

# Deploy Category Data



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This is part of the CV ecommerce multisite content management feature. Learn more: [multisite content management](#)

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## Overview

You can only deploy category re-structure and changes to a top level category down if its category code already pre-exists on the target site.

Category Code	Description	Parent
SK0701	Kitchen	SK07

**Use case:** CV Franchise HQ has added new product sub-categories to a pre-existing top level category. They want their changes to be distributed to all franchisee sites. Franchisee sites will be able to alter the deployed category details should they want to localise to suit.

## Quick Guide

**Source site feature setting:** Deploy Content enabled.

**Target site feature setting:** none

**Lockable content type:** no. Deployed category details can be edited and deleted on target sites.

**Deployable content type:** yes.

**What can be deployed?\*** all or part of a category's structure that can be edited online, including subcategories and its products (not product details), SEO URL, meta-data, banner, custom fields. ERP-integrated data cannot be deployed.

\*Also dependent on Category Maintenance Mode on source and target sites. See below.

**Deployment notes:** To deploy all deployable data types, Online Category Maintenance mode must be set on both source and target sites. Top level (parent) category code must pre-exist on a target site. Products with product codes not on a target site will not be deployed.

**Other checks:** a product must already exist on target site or else, will not be added as a category product in the deployment.

## Category Data

### Category Maintenance Mode



### Check Category Maintenance mode

source site: online mode / target site: online mode

- deploy category data from a single or multiple categories in one go
- can deploy all deployable data

source site: Integrated mode / target site: Integrated mode

- deploy a single category's data at a time; cannot deploy multiple categories
- cannot deploy category hierarchy (tree structure) data

Source site: online mode / target site: Integrated mode

- deployment will fail. The Content Deployment Log will display this error message:

Errors and warning messages for this site deployment.	
Content Items	Message(s)
Small House Appliances (SX07)	The Category Maintenance mode is not the same on the source and deployment sites.
<div> <span>1</span> </div>	



A top-level category must already exist on the destination site, otherwise category content deployment will fail. New top level categories (Category Codes) cannot be deployed.

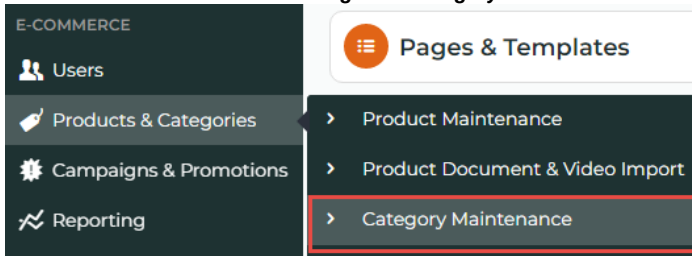
Only online maintained category data types can be deployed. You can select to deploy one or more category data types:

- category image, deletion of category image
- category banner, including image
- category tree structure (excluding products)
- category product hierarchy
- category products
- category details
- category SEO details
- category custom fields

## Deploy Category Data

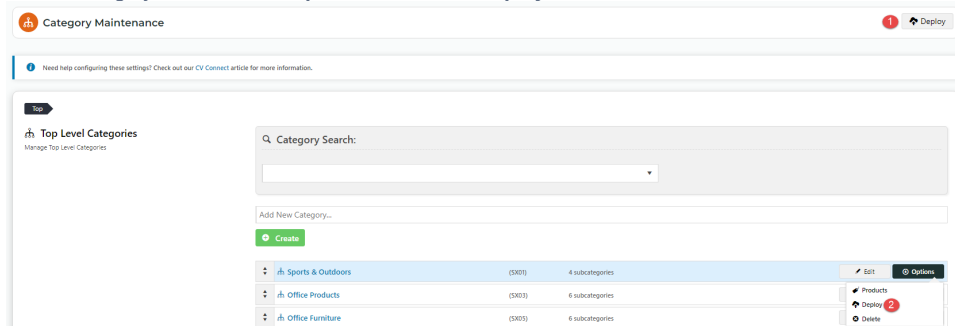
To deploy category data:

1. Go to **Ecommerce Products & Categories Category Maintenance**.

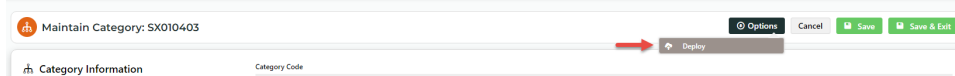


2. Deploy a single category or multiple categories? **NOTE** - The multiple category option is only available when a source site is in Online Mode.

- a. **Online mode: Multiple categories** - on the top right of the page, select **Deploy** the button. **Single category** - find the category, hover over its **Options**, then select **Deploy**.



- b. **Integrated mode: Single category only** - find the category, then click **Edit** next to it. In the **Maintain Category** page, hover over the **Options** button, then select **Deploy**.



3. In the **Deploy** popup, toggle to select the data type(s) to deploy. If the source site is in **Integrated Maintenance mode**, category hierarchy data cannot be selected.

Select Data Types to Deploy

Data Type	Select All
Category Banner	<input type="checkbox"/>
Category Hierarchy Excluding Products	<input type="checkbox"/> Online Category Maintenance Usage Required

4. Toggle to select each category.

Deploy

1
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3
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Select Items
Select Sites
Summary
Results

Select Data Types to Deploy

1
Data Type

Category Banner
Category Hierarchy Excluding Products
Category Hierarchy Products
Category Information & SEO Fields
Custom Fields

Select All

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Select Items to Deploy

2
Item

Sports & Outdoors
Office Products
Office Furniture

Select All

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5. Click **Next**.

6. Toggle to select one or more target sites.

Deploy

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Select Items

Select Sites

Summary

Results

Select Sites to Deploy to

Search for Sites

Hit Enter, or start typing a site name

Search

Sites

Site Name

Linked Site A

Select All

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7. Click **Next**.

8. Check the data and site selections are correct, then click **Deploy**.

Deploy

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Select Items

Select Sites

Summary

Results

Data Types to be deployed

Data Type

Category Banner

Items to be deployed

Item

Sports & Outdoors

To the following sites

Site Name

Linked Site A

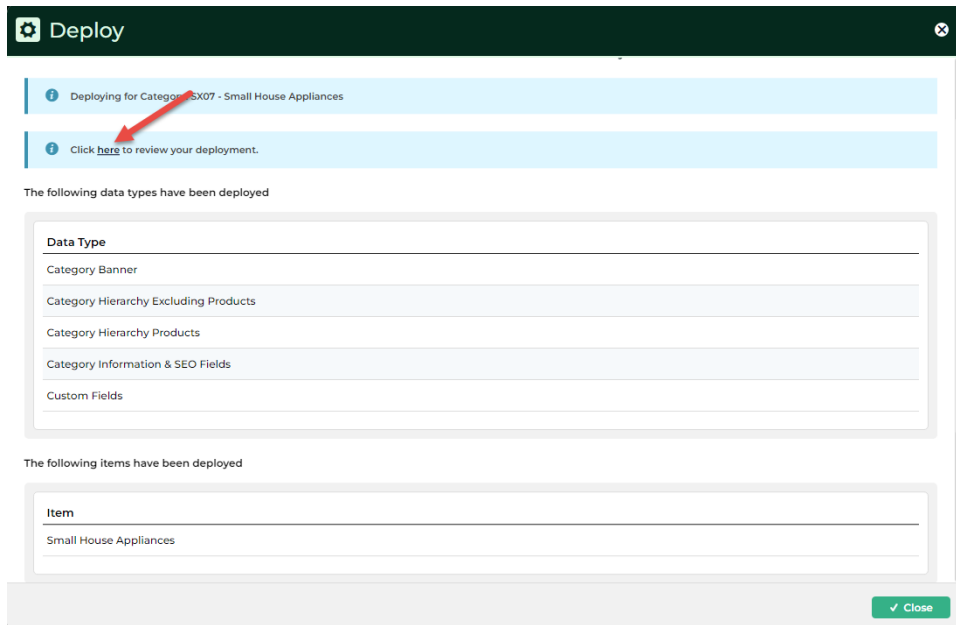
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Please review the details above before deploying.

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9. In the final step, click the link to check deployment results,



- For deployment to more than one site, scroll down to check deployment for each target site. Click **More Information** to view error messages logged for the specific target site deployment.

Target Site Log			
Result for each target site, with link to error or alert messages found.	2023-02-22 02:26:51 PM - Franchisee Site A (00:00:02)	✓ Successful	More Information
	2023-02-22 02:26:49 PM - Franchisee Site B (00:00:01)	✗ Failed	More Information

## Troubleshooting Category Deployment

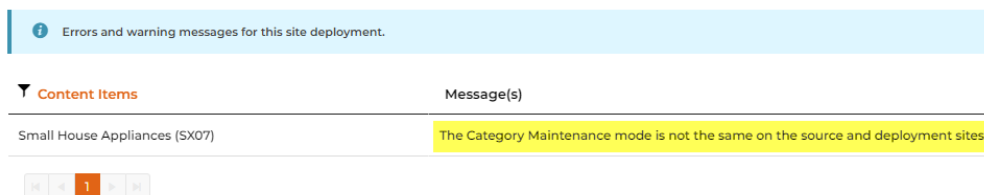
### Category Not Displaying a Product

A deployment will only add a product to a deployed category if the product code exists on the target site. If the code is not found, this particular product is omitted. The deployment will still be flagged as successful.

**Solution:** Before deployment, check that products and their codes are available on a target site.

### Category Maintenance Mode Not the Same

Category Maintenance mode on target site has been set to Integrated mode and cannot receive the data from the source site. **Solution:** change mode on target site to Online mode. If this cannot be done, Category Deployment cannot be used.



## Enable Deploy Category (Admin)

- In the CMS, go to **Settings Settings Feature Management Content Deploy Content**.

2. Ensure **Deploy Content** is enabled, then click **Configure**.

The screenshot shows the 'Feature Management' interface. At the top, there's a search bar with 'Dep' entered. Below it, a table lists features. The 'Deploy Content' feature is highlighted, showing it is 'Available in CMS' (indicated by a green toggle switch) and has a 'Configure' button next to it.

Feature	Available in CMS	Options
Deploy Content Configure create sites and content deployment options	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Configure</a>

3. In **Deployment**, toggle **ON** deploy for **Category Maintenance**.

The screenshot shows the 'Deploy Content Feature Settings' interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'Cancel', 'Save', and 'Save & Exit'. Below a warning message, there's a 'Deployment' section with a table of deployment types. The 'Category Maintenance' row is highlighted with a red border, and its 'Enable' toggle switch is turned on.

Deployment type	Enable	Deploy
Article Locks	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Banner Locks	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Campaign Locks	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Category Maintenance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

4. Click **Save** or **Save & Exit**.

## Related Resources

- [Deploy Content](#)
- [Deploy Content \(Admin\)](#)
- [View Content Deployment Log](#)
- [CMS Category Maintenance](#)
- [CMS Category Maintenance Settings](#)