However, if products have been released previously and marked to be expired in XML file, then an expiration date for an appropriate vendor in the Approved vendor list is populated by an effective date and if it is the main vendor on released products, then it is cleaned up. In this case, other fields are not updated for released products and trade agreements are not created or updated.  
**Note:** If you import with both workflow and automated approval disabled, then you will see that the the product will get status "Submitted" upon upload of file. When "Create expired products" are set to No, then upon approval the status will be set to "Rejected".
  - o **Yes:** Products which are marked as expired in XML file are approved and created in D365 if they do not exist. Such products are released but no records are inserted or updated in the Approved vendor list for new or existing released products. Trade agreements are created only during the first release of approved products and there is no update on other fields for the next release.
- **Existing products:** Select how to manage existing products that has not been created with Vendor Catalogs: If you select 'Reject', then these products will automatically get status Rejected, meaning you can then select to approve the products to update existing products, exclude them for further imports or leave them as Rejected to get same status on next import. If you select 'Standard', then new products with a postfix will be created on approval and later released to companies instead of updating the existing products.

**Note:** 'Reject' can only be used if "Workflow" = Disabled

**Note:** If you have prefix on procurement category, then this is also used in the search for existing products.

## Default order settings

- **Only rank zero:** To create default order settings only with rank zero during the first release of approved products and default Site and Warehouse from a procurement category setup on it. Otherwise, there two records are created in default order settings for released products. One record with rank zero, another with rank 10, where Site and Warehouse are defaulted from a procurement category setup.

## Dates

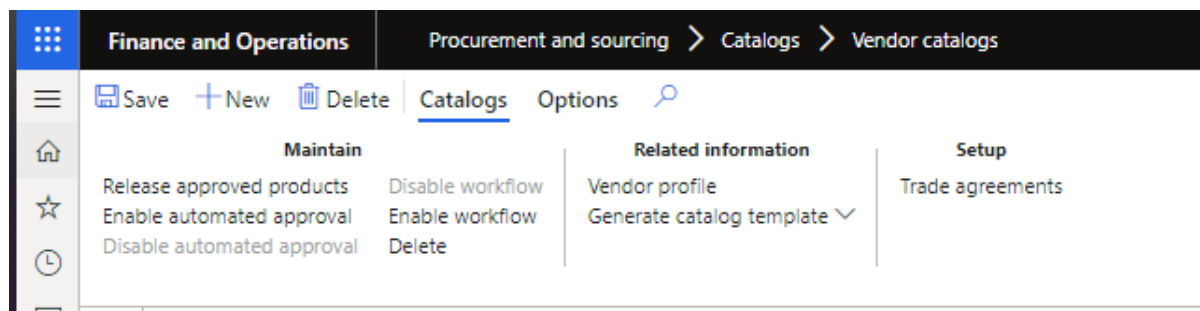
- **Use dates from import:** Select to use dates from import file for Effective and Expiration date, in this case, the dates selected in the Upload file form are not used and imported from the XML file. If there are no dates on header or line in the import file, then the dates from Upload file will be used. **Note:** The field can only be edited with clicking on "Update catalog button"
- **No expiration date:** To set Expiration date to Never. Only accessible with the Use dates from import option selected. The vendor can send new catalog files per month with expiration date end on month, and with this parameter there can be flexibility to still get valid prices on purchase orders if you have not been able to import the catalog file for next month.  
**Note:** "No expiration date" is used for both Purchase price and Purchase discount if "Separate discount import" = No.
- **No expiration date discounts.** To set Expiration date discounts to Never. Only accessible with the Use dates from import option selected.  
**Note:** "No expiration date discounts" is only used together with "Separate discount import" = Yes.

## Discounts

- **Separate discount import.:** Select to use discounts from the import of discount groups. If not selected the discount imported per product is used.

**Note:** The field can only be edited with clicking on “Update catalog button”

## 6.3 Buttons



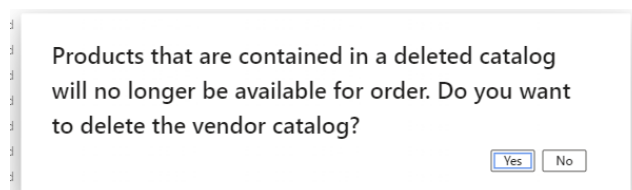
### 6.3.1 Maintain

- **Release approved products:** Release approved products, see more details on this below in this documentation.
- **Enable automated approval:** Click to enable automated approval, meaning that all products upon upload of catalog file will be automatically approved. This also means that the products also will be created/updated automatically.
- **Disable automated approval:** Click to disable automated approval, meaning that products must be approved to release/update products and trade agreements. If “Workflow” = Enabled, then the products will through the “Catalog import product approval” workflow to be approved or rejected. If “Workflow” = Disabled, then the products must be approved or rejected using buttons in the “Catalog approval” form.
- **Disable workflow:** Click to disable workflows. Use this if you want to upload the vendor catalogs files without using the workflows and use buttons in in the “Catalog approval” form to approve/reject products instead. If you have catalog files with a larger number of products, then this will speed up the import process not having to go through products approval workflow for every single product. You can also with disabled workflow use the automatic ‘Reject’ functionality for existing products that have been created without importing the products with vendor catalogs.

**Note:** Workflow will be triggered if you delete a catalog (even if workflow is set as disabled)

- **Enable workflow:** Click to enable workflows. Use this if you want to use the standard workflow to approve/reject products. If you have catalog files with a larger number of products, then using workflows will slow down the import process with having to go through products approval workflow for every single product. You cannot with disabled workflow use the automatic ‘Reject’ functionality for existing products that have been created without importing the products with vendor catalogs.

- **Delete:** With click on 'Delete' you get a popup asking if you want to continue with delete of the catalog:



- o If you select 'Yes', then following will happen:
  - If you have approved products in the current vendor catalog, then a 'Delete' action will automatically run for all approved products.
  - This results in that the approved products will be set to 'IsDeleted' = Yes in table CatVendorApprovedProduct
  - If you have any released products from the previously approved products, then the released products will be set to "Stopped" on Purchase and Sales in Default order settings.
  - The vendor catalog will be set "Is deleted" = Yes on the vendor catalogs list page

**Note:** If you import the same product again in another vendor catalog and approve the product, then the approved product will be set to 'IsDeleted' = No in table CatVendorApprovedProduct and on the released product "Stopped" on Purchase and Sales in Default order settings is also removed.

**Note:** Workflow will be triggered if you delete a catalog (even if workflow is set as disabled)

### 6.3.2 Related information

- **Vendor profile:** go to vendor details for in the current legal entity. You can do following two vendor catalog related actions from the vendor: Add procurement categories and enable/disable catalog import for the vendor, see subchapters below for details.
- **Generate catalog template:** *Do not use this template*, use instead the example XML files for Advanced Vendor catalog

#### 6.3.2.1 Add categories to approved vendor categories

Used categories in vendor catalogs or XML files should be added to approved vendor categories. Otherwise, the upload file process fails.

1. On the Catalogs tab, click **Vendor profile** in the **Related information** group to open vendor details form
2. On the **General** tab, click **Categories** in the **Set up** group
3. Click **Add category** on the **Procurement** tab and select from the **Category** drop-down the desired category

Vendor account US\_SI\_000020 category status

Vendor name: Selected Distributors Type: Organization

Procurement

+ Add category Expire category Maintain versions

Show as of date

☒ Show only currently active

Category hierarchy	Category	Vendor category status	Effective	Expiration
Procurement category...	Computers	Approved	20.03.2018	Never

Other categories

+ Add category Expire category Maintain versions

Show as of date

☒ Show only currently active

Category hierarchy	Category	Effective	Expiration
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4. Repeat step 3 for other categories if needed
5. Save the form

### 6.3.2.2 Enable/disable vendors for catalog import processing

It is possible to enable a vendor for catalog import processing from vendor catalog details form

1. On the **Procurement** tab, in the **Set up** group
2. Click **Disable/Enable catalog import** if needed

Vendor details : 000000008 : SELECTED DISTRIBUTORS

US\_SI\_000020 : Selected Distributors

General

Change party association

IDENTIFICATION

Vendor account: US\_SI\_000020

Type: Organization

Group: 10

ORGANIZATION DETAILS

Name: Selected Distributors

Number of employees: 0

Organization number:

ABC code: None

DUNS number:

OTHER INFORMATION

Address books:

Known as:

Phonetic name:

Language: en-us

VENDOR COLLABORATION

Collaboration activation: Not Active

Addresses

Contact information

+ Add Remove Edit contact information

Description	Type	Contact number/address	Extension	Primary
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### 6.3.3 Setup

**Trade agreements:** Use to set up how purchase price and discount trade agreements and purchase price and discount special agreement should be created or updated while releasing of approved products within each legal entity.



On the **Setup for trade agreements** form, there are two tabs:

- **Purchase price and discount.** To set up parameters for the creation or update of trade agreements for the purchase price and discount.

The screenshot shows the 'Setup for trade agreements' form in Dynamics 365. The left sidebar has two tabs: 'Purchase price and discount' (selected) and 'Purchase price and discount special agreements'. The main content area is titled 'Setup for purchase prices and discounts'. It contains three sections: 'Legal entity' with a dropdown set to 'Contoso Consulting USA'; 'PRICE (PURCH.)' with 'Party code type' set to 'Group' and 'Account selection' set to 'PriceGr'; and 'LINE DISC. (PURCH.)' with 'Party code type' set to 'Group' and 'Account selection' set to 'DiscGr'. On the right, the 'UPDATE' section has three toggle switches: 'Update existing line' (Yes, turned on), 'Check dates' (Yes, turned on), and 'Set To date before new From date' (Yes, turned on).

- **Purchase price and discount special agreements.** To set up parameters for the creation or update of trade agreements for the purchase price and discount special agreements. **Note:** This setup/tab is only used if "Separate discount import" is set to Yes (meaning use of discounts from discount group and special agreements from separate file), see recommended setup in subchapter below.

The screenshot shows the 'Setup for trade agreements' form in Dynamics 365, with the 'Purchase price and discount special agreements' tab selected. The main content area is titled 'Setup for special agreements on purchase prices and discounts'. It contains three sections: 'Legal entity' with a dropdown set to 'Contoso Consulting USA'; 'PRICE (PURCH.)' with 'Party code type' set to 'Table' and 'Account selection' empty; and 'LINE DISC. (PURCH.)' with 'Party code type' set to 'Table' and 'Account selection' empty. On the right, the 'UPDATE' section has three toggle switches: 'Update existing line' (Yes, turned on), 'Check dates' (Yes, turned on), and 'Set To date before new From date' (Yes, turned on).

The same fields and field groups are presented on these two tabs:

- **Legal entity.** Drop-down to legal entities.
- **Price (purch.)**
  - o **Party code type.** Possible values: 'Table', 'Group' and 'All' (as in Trade agreement journal).
  - o **Account selection.** Non-editable if 'Table' or 'All' selected in the **Party code type** field. Otherwise, it is editable and mandatory. Drop-down on vendor price groups (as in Trade agreement journal).
- **Line disc. (purch.)**
  - o **Party code type.** Possible values: 'Table', 'Group' and 'All' (as in Trade agreement journal).

- **Account selection.** Non-editable if 'Table' or 'All' selected in the **Party code type** field. Otherwise, it is editable and mandatory. Drop-down on vendor line discount groups (as in Trade agreement journal).
- **Update**
  - **Update existing line.** Select to search for an existing trade agreement line with the match on setup and imported data. If it matches, the existing line is updated with new price/discount and dates.
  - **Check dates.** Only active if the **Update existing line** slider is Yes. Select to include dates in the match for an existing trade agreement line. If dates in import differ from dates on existing line, then a new line is created instead of updating existing line.
  - **Set To date before new from date.** If status on the purchase price or line discount is 'New' and there exists trade agreement lines with the match on setup and imported data, then the day before imported From date is updated on To date on existing lines.

### 6.3.3.1 Separate discount import

Recommended trade agreement setup if "Separate discount import" is set to Yes (this in order that the special agreements shall have higher priority in the price search than the list prices):

Purchase price and discount

- Price (purch.)
  - Party code type: **Group**
  - Account selection: **<Group created before import and selected on Vendor>**
- Group: Line disc. (purch.)
  - Party code type: **Group**
  - Account selection: **<Group created before import and selected on Vendor>**
  - Product code type: **Table**
- Update
  - Update existing line: **Yes**
  - Check dates: **Yes**
  - Set To date before new From date: **Yes**
- Special agreements
  - Price (purch.)
    - Party code type: **Table**
  - Group: Line disc. (purch.)
    - Party code type: **Table**
    - Product code type: **Table**
  - Update
    - Update existing line: **Yes**
    - Check dates: **Yes**
    - Set To date before new From date: **Yes**

## 6.4 Catalog file history

Catalog file history									
Upload file   Details   Event log   Execution log									
File name	File size (MB)	Upload date	Status	Upload type	Effective date	Expiration date	Effective date discounts	Expiration date discounts	
Test_ProductExist_one.xml	0.005201	6/18/2021 2:01:14 PM	In progress	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	6/18/2021	Never	6/18/2021	Never	
TwosTest_ProductExist_three.xml	0.014274	6/18/2021 12:02:38 PM	In progress	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	6/18/2021	Never	6/18/2021	Never	
TwosTest_ProductExist_three.xml	0.014274	6/18/2021 11:59:13 AM	Succeeded	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	6/18/2021	Never	6/18/2021	Never	
TwosTest_ProductExist_three.xml	0.014274	6/18/2021 11:45:48 AM	Succeeded (warnings)	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	6/18/2021	Never	6/18/2021	Never	
Test_ProductExist_one.xml	0.005201	6/18/2021 11:36:21 AM	Succeeded	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	6/18/2021	Never	6/18/2021	Never	

### 6.4.1 Upload file

If the vendor catalog file is not imported with web service, then you can manually upload the file in the vendor catalog by clicking on button **Upload file**. If the vendor catalog file is imported with webservice, then a new record will appear in Catalog file history automatically when the file is pushed into D365.

Click on Upload file if you want to upload manually a Advanced Vendor Catalogs XML file, and a popup will open on right side of the screen:

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Upload file

Upload a catalog file that a vendor has provided. Enter the dates that catalog file is valid, and select whether the vendor catalog file should add updates to the existing catalog or replace the existing catalog.

Test\_ProductExist\_on...

Browse

Effective date

7/27/2021

Expiration date

Upload type

☒ Add updates to the existing vendor catalog

☐ Replace the existing vendor catalog with a new catalog

Category hierarchy type

Procurement category hier... ▾

RUN MODE

Asynchronous

Multithreading

☐ Yes

☒ Yes

OK

Cancel

- Click on **Browse** to select file to upload and validate
- Select dates to use in import  
**Note:** The dates will be used according to the setup on the vendor catalog
- Select **Upload type:**
  - o **Add updates to the existing vendor catalog:** Select this option to update the existing vendor catalog, meaning either create new products to the vendor catalog or update existing products in the vendor catalog.
  - o **Replace the existing vendor catalog with a new catalog:** Select this option to replace the existing vendor catalog, meaning following will happen:
    - If an existing approved product in the vendor catalog file exists from before in current vendor catalog, then the product will be updated when approved
    - If an existing approved product in the vendor catalog file do not exists from before in current vendor catalog, then following will happen to these products:
      - The approved products will be set to 'IsDeleted' = Yes in table CatVendorApprovedProduct
      - If you have any released products from these previously approved products, then the released products will be set to "Stopped" on Purchase and Sales in Default order settings.

**Note:** If you import the same product again in another vendor catalog and approve the product, then the approved product will be set to 'IsDeleted' = No in table CatVendorApprovedProduct and on the released product "Stopped" on Purchase and Sales in Default order settings is also removed.

**Note:** You cannot use the upload type "Replace the existing vendor catalog with a new catalog" with use of webservice, then the upload type "Add updates to the existing vendor catalog" is automatically used.
- Select **Category hierarchy type:** Select "Procurement category hierarchy", **the other types are not supported with Advanced Vendor Catalogs**  
**Note:** With use of webservice, the "Procurement category hierarchy" option will always be used.
- Select options for **Run mode:**
  - o **Asynchronous:** This option allows to run an upload of a file and approve of products in an asynchronous mode, and a user will not have to click the OK button to wait until the process is finished. It means once a user clicks the OK button the form is closed, and a new record is created in the New status on the Catalog file history tab. After finishing the process, a message "File <name of a file> upload completed" is shown.
  - o **Multithreading:** This option allows to run an upload of a file and approve of products in a multithreading mode. It means once a user clicks the OK button the form is closed, and a new record is created in the New status on the Catalog file history tab. In this case, batch tasks are created based on the maximum batch threads on the Server configuration form in the System administration module. In the standard, batch tasks always run in an asynchronous mode. So, if this option is checked, the Asynchronous slider is turned on automatically and not accessible for editing. However, if the number of approved products is less than the maximum batch threads, then the process runs in an asynchronous mode without the creation of batch tasks. After finishing the process, a message "File <name of the file> upload completed" is shown.

- Click **OK** to upload the selected file.

## 6.4.2 Catalog file history grid

When a file is imported to vendor catalog through webservice or uploaded manually with “Upload file” button, a new record will appear in the catalog file history grid.

File name	File size (MB)	Upload date	Status	Upload type	Effective date	Expiration date	Effective date discounts	Expiration date discounts	Approved	Rejected	Total
Ahiseil catalog 2.xml	0.009692	6/21/2021 12:42:24 PM	Succeeded	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	6/21/2021	Never	6/21/2021	Never	2	0	2
Ahiseil catalog 2.xml	0.009692	6/21/2021 12:40:58 PM	Succeeded	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	6/21/2021	Never	6/21/2021	Never	2	0	2
Ahiseil catalog 2.xml	0.009692	6/21/2021 12:40:33 PM	Succeeded	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	6/21/2021	Never	6/21/2021	Never	2	0	2

- **File name:** Name of uploaded file
- **File size (MB):** Size of uploaded file
- **Upload date:** Date/Time of upload
- **Status:** Status of catalog file
- **Upload type:** Upload type used when uploading file
- **Effective date:** Displays the effective date used for the upload. If the “Use dates from import” slider is turned on, an effective date from import XML file for the maintenance request entity is used to populate this field. If it is empty in an import file, then an effective date from the Upload file form is used.
- **Expiration date:** Displays the expiration date used for the upload. If the “Use dates from import slider” is turned on, an expiration date from import XML file for the maintenance request entity is used to populate this field. If it is empty in an import file, then an expiration date from the Upload file form is used.  
**Note:** If “No expiration date” is Yes, then it is set to Never for any case.
- **Effective date discounts.** Displays effective date discounts for the upload. If the “Use dates from import slider” is turned on, an effective date discounts from import XML file for the maintenance request entity is used to populate this field. If it is empty in an import file, then an effective date from the Upload file form is used.  
**Note:** Only used together with “Separate discount import” = yes.
- **Expiration date discounts.** Displays expiration date discounts used for the upload. If the “Use dates from import” slider is turned on, an expiration date discounts from import XML file for the maintenance request entity is used to populate this field. If it is empty in an import file, then an expiration date from the Upload file form is used.  
**Note:**
  - Only used together with “Separate discount import” = yes.
  - If “No expiration date discount is Yes”, then it is set to Never for any case.
- **Approved:** Number of approved products
- **Rejected:** Number of rejected products
- **Total:** Total number of products
- **Other fields:**
  - **Currency.** To show currency from import XML file for the maintenance request entity while vendor catalog upload. It is not shown by default on this form, add it by using the personalization if needed.

- **Currency code discounts.** To show currency code from import XML file for the maintenance request entity while vendor catalog upload. It is not shown by default on this form, add it by using the personalization if needed.

### 6.4.3 Event log (upload of file and approval)

The button **Event log** opens the logged events when a file is uploaded, and the approval is processed. The logging to the Event log form has been enhanced to catch all possible errors which could occur during uploading a file after jobs for importing data in the Data management are finished and place the text of error messages into it. The screenshot below shows a succeeded upload and complete approval of products but will also contain events of type warning and errors. You should visit the event log after each new upload to see if there is important information to react to.

Finance and Operations					
Procurement and sourcing > Catalogs > Vendor catalogs					
Options					
Event log   AHLSELL CATALOG 2.XML : SUCCEEDED					
Standard view					
<input type="radio"/> Date uploaded	Created by	Processing status	Message type	Message	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 6/21/2021 12:42:24 PM	gefteland	Start catalog upload	Info	Start catalog file upload	
6/21/2021 12:42:43 PM	gefteland	Finish processing	Info	Succeeded	
6/21/2021 12:42:43 PM	gefteland	Approval complete	Info	Approval complete	
6/21/2021 12:42:43 PM	gefteland	Catalog upload complete	Info	Catalog upload completed	

### 6.4.4 Execution log

To have the ability to quickly open and review the execution details for uploaded files, click on the **Execution log** button on the Action Pane of the **Catalog file history** tab. The same form is accessible from System administration > Workspaces > Data management > Job history tab > Execution details button.

**Financial Operations**    Procurement and sourcing > Catalogs > Vendor catalogs

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View execution log   View historical runs   Batch job   Standard view   **Options**

**Personalize**  
 Personalize this page

**Page options**  
 Security diagnostics  
 Advanced filter or sort

**Record info**  
 Go to

**Share**  
 Create a custom alert  
 Manage my alerts

**Power Automate**  
 See your flows  
 Create a flow

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Execution summary | ADVANCED VENDOR CATALOGS-2021-06-21T12:42:24-E9BFF9DD03634D | Standard view

### Execution summary :: Import

Data project name	Job ID	Execution status	
Advanced Vendor Catalogs	Advanced Vendor Catalogs-2...	Succeeded	
Start time	End time	With errors:	
6/21/2021 12:42:24 PM	6/21/2021 12:42:43 PM	0	

Refresh

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### Entity processing status

[View staging data](#)   Filter

Entity	Status	Pending	In staging	Created	Updated	Total
Advanced vendor catalogs	✓ Succeeded	0	13	12	1	0

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### Child entities

#### Child entities

[View staging data](#)   Filter

Entity	Status	Pending	In staging	Created	Updated	Total
Advanced vendor catalog...	✓ Succeeded	0	1	0	1	0
Advanced vendor catalog...	✓ Succeeded	0	2	2	0	0
Advanced vendor catalog...	✓ Succeeded	0	2	2	0	0
Advanced vendor catalog...	✓ Succeeded	0	2	2	0	0
Advanced vendor catalog...	✓ Succeeded	0	2	2	0	0
Advanced vendor catalog...	✓ Succeeded	0	2	2	0	0



## 6.5 Catalog approval page form

Once a file is successfully uploaded without an error which stop the upload, then the **Details** button is accessible on the **Catalog file history** tab to open the **Catalog approval page** form.

**Catalog approval page**

Product status: All products | Product status: All statuses | Buying legal entity: Contoso Consulting USA | Create purchase order

Product number	Name	Search name	Description	Unit	Product type	Category	Vendor product num...	Product status	Expires	Expired	Status	Item number	Item status	Bar code	Price change	Description	Attribute c...	Discount c...
EL_1	EL_1 product	varmesak	UPDATE Sprutikkler stikk...		Computers	EL_1	Update				Approved	EL_1	Update					
EL_3	EL_3 product	varmesak	UPDATE Sprutikkler stikk...		Computers	EL_3	Update				Not submitted	EL_3	Update					
EL_4	EL_4 product	varmesak	UPDATE Sprutikkler stikk...		Computers	EL_4	Update				Not submitted	EL_4	Update					

**Purchase price**

Party code type	Relation	Account selection	Product code type	Item relation	From date	To date	From	To	Price unit	Currency	Unit	Current price	New price	Status
Table	Price (purch)	US_S1_000027	Table	EL_1	6/1/2021	6/30/2021	0.00	0.00	1.00	USD	ea	2,000.00	2,000.00	No change

**Note:** If you have imported a large file, then it may take some time to open the Catalog page form, and you will see that the operation is processing with a popup “Processing operations – Loading ...” that shows until the form is opened.

**Processing operation - Loading ...**

Operation elapsed time: 00:00:00

Cancel

### 6.5.1 All products

#### Grid:

- **Product number:** Product number of new or existing product. If a value exists in the Prefix product number on the procurement category setup then it is added to a product number.
- **Name:** Name of product
- **Search name:** Search name of product. If it is a blank in XML-file, then it is inserted based on the product name in the same way as in manual New product
- **Description:** Description of product
- **Unit:** Unit of product, inserted from XML import file for the product candidate entity based on setup on procurement category.
- **Product type:** Product type, inserted from XML import file for the product candidate entity.
- **Category:** If a category from import XML file for the product candidate entity does not exist in D365 or it is specified as '\$BLANK\$', then the default product category from the Details tab is inserted in this field.
- **Vendor product number:** Displays the vendor product number without any prefixes.

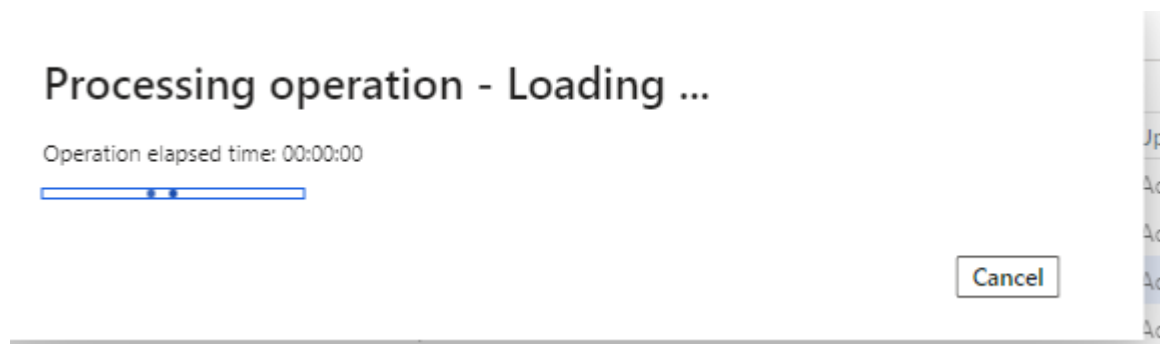
- **Product status:** Displays the status for the product. Possible values:
  - o **Add:** The product does not exist and will be added.
  - o **Update:** The product exists and will be updated.
  - o **Delete:** The product exists and will be set as "IsDeleted" in table CatVendorApprovedProducts. If the product also has been released, then Purchase and Sales will be set to Stopped on Default order settings of the released product.
  
- Note:** If an action type from import XML file for the product candidate entity is 'Add' or 'Update' and a product number exists in D365 then set to 'Update'. Otherwise, 'Add'.
  
- **Expires:** Inserted from "Expires" from XML import file for the product candidate entity.
- **Expired:** Displays 'Yes' if the record with a maximum date from the vendor approval list for the main vendor has an expiration date.
- **Status:** Show status according to workflow, approval
  - o **Not submitted:**
    - **Workflow: Enabled:** File uploaded and not submitted in workflow
    - **Workflow: Disabled:** N/A
  - o **Submitted:**
    - **Workflow: Enabled:** Submitted for approval
    - **Workflow: Disabled:** Ready for approval
  - o **Approved:**
    - **Workflow: Enabled:** Approved in workflow or with automated approval, will be included in Release of approved products
    - **Workflow: Disabled:** Approved with button "Approve" or automated approval, will be included in Release of approved products
  - o **Rejected:**
    - **Workflow: Enabled:** Rejected, could have been set automatically because product exists from before in production or the user has rejected the product in the workflow.
    - **Workflow: Disabled:** Rejected, could have been set automatically because product exists not created with vendor catalog, product is expired, or the user has used button "Reject" to reject the product.
  - o **Cancelled:**
    - **Workflow: Enabled:** Cancelled in workflow
    - **Workflow: Disabled:** N/A
- **Item number:** Display an item number if the product has previously been released, else the field is blank.
- **Item status:** Displays the item status for previously released products. Possible values:
  - o **Add:** The released product does not exist and will be released upon release of products.
  - o **Update:** The released product exists and will be updated upon release of products.
- **Bar code:** Inserted from XML import file for the product candidate entity.
- **Price change:** Checkmark if there is a price change
- **Discount change:** Checkmark if there is a discount change
- **URL 1:** Inserted from XML import file for the product candidate entity.
- **URL 2:** Inserted from XML import file for the product candidate entity.
- **Net weight:** Inserted from XML import file for the product candidate entity.
- **Volume:** Inserted from XML import file for the product candidate entity.
- **Gross height:** Inserted from XML import file for the product candidate entity.
- **Gross width:** Inserted from XML import file for the product candidate entity.
- **Gross depth:** Inserted from XML import file for the product candidate entity.

#### Fields in top of grid:

- **Product status:** filter in grid on product statuses
- **Status:** filter in grid on statuses

Buying legal entity: current legal entity, change to different legal entity if the vendor is in several entities.

**Note:** If you have imported a large file, then it may take some time to filter data in the form, and you will see that the operation is processing with a popup “Processing operations – Loading ...” that shows until the filtering in the form is finished.



#### **Buttons on Catalog approval (for when Workflow is Disabled):**

##### **- Approve:**

- If both “Automated approval” and “Workflow” = Disabled, then you must use button “Approve” to approve selected products with status “Submitted”. If “Workflow” = Enabled, then this button is not active (because the approval is then run through workflow).
- “Automated approval” = Enabled and “Workflow” = Disabled, then you can also use the “Approve” button to approve selected products with status “Rejected”

**Note:** Status “Rejected” in this scenario is set automatically with functionality for existing products that have not been created with vendor catalog and option “Reject” in field “Existing products” on the vendor catalog.

- With click on button “Approve” then the selected products will change to “Status” = “Approved”, which also means that the product will be created or updated depending on if it exists from before in the vendor catalog. If the product is updated, then Search name and Category is updated/inserted. Depending on the setup on the vendor catalog on “Product name” and “Product description”, this is also updated on the product.

##### **- Reject:**

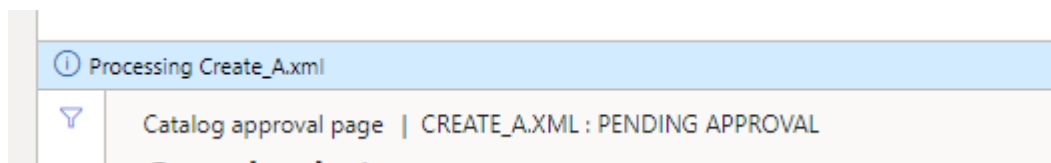
- If both “Automated approval” and “Workflow” = Disabled, then you must use button “Reject” to reject selected products with status “Submitted”. If “Workflow” = Enabled, then this button is not active (because the rejection is then run through workflow).
- With click on button “Reject” then the selected products will change to “Status” = “Rejected”, which means that the product will not be created or updated, and not be included later in release of products.
- You cannot reject products that has status “Approved” (this since they are already created or updated upon approval)

**Note:** Reject is only for current catalog file upload, if you import the product again in new file upload you must make approval or rejection again. If you want to exclude the product for future imports, see chapter “Excluded products”

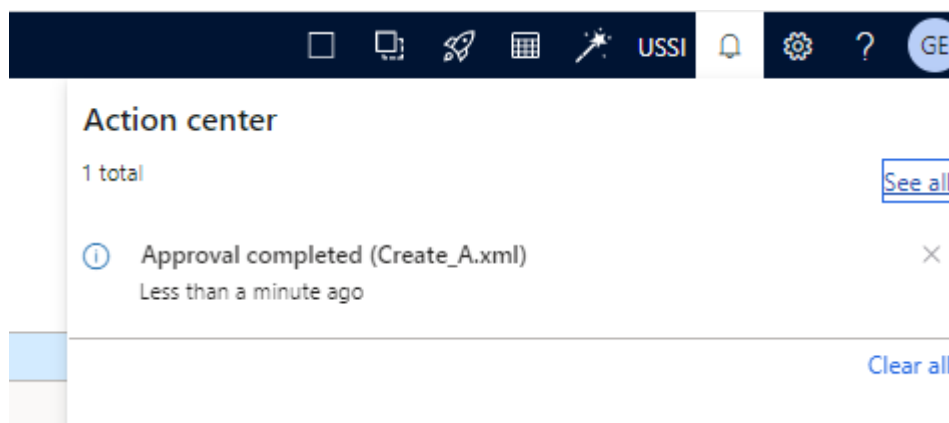
- **Reject:** See own chapter “Excluded products”

### - Approve (async):

- Run 'Approve' async.
- If there are many products that are approved and also new products that will be created in the approval, then the approve process can be time consuming resulting in "Wait" dialogs for the user to finish the process. Therefore 'Approve (async)' can be used instead in these cases to run the process async.
- When you click the button, then a message is given that the async is processing and when finished a message is given in the



- When the async is finished, then a message is given in Action center.



- You can also follow the progress of the approve in async by refreshing the vendor catalog form and check number of approved products in 'Approved' column.

Upload file	Details	Event log	Execution log	File size (MB)	Upload date	Status	Upload type	Effective date	Expiration date	Effective date disc...	Expiration date dis...	Approved	Rejected	Total
C:\Complete_AVC_Test_500_82a19007-6442-407b-a072-d6822a5ca04.xml				0.025351	22.01.2024 13:04:04	Pending approval	Add updates to the exist...	22.01.2024	Never	22.01.2024	Never	1	1	6
C:\Complete_AVC_Test_76_A_Update_2591-4296-464e-90d9-e8f1c071295.xml				1.442593	22.01.2024 12:53:57	Succeeded	Add updates to the exist...	22.01.2024	Never	22.01.2024	Never	500	0	500
C:\Complete_AVC_Test_76_A_Update_2591-4296-464e-90d9-e8f1c071295.xml				2.889958	22.01.2024 12:41:12	Succeeded	Add updates to the exist...	22.01.2024	Never	22.01.2024	Never	1000	0	1000

## 6.5.2 Excluded products

Excluded products are used to exclude a product for future approvals with the current vendor catalog.

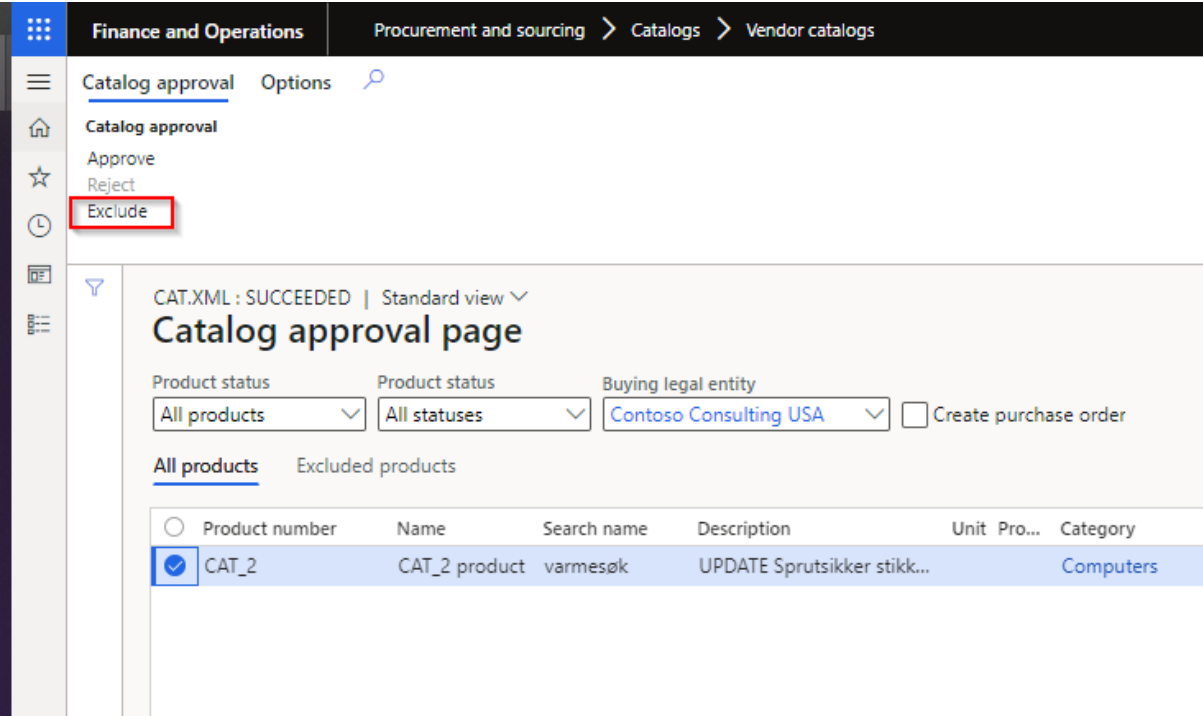
### Tab All products:

Select products to exclude and click on button **Exclude**. The product is then removed from "All products" tab and moved over to tab "Excluded products".

This function can only be used when Workflow is Disabled.

You cannot use multiselect to exclude products, you must select the row of the product to exclude.

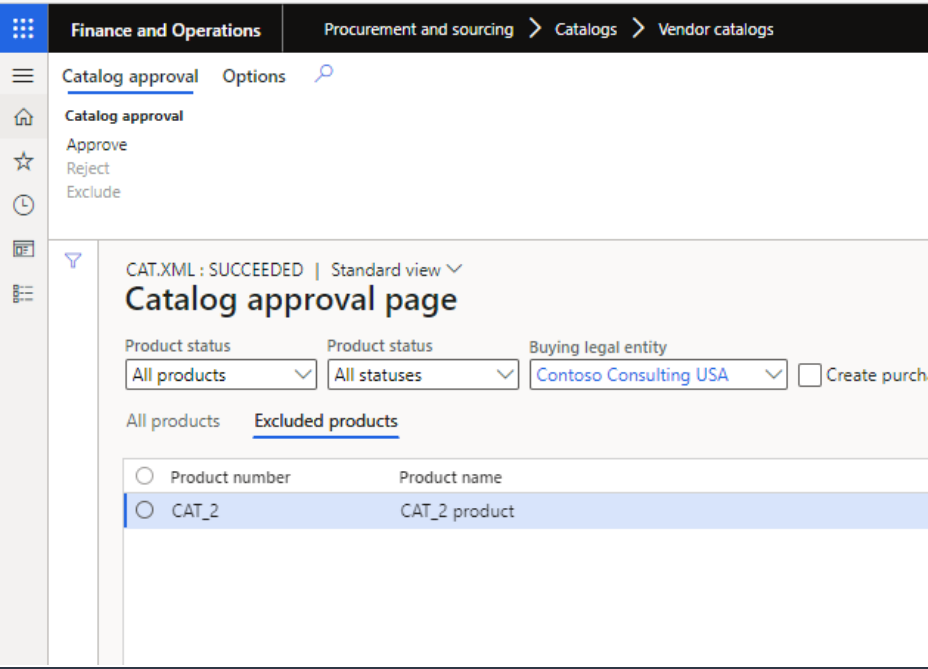
You can only exclude products that have status Submitted or Rejected.



**Tab Excluded products:**

**Fields in grid:**

- Product number
- Product name



If you want to include the product again, then select the product and click on button **Approve**.

**Note:** This will also create or update the product.

If you import an excluded product with the same vendor catalog again, you will get a message in the event log “Product <product number> has previously been excluded and is not included in this import”, and you will also see the product on tab “Excluded products”

**Note:** You will only see the products excluded with current upload/import file on tab “Excluded products”. You must look at other uploads if you want to see other excluded products not part of current upload.

The exclusion is only for current vendor catalog, meaning if you import the same product in another vendor catalog it will not be excluded and processed as normal.

## 6.5.3 Purchase price

Purchase price													
Party code type	Relation	Account selection	Product code type	Item relation	From date	To date	From	To	Price unit	Currency	Unit	Current pri...	New price
Table	Price (purch.)	US_SI_000011	Table	Skrell_4	6/23/2021	Never	0.00	0.00	1.00	USD	es	800.00	800.00
												Status	
												No change	

- **Party code type:** The selected party code type based on the trade agreement setup for purchase prices.
- **Account relation:** Defaulted to 'Price (purch.)'.
- **Account selection:** The selected account selection based on the trade agreement setup for purchase prices.
- **Product code type:** Defaulted to 'Table'.
- **Item relation:** Item number with or without the item number prefix.
- **From date:** From date from XML import file for the product purchase prices entity. If it is empty, a from date is inserted based on the Effective date from the Catalog file history tab.
- **To date:** To date from XML import file for the product purchase prices entity. If it is empty, a to date is inserted based on the Expiration date from the Catalog file history tab.
- **From:** From quantity from XML import file for the product purchase prices entity.
- **To:** To quantity from XML import file for the product purchase prices entity.
- **Price unit.** To insert a price unit from XML import file for the product purchase prices entity. If it is empty, defaulted to 1.
- **Status:** Shows if there a new, updated or no changed price for the current product based on the parameters for trade agreement setup. The list of possible values: New, Update, No change.

## 6.5.4 Purchase discount

Purchase discount													
Party code type	Relation	Account selection	Product code type	Item relation	From date	To date	From	To	Currency	Unit	Current dis...	New discount percentage	Status
Table	Line disc. (purch.)	US_SI_000011	Table	Skrell_4	6/23/2021	Never	0.00	0.00	USD	es	10.00	10.00	No change

- **Party code type:** The selected party code type based on the trade agreement setup for purchase discounts.
- **Account relation:** Defaulted to 'Line disc. (purch.)'.
- **Account selection:** The selected account selection based on the trade agreement setup for purchase discounts.
- **Product code type:** Defaulted to 'Table'.
- **Item relation:** Item number with or without the item number prefix.
- **From date:** From date is inserted based on the Effective discount date from the Catalog file history tab.
- **To date:** To date is inserted based on the Expiration discount date from the Catalog file history tab.
- **From:** Defaulted to zero.
- **To:** Defaulted to zero.
- **Currency.** If the Separate discount is Yes, a currency discount from the Vendor discount tab is inserted. Otherwise, the same currency as for a purchase price is inserted.
- **Unit.** To insert a unit from an XML import file for the product purchase prices entity.
- **Current discount percentage:** Shows a current discount percentage based on the existing trade agreements for purchase discount and on the parameters for trade agreement setup.
- **New discount percentage:** Discount percentage from XML file.

- **Status:** Shows if there a new, updated or no changed discount for the current product based on the parameters for trade agreement setup. The list of possible values: New, Update, No change.

### 6.5.5 Sales price

Tab for imported sales prices

**There is one enhancement for sales prices in Advanced Vendor Catalog compared to standard vendor catalog, which is following:** If there is a purchase price and a sales price in the vendor catalog import, then sales price will now use the from/to dates on the sales trade agreement that is created upon Release of products. If there are several purchase prices, then the first record in purchase prices will be used for input to from/to dates for the sales price trade agreement.

Else it is as in standard Vendor Catalog, meaning if you import a sales price, then a new trade agreement sales price line will be created with the imported price. There is no checks on existing data or update functionality as there is with purchase prices in Advanced Vendor Catalog.

Purchase price	Purchase discount	Sales price	Name and description
Currency	Unit	Current price	New suggested price
999	ea	0.00	0.00

The standard functionality with sales price margin can be used also with Advanced Vendor Catalog, which can be setup in **Retail and Commerce > Products and Categories > Vendor Catalog import > Vendor sales price margin setup**.

Select **Vendor account**, enter the procurement category in **Retail category**, and the margin in **Contribution ratio**

**Note:** You will not find the procurement category in field **Retail category** dropdown, but you can enter and save the category.

If you import a purchase price, then the margin will be used on the imported purchase price to calculate the sales price. It is also possible to have a margin on 0 to get same sales price as purchase price.

**Note:** You must import a sales price in order to use the sales margin setup, for example with 0.

Finance and Operations					
Search for a page					
Vendor sales price margins					
Standard view					
Filter					
Vendor account	Name	Retail category	Suggested contribution ratio	Contribution ratio	
US_SI_000006	Capable Sales and Service	RENT	0,00	30,00	

6.5.6 Name and description

Tab showing current and new description

Purchase pricePurchase discountSales priceName and descriptionProduct dimensionsPurchase quantity

Language

Current name

New name

Current description

New description

en-us

Skrell\_4 product

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6.5.7 Product dimensions

Tab showing product dimensions

Purchase pricePurchase discountSales priceName and descriptionProduct dimensionsPurchase quantity

Product dimension group nameSizeColorStyleConfiguration

6.5.8 Purchase quantity

Tab showing Unit and purchase quantities

Purchase pricePurchase discountSales priceName and descriptionProduct dimensionsPurchase quantity

UNIT OF MEASUREMULTIPLEMINIMUM ORDER QUANTITYPURCHASE LEAD TIMEMAXIMUM ORDER QUANTITYSTANDARD ORDER QUANTITY

UnitCurrent0.0000.0000.0000.00

ea0.000.0000.000.000.00

New0.000.0000.000.000.00

6.5.9 Separate discount import

If the **Separate discount import** slider is Yes on the **Details** tab of the **Vendor catalog** details form, then following is shown/changed on **Catalog approval page**:

- Tab **All products**:
  - o **Vendor discount group**: Vendor discount group from XML import file for the product candidate entity.
- Tab **Purchase discount**:
  - o **New discount percentage**: Inserted from **Vendor discounts** (not from Product Candidate)
- The following additional tabs are shown:
  - o Vendor discount

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- Vendor special agreement
- Purchase price special agreement
- Purchase discount special agreement

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Workflow | Catalog approval | Options

Catalog approval

Approve  
Reject  
Exclude

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### Catalog approval page

Product status: All products | Product status: All statuses | Buying legal entity: Contoso Consulting USA | Create purchase order

All products | **Vendor discounts** | Vendor special agreement | Excluded products

Product number	Vendor dis.	Name	Search name	Description	Unit	Pro...	Category	Vendor product num...	Product status	Expires	Expired	Status	Item number	Item status	Bar code	Price change
1000053	7478	RADOX 9GK...	RADOX9GKW...		m		Computers	1000053	Update			Approved	1000053	Update		✓
1000116	7404	PROFIBUS 1X...	PROFIBUS1X2...		m		Computers	1000116	Update			Approved	1000116	Update		✓
1000117	7082	PROFIBUS 1X...	PROFIBUS1X2...		m		Computers	1000117	Update			Approved	1000117	Update		✓
1000119	7404	EIB BUS 2X2X...	EIBBUS2X2X0...		m		Computers	1000119	Update			Submitted	1000119	Update		✓
1000120	7475	EIB BUS 2X2X...	EIBBUS2X2X0...		m		Computers	1000120	Update			Submitted	1000120	Update		✓

Purchase price | Purchase discount | **Purchase price special agreement** | Purchase discount special agreement | Sales price | Name and description | Product dimensions | Purchase quantity

Party code type	Relation	Account selection	Product code type	Item relation	From date	To date	From	To	Price unit	Currency	Unit	Current pri...	New price	Status
Group	Price (purch.)	Capable	Table	1000053	8/1/2016	9/1/2016	0.00	0.00	1.00	NOK	m	1,858.00	1,858.00	New

## Vendor discounts

**Vendor discounts** tab with the following fields to show vendor discounts for the **Vendor discount** entity from XML import file.

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OPTIONS

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### Catalog approval page

Product status: All products | Buying legal entity: Contoso Consulting USA | Create purchase order

All products | **Vendor discounts** | Vendor special agreement

Vendor discount...	Description	Currency	Discount percentage
9999	Varegruppe 10, skaff	NOK	20.00

Purchase price | Purchase discount | Purchase price special agreement | Purchase discount special agreement | Sales price | Name and description | Product dimensions | Purchase quantity

Party code type	Account relation	Account selection	Product code type	Item relation	From date	To date	From	To	Price unit	Currency	Unit	Current price	New price	Status
Group	Price (purch.)	PriceGr	Table	PNTTestItem002	04.02.2016	Never	0.00	0.00	1.00	NOK	ea	0.00	150.00	New

- **Vendor discount group:** Vendor discount group from XML import file for the vendor discounts entity.
- **Description:** Description from XML import file for the vendor discounts entity.
- **Currency.** Currency from XML import file for the vendor discounts entity. If it is empty, a currency from a vendor for the selected buying legal entity is shown.
- **Discount percentage:** Discount percentage from XML import file for the vendor discounts entity.

## Vendor special agreement

**Vendor special agreement** tab with the following fields to show vendor special agreements for the **Vendor special agreement** entity from XML import file.

Product number	Description	Currency	Purchase price	Discount percentage
TestItem002	T-F KLEMME S 1530AA	NOK	200.00	30.00

- **Product number:** Product number from XML import file for the vendor special agreement entity.
- **Description:** Description from XML import file for the vendor special agreement entity.
- **Currency:** Currency from XML import file for the vendor special agreement entity. If it is empty, a currency from a vendor for the selected buying legal entity is shown.
- **Purchase price:** Purchase price from XML import file for the vendor special agreement entity.
- **Discount percentage:** Discount percentage from XML import file for the vendor special agreement entity.

## Purchase price special agreement

**Purchase price special agreement** tab to show additional information based on the trade agreement setup for purchase price special agreement and new fields from XML import file for the vendor special agreement entity. The data is not shown on this tab if a purchase price on the Vendor special agreement tab is zero.

Party code type	Account relation	Account selection	Product code type	Item relation	From date	To date	Currency	Unit	Current price	New price	Status
Table	Price (purch.)	US_SI_000006	Table	PNITestItem002	03.02.2016	Never	NOK	ea	200.00	200.00	No change

- **Party code type:** Selected party code type based on the trade agreement setup for purchase price special agreements.
- **Account relation:** Defaulted to 'Price (purch.)'.
- **Account selection:** Selected account selection based on the trade agreement setup for purchase price special agreements.
- **Product code type:** Defaulted to 'Table'.
- **Item relation:** Item number with or without the item number prefix.
- **From date:** From date is inserted based on the Effective discount date from the Catalog file history tab.

- **To date:** To date is inserted based on the Expiration discount date from the Catalog file history tab.
- **From:** Defaulted to zero.
- **To:** Defaulted to zero.
- **Currency:** Currency from the Vendor special agreement tab is inserted.
- **Unit:** Unit from XML import file for the product purchase prices entity.
- **Current price:** Show current price based on the existing trade agreements for purchase price special agreements and on the parameters for trade agreement setup.
- **New price:** Price from the Vendor special agreement tab is inserted.
- **Status:** Shows if there a new, updated or no changed price for the current product based on the parameters for trade agreement setup. The list of possible values: New, Update, No change.

### Purchase discount special agreement

**Purchase discount special agreement** tab to show additional information based on the trade agreement setup for purchase discount special agreement and new fields from XML import file for the vendor special agreement entity.

**Note:** If a special purchase price exists and a special discount percentage is zero on the Vendor special agreement tab, and there is no discount trade agreement with zero discount percentage in D365, the data shows on this tab, and the status shows 'New.' It means that a trade agreement with zero discount at first time is created when releasing products. It allows to not consider a vendor discount, which might exist, to a special price when creating a purchase line for example.

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Catalog approval page

Product status:  Buying legal entity:  ☐ Create purchase order

All products Vendor discounts Vendor special agreement

Product number	Description	Currency	Purchase price	Discount percentage
TestItem002	T-F KLEMM 5 1530AA	NOK	200.00	30.00

Purchase price Purchase discount Purchase price special agreement **Purchase discount special agreement** Sales price Name and description Product dimensions Purchase quantity

Party code type	Account relation	Account selection	Product code type	Item relation	From date	To date	Currency	Unit	Current discount percentage	New discount percentage	Status
Table	Line disc. (purch.)	US_SI_000006	Table	PNITestItem002	03.02.2016	Never	NOK	ea	30.00	30.00	No change

- **Party code type:** Selected party code type based on the trade agreement setup for purchase discount special agreements.
- **Account relation:** Defaulted to 'Line disc. (purch.)'.
- **Account selection:** Selected account selection based on the trade agreement setup for purchase discount special agreements.
- **Product code type:** Defaulted to 'Table'.
- **Item relation:** item number with or without the item number prefix.
- **From date:** From date is inserted based on the Effective discount date from the Catalog file history tab.
- **To date:** To date is inserted based on the Expiration discount date from the Catalog file history tab.
- **From:** Defaulted to zero.
- **To:** Defaulted to zero.
- **Currency:** Currency from the Vendor special agreement tab is inserted.
- **Unit:** Unit from XML import file for the product purchase prices entity.
- **Current discount percentage:** Shows current discount percentage based on the existing trade agreements for purchase special discount and on the parameters for trade agreement setup.
- **New discount percentage:** Discount percentage from the Vendor special agreement tab is inserted.

- **Status.** Shows if there a new, updated or no changed discount for the current product based on the parameters for trade agreement setup. The list of possible values: New, Update, No change.

#### 6.5.10 Logic for price and discount updates

See the excel file “Logic for price and discount updates.xlsx” to see the logic for showing price and discount change on the **All products** tab and statuses on the **Purchase price/discount** tabs and the **Purchase price/discount special agreement** tabs.

## 6.6 Examples on upload of files

### 6.6.1 No workflow

#### 6.6.1.1 Manual approval

**Workflow:** Disabled, **Automated Approval:** Disabled, and **Existing products:** Reject

Uploading file with **Upload type:** Add updates to the existing vendor catalog

The screenshot displays the 'Test' vendor profile in the 'Finance and Operations' section. The 'Details' tab shows 'Automated approval' and 'Workflow' both disabled. The 'Upload file' dialog is open, showing 'TestProducts.xml' selected. The 'Upload type' is 'Add updates to the existing vendor catalog', and 'Existing products' is set to 'Reject'. The 'Catalog file history' table shows several upload attempts, with the latest one for 'Test\_ProductTest21\_one...' in 'Pending approval' status.

File name	File size (MB)	Upload date	Status	Upload type	Effective date	Expiration date	Effective date discounts
Test_ProductTest21_one...	0.005201	6/18/2021 2:01:14 PM	In progress	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	6/18/2021	Never	6/18/2021
Test_ProductTest21_one...	0.014274	6/18/2021 12:02:38 PM	In progress	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	6/18/2021	Never	6/18/2021
Test_ProductTest21_one...	0.014274	6/18/2021 11:59:13 AM	Succeeded	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	6/18/2021	Never	6/18/2021
Test_ProductTest21_one...	0.014274	6/18/2021 11:45:48 AM	Succeeded (warnings)	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	6/18/2021	Never	6/18/2021
Test_ProductTest21_one...	0.005201	6/18/2021 11:36:21 AM	Succeeded	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	6/18/2021	Never	6/18/2021
Test_ProductTest21_one...	0.005201	6/18/2021 11:29:43 AM	Succeeded	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	6/18/2021	Never	6/18/2021

Upload finished with file with in total three products, where one has been automatically rejected. The event log shows that the product “ProductTest21” has been rejected because it exists from before and has not been released with vendor catalog. The status of the catalog file is **Pending approval**.

The screenshot shows the 'Catalog file history' table and the 'Event log' for 'TEST3PRODUCTS.XML: PENDING APPROVAL'. The 'Catalog file history' table shows 'Test3products.xml' with a status of 'Pending approval'. The 'Event log' shows a sequence of events: 'Start catalog file upload', 'Importing products', 'Finish processing', and 'Catalog upload complete'. The 'ProductTest21' product is listed as 'Rejected'.

File name	File size (MB)	Upload date	Status	Upload type	Effective date	Expiration date	Effective date discounts	Expiration date discounts	Approved	Rejected	Total
Test3products.xml	0.014251	7/29/2021 10:48:37 AM	Pending approval	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	7/29/2021	Never	7/29/2021	Never	0	1	3

Date uploaded	Created by	Processing status	Message type	Message
7/29/2021 10:48:37 AM	gefteland	Start catalog upload	Info	Start catalog file upload
7/29/2021 10:48:54 AM	gefteland	Importing products	Info	Product ProductTest21 exists and has not been released from vendor catalogs, status set to Rejected
7/29/2021 10:48:54 AM	gefteland	Finish processing	Info	Succeeded with warnings
7/29/2021 10:48:54 AM	gefteland	Catalog upload complete	Info	Catalog upload completed

Checking **Details** and we see that:

- ProductTest21
  - **Product status:** Add, this because it has not been created with vendor catalog before
  - **Status:** Rejected, this because it exists from before not created with vendor catalog and has automatically been set to rejected (based on setup of parameter **Existing product** on the vendor catalog)
  - **Item number:** blank, this because it has not been created with venfor catalog before
  - **Item status:** Add, this because it has not been created with vendor catalog before
- ProductTest22
  - **Product status:** Add, this because it has not been created with vendor catalog before
  - **Status:** Submitted, this because approval is manual and is waiting for next action with approve or reject.
  - **Item number:** blank, this because it does not exist
  - **Item status:** Add, this because it does not exist
- ProductTest9
  - **Product status:** Update, this because it exists from before and will be updated if approved
  - **Status:** Submitted, this because approval is manual and is waiting for next action with approve or reject.
  - **Item number:** ProductTest9, this because the match is found in released products
  - **Item status:** Update, this because it exists from before and will be updated if approved and released approved products is processed next

Product number	Name	Search name	Description	Unit	Pro...	Category	Vendor product num...	Product status	Expires	Expired	Status	Item number	Item status	Bar code	Price change	Description...	Attribute c...	Disc
ProductTest21	Varmekabel	varmesak	UPDATE Sprutskikker stikk...			Computers	ProductTest21	Add			Rejected		Add		✓			✓
ProductTest22	Varmekabel	varmesak	UPDATE Sprutskikker stikk...			Computers	ProductTest22	Add			Submitted		Add		✓			✓
ProductTest9	Varmekabel	varmesak	UPDATE Sprutskikker stikk...			Computers	ProductTest9	Update			Submitted	ProductTest9	Update		✓			✓

Selecting all three products and clicking on button **Approve**, this because I want to include all in released of approved products and I also want to update the existing product not created with vendor catalog

**Note:** You can also use the **Reject** button on selected products with **Status:** Submitted

TEST3PRODUCTS.XML : PENDING APPROVAL | Standard view

### Catalog approval page

Product status: All products | Product status: All statuses | Buying legal entity: Contoso Consulting USA | ☐ Create purchase order

**All products** | Excluded products

Product number	Name	Search name	Description	Unit	Pro...	Category	Vendor product num...	Product status	Expires	Expired	Status	Item number	Item status
ProductTest21	Varmekabel	varmesak	UPDATE Sprutskikker stikk...			Computers	ProductTest21	Add			Rejected		Add
ProductTest22	Varmekabel	varmesak	UPDATE Sprutskikker stikk...			Computers	ProductTest22	Add			Submitted		Add
ProductTest9	Varmekabel	varmesak	UPDATE Sprutskikker stikk...			Computers	ProductTest9	Update			Submitted	ProductTest9	Update

**Status** for all products changed to Approved, meaning that:

- ProductTest21: The existing product has been updated from vendor catalog, meaning with name, search name, description, and procurement category.  
**Note:** If the product had another procurement category with same procurement hierarchy, then the category from the vendor catalog has replaced it.
- ProductTest22: The product has been created
- ProductTest9: The existing product has been updated

TEST3PRODUCTS.XML : PENDING APPROVAL | Standard view

### Catalog approval page

Product status: All products | Product status: All statuses | Buying legal entity: Contoso Consulting USA | ☐ Create purchase order

**All products** | Excluded products

Product number	Name	Search name	Description	Unit	Pro...	Category	Vendor product num...	Product status	Expires	Expired	Status	Item number	Item status	Bar code	Price change	Desc
ProductTest21	Varmekabel	varmesak	UPDATE Sprutskikker stikk...			Computers	ProductTest21	Add			Approved		Add		✓	
ProductTest22	Varmekabel	varmesak	UPDATE Sprutskikker stikk...			Computers	ProductTest22	Add			Approved		Add		✓	
ProductTest9	Varmekabel	varmesak	UPDATE Sprutskikker stikk...			Computers	ProductTest9	Update			Approved	ProductTest9	Update		✓	

We close Details and see that **Status:** Succeeded (with warnings), because we are finished with the approval (and with warnings because there was one product that existed from before not created with vendor catalog). All three is now Approved.

Catalog file history

File name	File size (MB)	Upload date	Status	Upload type	Effective date	Expiration date	Effective date discounts	Expiration date discounts	Approved	Rejected	Total
Test3products.xml	0.014251	7/29/2021 10:48:37 AM	Succeeded (warnings)	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	7/29/2021	Never	7/29/2021	Never	3	0	3

### 6.6.1.2 Automated approval

**Workflow:** Disabled, **Automated Approval:** Enabled, and **Existing products:** Reject

Uploading file with **Upload type:** Add updates to the existing vendor catalog

**Test**

Details

Vendor: Distant Inc.

Name: Test

Organization number: 47845003

Automated approval: ☒ Enabled

Workflow: ☐ Enabled

Product description: This is vendor catalog for framework agreement 3456

FILE WEBSERVICE

Used by web service: ☒ Yes

Release approved products: ☐ No

DEFAULT PRODUCT SETTINGS

Category hierarchy: Procurement - Office Supply

Product category: Computers

Product name: Yes

Product description: ☒ Yes

Create expired products: ☐ No

Existing products: ☐ Add updates to the existing vendor catalog

Existing products: ☐ Replace the existing vendor catalog with a new catalog

Category hierarchy type: Procurement category hier...

RUN MODE

Asynchronous: ☐ Yes

Multithreading: ☒ Yes

Upload file

Upload a catalog file that a vendor has provided. Enter the dates that catalog file is valid, and select whether the vendor catalog file should add updates to the existing catalog or replace the existing catalog.

Test3products.xml

Effective date: 7/29/2021

Expiration date: 7/29/2021

Upload type: ☒ Add updates to the existing vendor catalog

☐ Replace the existing vendor catalog with a new catalog

Category hierarchy type: Procurement category hier...

RUN MODE

Asynchronous: ☐ Yes

Multithreading: ☒ Yes

Catalog file history

File name	File size (MB)	Upload date	Status	Upload type	Effective date	Expiration date	Effective date discounts
Test3products.xml	0.014251	7/29/2021 10:48:37 AM	Succeeded (warnings)	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	7/29/2021	Never	7/29/2021
Test3products.xml	0.014245	7/29/2021 10:47:46 AM	In progress	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	7/29/2021	Never	7/29/2021
Test_ProductTest25.xml	0.005201	6/18/2021 2:01:14 PM	In progress	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	6/18/2021	Never	6/18/2021
Test_ProductTest25.xml	0.014274	6/18/2021 12:02:39 PM	In progress	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	6/18/2021	Never	6/18/2021
Test_ProductTest25.xml	0.014274	6/18/2021 11:59:13 AM	Succeeded	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	6/18/2021	Never	6/18/2021
Test_ProductTest25.xml	0.014274	6/18/2021 11:45:48 AM	Succeeded (warnings)	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	6/18/2021	Never	6/18/2021

Upload finished with file with in total three products, where one has been automatically rejected. The event log shows that the product "ProductTest25" has been rejected because it exists from before and has not been released with vendor catalog.

The status of the catalog file is Succeeded (with warnings) because automated approval is selected on the vendor catalog, meaning approval is complete (and with warnings because there is one product that existed from before not created with vendor catalog).

Catalog file history									
File name	File size (MB)	Upload date	Status	Upload type	Effective date	Expiration date	Effective date discounts	Expiration date discounts	Approved
Test3products.xml	0.014251	7/29/2021 11:17:33 AM	Succeeded (warnings)	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	7/29/2021	Never	7/29/2021	Never	2

Event log   TEST3PRODUCTS.XML : SUCCEEDED (WARNINGS)					
Date uploaded	Created by	Processing status	Message type	Message	
7/29/2021 11:17:33 AM	getfeland	Start catalog upload	Info	Start catalog file upload	
7/29/2021 11:17:50 AM	getfeland	Importing products	Info	Product ProductTest25 exists and has not been released from vendor catalogs, status set to Rejected	
7/29/2021 11:17:50 AM	getfeland	Finish processing	Info	Succeeded with warnings	
7/29/2021 11:17:50 AM	getfeland	Approval complete	Info	Approval complete	
7/29/2021 11:17:50 AM	getfeland	Catalog upload complete	Info	Catalog upload completed	

Checking **Details** and we see that:

- ProductTest24
  - o **Product status:** Add, this because it has not been created with vendor catalog before
  - o **Status:** Approved, this because approval is automated and complete
  - o **Item number:** blank, this because it does not exist
  - o **Item status:** Add, this because it does not exist

- ProductTest25
  - o **Product status:** Add, this because it has not been created with vendor catalog before
  - o **Status:** Rejected, this because it exists from before not created with vendor catalog and has automatically been set to rejected (based on setup of parameter **Existing product** on the vendor catalog)
  - o **Item number:** ProductTest25, this because it also exists in released products
  - o **Item status:** Update, this because it exists in released products and will be updated in released of approved products if approved
- ProductTest9
  - o **Product status:** Update, this because it exists from before and will be updated if approved
  - o **Status:** Submitted, this because approval is manual and is waiting for next action with approve or reject.
  - o **Item number:** ProductTest9, this because the match is found in released products
  - o **Item status:** Update, this because it exists from before and will be updated if approved and released approved products is processed next

Product number	Name	Search name	Description	Unit	Pro...	Category	Vendor product num...	Product status	Expires	Expired	Status	Item number	Item status	Bar code	Price change	Description...	Attribute c...	Disc
ProductTest24	Varmekabel	varmesak	UPDATE Sprutskikker stikk...			Computers	ProductTest24	Add			Approved		Add		✓			✓
ProductTest25	Varmekabel	varmesak	UPDATE Sprutskikker stikk...			Computers	ProductTest25	Add			Rejected	ProductTest25	Update		✓			✓
ProductTest9	Varmekabel	varmesak	UPDATE Sprutskikker stikk...			Computers	ProductTest9	Update			Approved	ProductTest9	Update		✓			✓

Selecting all three products and clicking on button **Approve**, this because I want to include all in released of approved products and I also want to update the existing product not created with vendor catalog

Product number	Name	Search name	Description	Unit	Pro...	Category	Vendor product num...	Product status	Expires	Expired	Status	Item number	Item status	Bar code	Price change	Description...	Attribute c...	Disc
ProductTest24	Varmekabel	varmesak	UPDATE Sprutskikker stikk...			Computers	ProductTest24	Add			Approved		Add		✓			✓
ProductTest25	Varmekabel	varmesak	UPDATE Sprutskikker stikk...			Computers	ProductTest25	Add			Rejected	ProductTest25	Update		✓			✓
ProductTest9	Varmekabel	varmesak	UPDATE Sprutskikker stikk...			Computers	ProductTest9	Update			Approved	ProductTest9	Update		✓			✓

**Status** for all products changed to Approved, meaning that:

- ProductTest24: The product has been created
- ProductTest25: The existing product has been updated from vendor catalog, meaning with name, search name, description, and procurement category. The released product will be updated depending on the settings on the procurement category.



**Note:** If the product had another procurement category with same procurement hierarchy, then the category from the vendor catalog has replaced it.

- ProductTest9: The existing product has been updated

Product number	Name	Search name	Description	Unit	Pro...	Category	Vendor product num...	Product status	Expires	Expired	Status	Item number	Item status	Bar code	Price change	Description...	Attribute c...	Disc
ProductTest24	Varmekabel	varmesak	UPDATE Spruttkiker stikk...			Computers	ProductTest24	Add			Approved		Add		✓			✓
ProductTest25	Varmekabel	varmesak	UPDATE Spruttkiker stikk...			Computers	ProductTest25	Add			Approved		Update		✓			✓
ProductTest9	Varmekabel	varmesak	UPDATE Spruttkiker stikk...			Computers	ProductTest9	Update			Approved		Update		✓			✓

We close Details and see that **Status:** Succeeded (with warnings), because we are finished with the approval (and with warnings because there was one product that existed from before not created with vendor catalog). All three is now Approved

File name	File size (MB)	Upload date	Status	Upload type	Effective date	Expiration date	Effective date discounts	Expiration date discounts	Approved	Rejected	Total
Test3products.xml	0.014251	7/29/2021 11:17:33 AM	Succeeded (warnings)	Add updates to the existing vendor catalog	7/29/2021	Never	7/29/2021	Never	3	0	3

## 6.6.2 With workflow

### 6.6.2.1 Manual approval

All products must be approved using the standard workflow.

### 6.6.2.2 Automated approval

All products will be approved automatically using the standard workflow.

## 6.7 Release approved products

By using button **Release approved products** all products that has been approved and previously not processed in all catalog files on Catalog file history, will be processed. This means that either new released products will be created or existing one will be updated. Trade agreements will also be created or updated on new and existing released products.

### 6.7.1 Release approved products

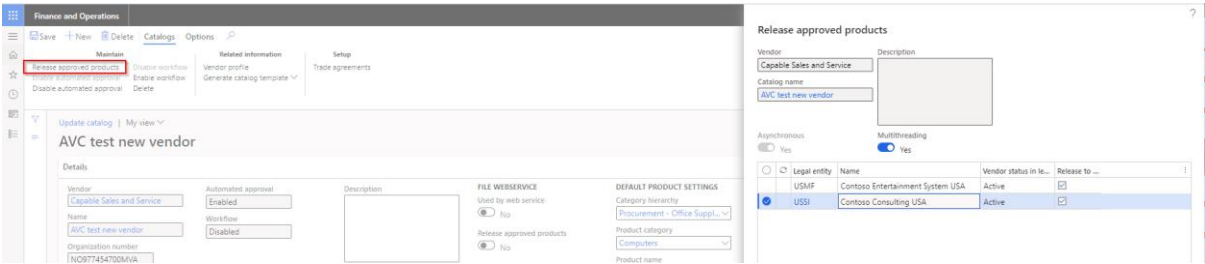
Select first run options:

- **Asynchronous:** Run release of approved products in an asynchronous mode, and the user will not have to click the **OK** button to wait until the process is finished. It means once a user clicks the **OK** button the form is closed, and a user can refresh a page to see the progress on released products on the **Catalog file status per legal entity** tab. After finishing the process, a message "Release products to companies,

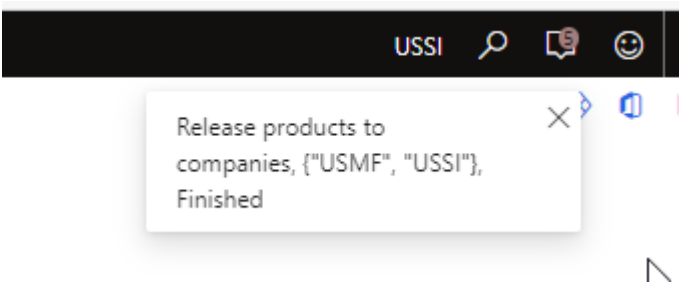
{company names}, Finished” is shown.

- **Multithreading:** Run release of approved products in a multithreading mode. In this case, batch tasks are created based on the maximum batch threads on the **Server configuration** form in the **System administration** module. In the standard, batch tasks always run in an asynchronous mode. However, if the number of approved products is less than the maximum batch threads, then the process runs in an asynchronous mode without the creation of batch tasks. When this option is checked, the **Asynchronous** slider is turned on automatically and not accessible for editing.

Then select which companies to include in the release of approved products by check marking these in the grid, then click **OK** to start the process.



When finished an Infolog will show



You will also see pr Catalog file how many products has been released per company

Catalog file status per legal entity	
Legal entity	Released status
USMF	Released <1/3>
USSI	Released <1/3>

The eventlog will also show products that has been released

Finance and Operations					
Options					
Event log   TEST.XML : SUCCEEDED					
Standard view					
Date uploaded	Created by	Processing status	Message type	Message	
7/29/2021 7:18:27 AM	gefteland	Start catalog upload	Info	Start catalog file upload	
7/29/2021 7:18:45 AM	gefteland	Finish processing	Info	Succeeded	
7/29/2021 7:18:45 AM	gefteland	Catalog upload complete	Info	Catalog upload completed	
7/29/2021 7:19:13 AM	gefteland	Finish processing	Info	Process complete	
7/29/2021 7:19:36 AM	gefteland	Releasing approved product - released	Info	Product,ItemTest15 released in companies : USMF, USSI.	

Example where not all companies has been selected in the release

Catalog file status per legal entity	
Legal entity	Released status
USMF	Not released <0/1>
USSI	Released <1/1>

If there has been a delete action on a product, then it will say "Partially released"

Catalog file status per legal entity	
Legal entity	Released status
USSI	Partially released <1/2>

## 6.7.2 Released products and Trade agreements

While releasing approved products, the parameters and default values from the **Basic product properties** tab and the **Basic product properties updates** tab on the current procurement categories are used for inserting and updating data on released products.

The purchase price/discount trade agreements are created or updated while releasing approved products based on the following values from the **Status** field on the **Purchase price/discount** tabs and the **Purchase price/special agreement** tabs on the **Catalog approval page** form:

- **New:** If the **Set To date before new From date** slider is turned on and there exist trade agreement lines with the match on setup and imported data and dates, then the day before imported From date are updated on To date on existing lines and a new trade agreement line is inserted.
- **Update:** The existing trade agreements are updated with a new price or discount.
- **No change:** No trade agreements are updated or inserted.

**Note:** If you have a sales price, then a new sales price trade agreement line will be created with release of products. There functionality above is only for purchase price.

### 6.7.3 Warnings and error handling in Event log and Execution log

See the table with new possible warnings for advanced vendor catalogs in the **Event log** form which could occur during releasing products.

Warning text	
Company: #####. An exchange rate cannot be found for exchange rate type Default between currencies <currency code from created trade agreements> and <accounting currency code> on exchange date. Purchase price cannot be updated.	It refers to inserting or updating a purchase price on released products.
Company: #####. An exchange rate cannot be found for exchange rate type Default between currencies <currency code from created trade agreements> and <accounting currency code > on exchange date. Cost price cannot be updated.	It refers to inserting or updating a cost price on released products.
Company: #####. Unit conversion from <trade agreement unit> to <inventory unit> does not exist. Cost price cannot be updated.	It refers to inserting or updating a cost price on released products.
Company: #####. Unit conversion from <trade agreement unit > to <purchase unit> does not exist. Purchase price cannot be updated.	It refers to inserting or updating a purchase price on released products.
Company: #####. Unit conversion from <BOM unit> to <inventory unit> does not exist. Inventory unit cannot be updated.	It refers to inserting an inventory unit on new released products based on setup from procurement category.
Company: #####. Unit conversion from <purchase unit> to <inventory unit> does not exist. Purchase unit cannot be updated.	It refers to inserting a purchase unit on new released products based on setup from procurement category.
Company: #####. Unit conversion from <sales unit> to <inventory unit> does not exist. Sales unit cannot be updated.	It refers to inserting a sales unit on new released products based on setup from procurement category.
Company: #####. URL 1 is missing. The provided document type is not a URL type.	It refers to creation of attachment with class 'Attach URL' for released products.
Company: #####. URL 2 is missing. The provided document type is not a URL type.	It refers to creation of attachment with class 'Attach URL' for released products.
Company: ###. URL 1 is missing. URL format is not supported. URL must start with http(s)://, ftp://, or point to a valid file.	It refers to creation of attachment with class 'Attach URL' for released products.
Company: ###. URL 2 is missing. URL format is not supported. URL must start with http(s)://, ftp://, or point to a valid file.	It refers to creation of attachment with class 'Attach URL' for released products.
Company: ###. Unit sequence group not found, cannot be updated on released product ###	It refers to that a corresponding "Unit sequence group ID" has not been found for the imported unit. The "Unit sequence group ID" has to be corrected manually on the new released products. See more details about "Unit sequence group ID" in chapter on setup on Procurement categories.

In case of any error while releasing products, D365 catches it and shows in the Event log form. It could happen that the process will stop due to an error.

**Note:** If you delete a Product, then it is also deleted from the vendor catalog approved products. Meaning you can then import the product again. This can be useful in cases where you have approved products with wrong data and need to fix.

## 7 D365 CUSTOM WEB-SERVICES

### 7.1 Web service for Azure logic app

A D365 custom web service has been developed in order to receive an XML-file from the Azure blob storage folder based on new parameters in the **File webservice group** on the **Vendor catalog import parameters** form (the parameters are described in the relevant chapters) and upload a file to a vendor catalog which is selected based on the PJMAVCORGANIZATIONNUMBER in XML-file, value in Organization number & Reference-field on the Vendor Catalog and marked to be used by web service.

When importing a vendor catalog through web service, the value in PJMAVCORGANIZATIONNUMBER in XML-file will be compared with the values in 'Organization number' and 'Reference' fields, where the '#' character is used as divider. Reference must be used if there are more than one active vendor catalog for same vendor account, this to find the correct vendor catalog for uploading the file.

For example:

- a file with PJMAVCORGANIZATIONNUMBER = NO980335224MVA will upload the catalog to a vendor catalog with 'Organization number': NO980335224MVA and Reference <blank>.
- a file with PJMAVCORGANIZATIONNUMBER = NO980335224MVA#123456 will upload the catalog to a vendor catalog with 'Organization number': NO980335224MVA and Reference 123456

If the workflows are disabled and the automated approval is enabled, then the process of approving products and releasing approved products run automatically as well. Automated approval is only run if "Automated approval" = Enabled and release of approved products is run only if 'Release approve products' = Yes.

With the usage of a web-service, an approve of products and a release of approved products always run in a multithreading mode. To use this option, it requires to set up a maximum batch threads on the standard Server configuration form.

This custom D365 web-service is utilized in the Azure logic app for sending files in Operation ('BU\_540\_PJMACVSendFileTOD365FO') which is part of the Azure samples.

If a vendor catalog is not found the custom web-service returns an error with the text 'An exception occurred when invoking the operation - No active vendor catalog for org. no. #####'.

The web service '/api/Services/PJMAVCServices/PJMAVCFileFetchService/receiveFileAsXML' is implemented as a REST interface with two input parameters and one output parameter:

- **Filename.** Input parameter. It is a file name of an XML-file. It uses for displaying a file name on the Catalog file history tab.
- **XMLStr.** Input parameter. It is an XML-file for sending in Operations.

- **Return.** Output parameter. It is a file name.

```
<OperationGetResponse xmlns:i="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns="http://schemas.datacontract.org/2004/07/Microsoft.Dynamics.Platform.Integration.Services.Xpp">
```

```
<Parameters>
```

```
<OperationGetResponse.Parameter>
```

```
<Name>xmlStr</Name>
```

```
<Type>String</Type>
```

```
</OperationGetResponse.Parameter>
```

```
<OperationGetResponse.Parameter>
```

```
<Name>filename</Name>
```

```
<Type>String</Type>
```

```
</OperationGetResponse.Parameter>
```

```
</Parameters>
```

```
<Return>
```

```
<Name>return</Name>
```

```
<Type>String</Type>
```

```
</Return>
```

```
</OperationGetResponse>
```

The screenshot displays the Dynamics 365 Finance and Operations interface for configuring a 'Custom web-service'. The 'Details' section includes fields for Vendor (Capable Sales and Service), Name (Custom web-service), Organization number (12345678), and a checkbox for 'Used by web service' (checked). The 'Catalog file history' table shows a file named '12345678\_Test\_Custom\_web\_service.xml' with a file size of 0.007934 MB, uploaded on 30.03.2018 at 14:06:45, with a status of 'Succeeded'. A Postman window is open on the right, showing a POST request to the Dynamics 365 API endpoint, with the response body containing XML data.

## 7.2 Web service log

### Procurement and sourcing > Periodic tasks > Vendor catalog webservice log

Log for webservice which will log if any fails in the import of files. This include if wrong parameters on Vendor catalog import parameters for Azure webservice, no active vendor catalog found for a file or organization number and reference missing on a catalog, or if organization number and reference is missing in the file and therefore no match on vendor catalog is found. Example screenshots below.

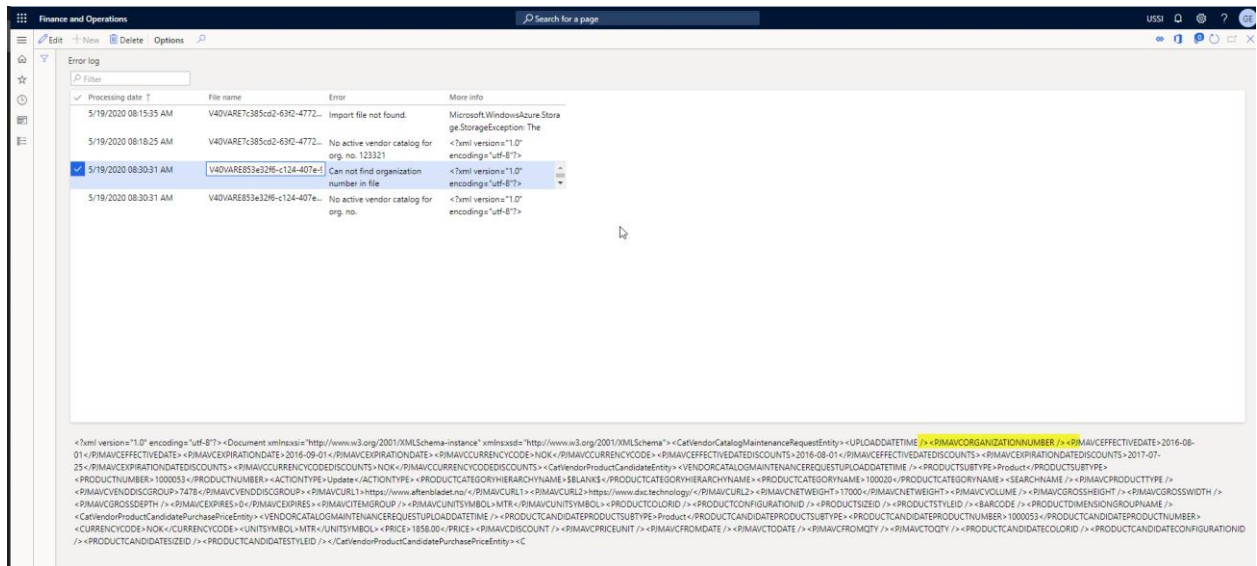
The screenshot displays the 'Error log' section of the 'Finance and Operations' application. The interface includes a search bar at the top right and a filter input field. The error log table contains the following data:

Processing date	File name	Error	More info
5/19/2020 08:15:35 AM	V40VARE7c385cd2-63f2-4772...	Import file not found.	Microsoft.WindowsAzure.St orage.StorageException:
5/19/2020 08:18:25 AM	V40VARE7c385cd2-63f2-4772...	No active vendor catalog for org. no. 123321	<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
5/19/2020 08:30:31 AM	V40VARE853e32f6-c124-407e...	Can not find organization number in file	<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
5/19/2020 08:30:31 AM	V40VARE853e32f6-c124-407e...	No active vendor catalog for org. no.	<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>

Below the table, a detailed error message is shown:

```
Microsoft.WindowsAzure.Storage.StorageException: The remote server returned an error: (404) Not Found. ---> System.Net.WebException: The remote server returned an error: (404) Not Found.
at System.Net.HttpWebRequest.GetResponse()
at Microsoft.WindowsAzure.Storage.Core.Executor.Executor.ExecuteSync[T](RESTCommand`1 cmd, IRetryPolicy policy, OperationContext operationContext)
--- End of inner exception stack trace ---
at Microsoft.WindowsAzure.Storage.Core.Executor.Executor.ExecuteSync[T](RESTCommand`1 cmd, IRetryPolicy policy, OperationContext operationContext)
at Microsoft.WindowsAzure.Storage.Blob.CloudBlockBlob.DownloadToStream(Stream target, AccessCondition accessCondition, BlobRequestOptions options, OperationContext operationContext)
at Dynamics.AX.Application.PJMAVCPProcessFilesEngine.ProcessBlob(Object[] _parms) in xppSource://Source/EG Advanced Vendor Catalog\AxClass\PJMAVCPProcessFilesEngine.xppline 46

Request Information
RequestID:eb928f18-b01e-010f-03b5-2d7345000000
RequestDate:Tue, 19 May 2020 08:15:34 GMT
StatusMessage:The specified container does not exist.
ErrorCode:ContainerNotFound
```





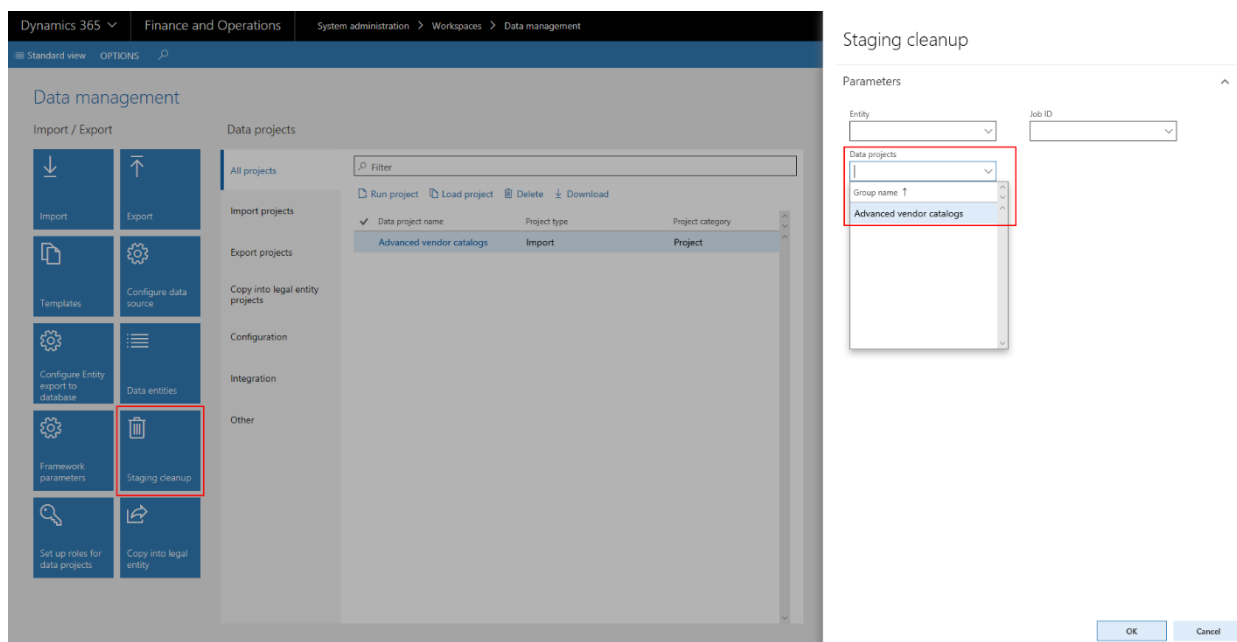
## 8 MAINTENANCE

To not store too much data after uploading a vendor catalog, approving, and releasing of approved products, follow these steps to clean up this data.

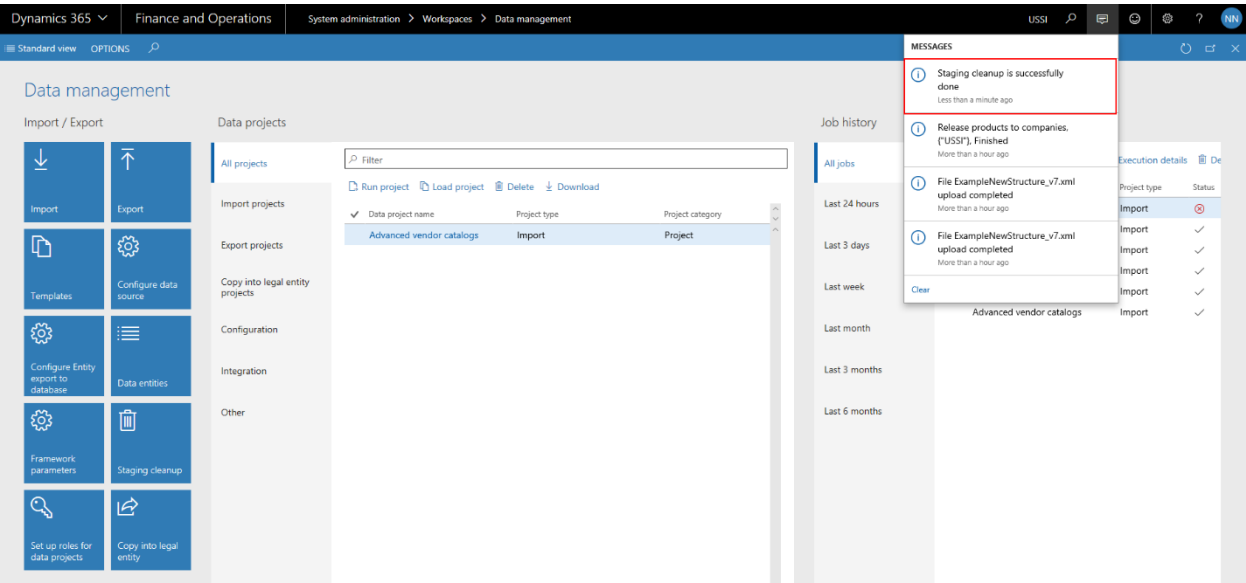
### 8.1 Clean up staging tables

This is the standard operation to clean up staging tables.

1. Go to **System administration > Workspaces > Data management**
2. Click the **Staging cleanup** title
3. You can select in one of the fields on the Staging cleanup dialog form how do you want to clean up data. For instance, in the **Data projects** drop-down, select the created import data project for advanced vendor catalogs.



4. Click **OK**
5. It performs in an asynchronous mode. So, wait until you get the pop-up message "Staging cleanup is successfully done." As a result, the staging tables are cleaned up.



## 8.2 Remove historical job runs

To remove historical job runs:

1. Go to **System administration > Workspaces > Data management**
2. Select desired records on the **Job history** section
3. Click **Delete**
4. Click **Yes**
5. It performs in a synchronous mode. So, wait until the process is finished. As a result, the staging tables related to selected jobs are cleaned up.

