

Feature at a Glance

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

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Ability to Import and Use Regions in SAP Ariba Category Management

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 regionspecific 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

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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

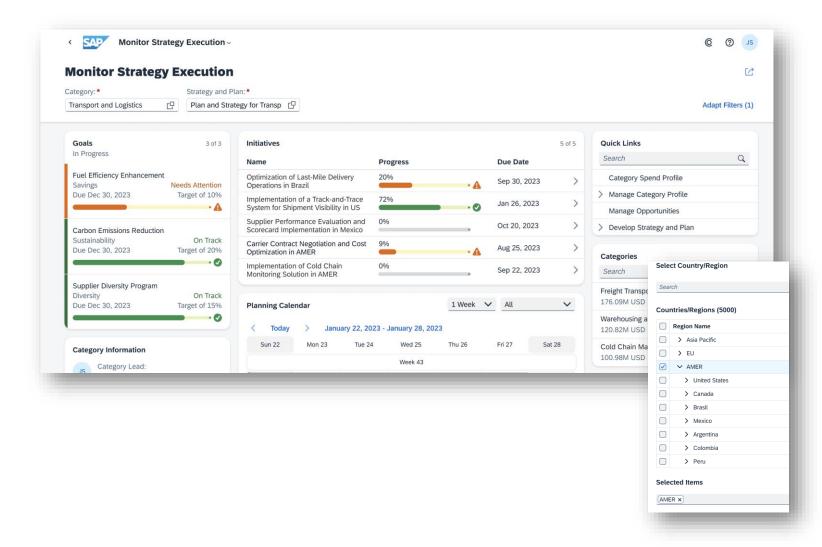
You cannot create strategy and plan documents for a category with the same name and regions. As soon as you activate a new strategy and plan for a category with the name and regions similar to an existing strategy and plan, the existing one is moved to the **Completed** status.

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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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