Feature at a Glance

Ability to Import and Use Regions in SAP Ariba Category Management
CAT - 4509

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Description

This feature enables:

- Category management administrators to import regions in SAP Ariba Category Management from a spreadsheet of the .xlsx format.

- Category managers to create region-specific strategy and plan documents and maintain region-specific goals and initiatives. Assigning geographical locations to strategy and plan documents enables category managers to apply the strategy and plan to purchases made in that specific region, country/region, or subdivision.

Customer benefit

This feature allows customers to create multiple strategies for a category based on the nuances that they observe while procuring items from different regions. Customers can:

- Configure a 3-level hierarchical region structure starting from a user-defined geographical region and drilling down to ISO country codes and ISO country subdivision codes.

- Develop and maintain tailored strategies for the different geographical slices as dictated by their procurement needs.

- Maintain regional aspects of their strategies in terms of regional goals and regional initiatives that allow them to manage categories either centrally or at other geographic granularities.

User

- Buyer

Enablement model

- Automatically on

Applicable solutions:

- SAP Ariba Category Management

Prerequisites, Restrictions, Cautions

Prerequisites
- You must have the **Category Management Administrator** role collection assigned to import regions from a spreadsheet.
- You must have the **Category Manager** role collection assigned to you to add regions to strategy and plan documents and goals.
- You must have the **Category Manager** role collection assigned or must be the assignee of the initiative to add regions to initiatives.
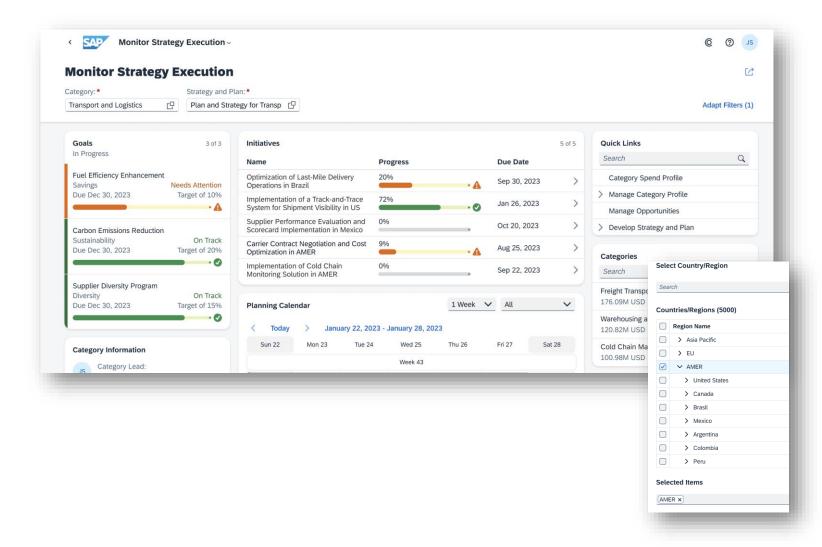
Restrictions
- You cannot create strategy and plan documents for a category with the same name and regions. As soon as you activate a new strategy and plan for a category with the name and regions similar to an existing strategy and plan, the existing one is moved to the **Completed** status.

Feature Details

With this feature Category Managers have the flexibility to differentiate category strategies by geography to reflect corporate requirements and market needs:

- Defining regions with associated countries and country subdivisions for category management.
- Creating region-specific plans for categories.
- Maintaining region-specific goals and initiatives in category plans.

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