

Deploy Category Data



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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
SX0701	Kitchen	SX07

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

i 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:



i 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.

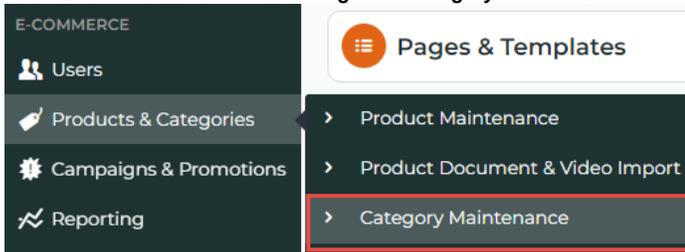
Only online maintained category data types can be deployed. You can select to deploy one or more category data types:

- 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

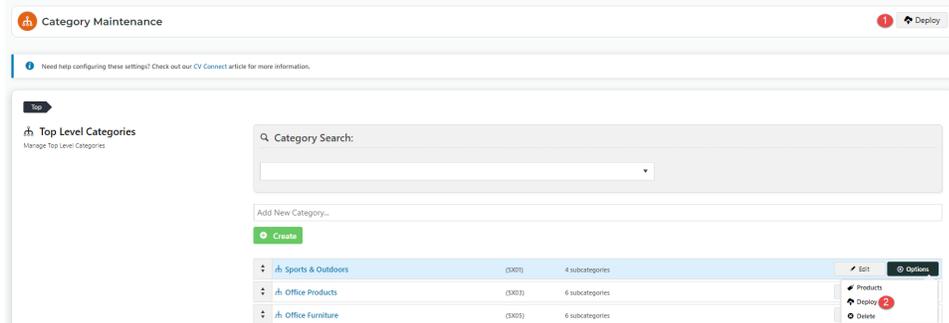
To deploy category data:

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

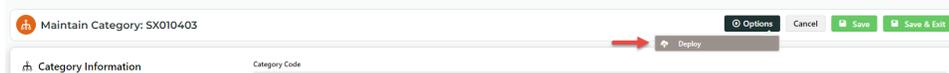


2. Deploy a single category or multiple categories? **NOTE** - The multiple category option is only available when a source site is in Online Mode.

- 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**.

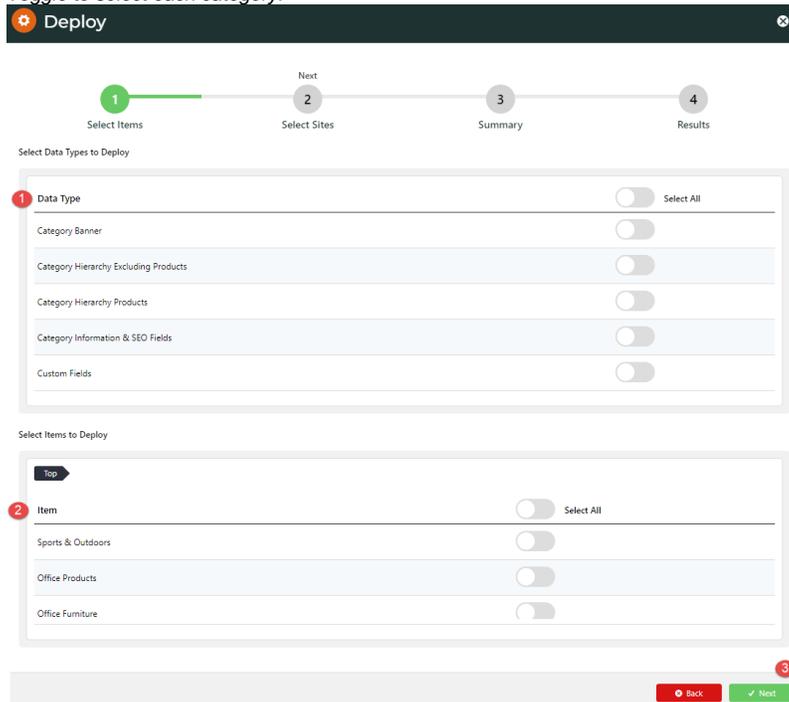


3. In the **Deploy** popup, toggle to select the data type(s) to deploy. If the source site is in **Integrated Maintenance mode**, category **hierarchy data** cannot be selected.

Select Data Types to Deploy



4. **Toggle to select each category.**



5. Click **Next**.

6. Toggle to select one or more target sites.

The screenshot shows the 'Deploy' wizard at step 2, 'Select Sites'. At the top, a progress bar shows four steps: 1. Select Items (checked), 2. Select Sites (current step), 3. Summary (Next), and 4. Results. Below the progress bar, the text 'Select Sites to Deploy to' is followed by a search bar with the placeholder 'Hit Enter, or start typing a site name' and a 'Search' button. Underneath is a table with the following content:

Site Name	Select All
Linked Site A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

At the bottom right of the table area, it says '1 - 1 of 1 Items'. At the bottom of the wizard, there are 'Back' and 'Next' buttons. A red circle with the number '5' is positioned above the 'Next' button.

7. Click **Next**.

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

The screenshot shows the 'Deploy' wizard at step 3, 'Summary'. The progress bar now shows steps 1, 2, and 3 as completed, with step 4, 'Results', as the 'Next' step. The main content area is divided into three sections:

- Data Types to be deployed:** A list containing 'Category Banner'.
- Items to be deployed:** A list containing 'Sports & Outdoors'.
- To the following sites:** A table with the same content as in step 2:

Site Name	Select All
Linked Site A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Below the table, it says '1 - 1 of 1 Items'. At the bottom of the wizard, there are 'Back' and 'Deploy' buttons. A red circle with the number '6' is positioned above the 'Deploy' button.

Please review the details above before deploying.

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

10. 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	Time	Site	Status	Action
Result for each target site, with link to error or alert messages found.	2023-02-22 02:26:51 PM	Franchisee Site A	Successful	More Information
	2023-02-22 02:26:49 PM	Franchisee Site B	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.

Content Items	Message(s)
Small House Appliances (SX07)	The Category Maintenance mode is not the same on the source and deployment sites.

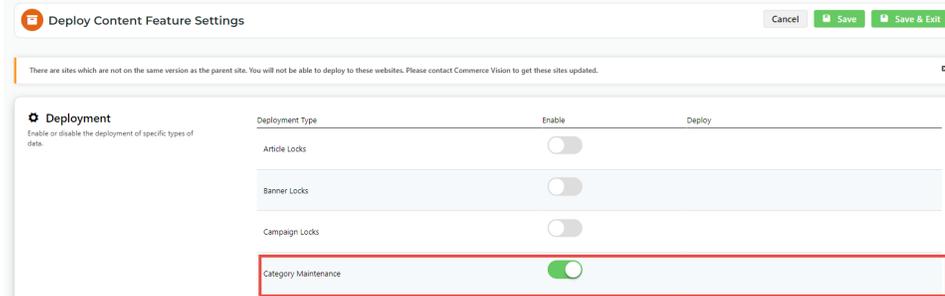
Enable Deploy Category (Admin)

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

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



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



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

Related Resources

- [Deploy Content](#)
- [Deploy Content \(Admin\)](#)
- [View Content Deployment Log](#)

- [CMS Category Maintenance](#)
- [CMS Category Maintenance Settings](#)