

# Category Attribute Hierarchy

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# Category Attribute Hierarchy Summary

Description: Automatically add item terms to both Sourcing and Contract line items based on category and/or region. One can also automatically add Sourcing Event Questions based on category and/or region.

Items that are being sourced can have many attributes that describe the type of item. For example, if you wanted to get a price for a shirt you would want to know the size, color, designer, material, and various other types of information. These are called item terms (or characteristics). These item terms are generally fixed for a given type of product you are looking to buy. There could be hundreds, if not thousands, of these types of products, all with different item attributes. Creating a template for every type of item you have is not practical and the Category Attribute Hierarchy removes the need to do that by automatically adding item terms based on category and/or region.

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## Current Problem

Creating hundreds of templates for every item definition or hundreds of items in the item library is a poor way to manage item attributes or event questions which vary based on category and/or region.

## Solution

Users can now import a category attribute hierarchy. This category attribute hierarchy can be used to create item attribute combinations that distinguish specific goods or services when creating sourcing events or when generating contract workspaces. It can also be used to create questions which differ by category/region as well. A category attribute hierarchy is like a commodity code/category tree. It is a hierarchy of goods and/or services based on the way you purchase. It might be mapped to the SAP Ariba commodity code/category hierarchy, but it doesn't have to be. For example, the top-level categories might be Food, Furniture, and Fashion, and each of those categories might have additional categories. The system will automatically add the attributes or event questions for the given category to newly created items or items selected from your Article Master. The data can be loaded via XML or integrated to S4/HANA (Q2 2018)

## Benefits

Reduces the number of Sourcing and Contract templates one needs to manage. Improves the user experience because the system will automatically add content rather than having the user manually figure out which content to add. Aids in enforcing compliance by prompting users to include questions for their suppliers based on category.

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## Applicable to the Following:

- SAP Ariba Strategic Sourcing Suite

## Change Management for GA:

- This feature can be turned on by raising an SR to have the parameter enabled.

## Using this Feature:

### Enabling

- Contact Ariba for turning on the Feature for you through a Parameter.
  - the feature using the Category Attribute Hierarchy Sourcing parameter
- AND/OR Trading partner impacts and actions
  - NA

### Prerequisites

- Requires Licensing of Ariba Strategic Sourcing.

### Limitations

- Inbound integration only

### Importing and Exporting Data

- You can import via the user interface or via web service. This can also be integrated with SAP via the Merchandise Category Hierarchy once the adaptor has been built.

### Changes to Existing Functionality or User Interface

- There will be new field “Category” on the add item page which will appear below the existing Commodity field.

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