SAP EWM BATCH PROCESSING

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Process overview

Overview

A batch describes a quantity or partial quantity of a certain material or product that has been produced according to the same recipe, and represents one homogenous, non-reproducible unit with unique specifications.

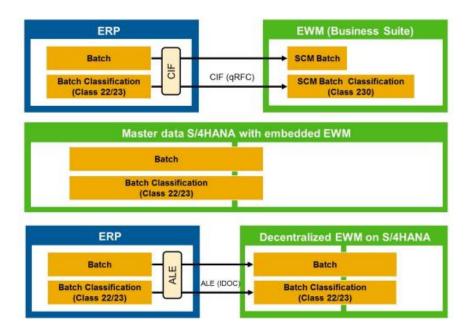
Practically batch can be created either via production order if you are a manufacturer or batches are received via vendor and created in system during inbound process.

Batches are managed centrally as master data in an SAP ERP system. The SAP ERP system distributes batches to all connected SAP EWM systems through the Core Interface (CIF) or through an IDoc, depending on the SAP EWM release. You can also create and partially change batches in the SAP EWM system. Batch characteristics describe the technical, physical, and/or chemical properties of a batch, and are stored in the classification system.



Batches in EWM

Batch master data is also available in the SAP EWM system, but looks different depending on the SAP EWM system. In an SAP S/4HANA based decentral EWM system you have the same transactions as in an ERP system. It depends on the SAP S/4HANA release if you can only display, or if you can also create and change batches with the standard transactions.



Batches in Inbound Processes

When you receive material that is batch relevant, a batch must be created before the goods receipt can be posted (as the batch is part of the stock information). The batch creation can happen at various times. The batch can be created before you create the inbound delivery in ERP and directly entered in that inbound delivery. You can also create a batch in ERP during the creation of the ERP inbound delivery (customizing must be set up accordingly).

The batch can also be created in SAP EWM. In that case, it is automatically created in the background in ERP using a remote function call.

Batches in Outbound Processes

You can assign batches to be sold or picked manually at certain points, but it can be done automatically using batch determination, which uses condition technique. This enables you to define your own search strategies by choosing the relevant key fields from the business transaction to search for batches. For example, you choose the combination of customer and material and then specify the criteria for batch selection.

Batch Determination in Sales Orders

The batch can be determined automatically in the sales order. This batch is then copied into the ERP outbound delivery and the SAP EWM outbound delivery order and picking is limited to quants that are part of this batch. However, in a sales order, batch splits are not possible. This means that the system assigns one batch only. If this batch does not have the required quantity, the rest of the sales order is never fulfilled.

Batch Determination in Deliveries

During a batch determination in a delivery, the system always creates a batch split. The system can select as many batches as are required to fulfill the requested quantity, as long as the batch determination criteria are fulfilled. In the

case where not enough stock is available in the right batches, the sales order is still open and can be fulfilled later when new batches with the required criteria are available.

Batch Determination with SAP EWM

From a warehouse point-of-view, a batch assigned in the ERP outbound delivery may not be the best choice, because the sort criteria for the batch determination do not reflect any picking strategies. SAP EWM does not have batch determination functionality. However, the interface can be set up so that ERP batch determination in the outbound delivery is only being used to determine the batch determination criteria that needs to be fulfilled, without assigning a batch. These criteria are then passed on to SAP EWM and used to determine the best quant from a warehouse picking strategy, while fulfilling the batch determination requirement.

Use cases

Batch management is critical for industries that require **traceability, expiration control, and quality assurance**. Below are real-world scenarios of how SAP EWM manages batches in different industries.

1. Pharmaceutical Industry (Batch Tracking & Compliance)

Scenario:

A pharmaceutical company manufactures **COVID-19 vaccines** that require strict **batch traceability and expiration control**.

SAP EWM Solution:

- Batch Creation: Each vaccine batch is assigned a unique batch number during production.
- Storage & Tracking:
 - Temperature-sensitive batches are stored in climate-controlled bins.
 - SAP EWM integrates with SAP ATTP (Advanced Track & Trace for Pharmaceuticals) to ensure compliance with serialization laws.
- Batch Determination for Picking (FEFO Strategy):
 - Hospitals place orders for vaccines.
 - SAP EWM applies First-Expiry-First-Out (FEFO) to ship batches closest to expiry first.
- Recall Management:
 - o If a batch is found to be defective, SAP EWM enables **full batch traceability**, identifying which hospitals received the affected batch.

Outcome:

- ✓ Ensures regulatory compliance and prevents expired vaccines from being shipped.
- Reduces risks by enabling fast and accurate batch recalls.

2. Food & Beverage Industry (FEFO-Based Picking)

Scenario:

A dairy company produces **milk cartons** with a shelf life of 10 days. The company must ensure older batches are shipped first.

SAP EWM Solution:

- Batch Creation: Each milk batch is assigned a batch number linked to its production date and expiry date.
- Storage Strategy:
 - The warehouse is divided into cold storage zones.
 - Milk is stored in pallets with batch numbers.
- Picking Strategy (FEFO):
 - SAP EWM applies FEFO to ensure that milk with the earliest expiration date is picked first.
- Quality Control:
 - If a quality check detects spoiled milk in a batch, SAP EWM blocks it from being picked and updates inventory status.

Outcome:

- Reduces waste by ensuring that products are sold before expiry.
- Ensures fresh products are shipped to customers.

3. Automotive Industry (Batch Tracking for Safety Recalls)

Scenario:

A car manufacturer produces **brake pads** in batches. A defect is later discovered in a specific batch, and the company needs to recall affected vehicles.

SAP EWM Solution:

- Batch Number Assignment:
 - o Each batch of brake pads receives a unique batch number at the supplier.
 - The batch number is tracked through the supply chain.
- Batch Traceability:
 - o SAP EWM logs which factories, dealerships, and customers received each batch.

• Defective Batch Recall:

- If a defective batch is identified, SAP EWM allows the manufacturer to trace which vehicles were built with those parts.
- o A **recall notification** is sent to affected dealerships and customers.

Outcome:

- Enables fast and precise recalls, reducing safety risks.
- Avoids unnecessary recalls by isolating affected batches only.

4. Chemical Industry (Batch Status & Quality Control)

Scenario:

A chemical manufacturer produces industrial paint, and each batch must pass quality control before distribution.

SAP EWM Solution:

- Batch Status Management:
 - When a batch is produced, SAP EWM assigns it an initial "Blocked" status.
 - The batch is sent to SAP QM (Quality Management) for testing.
- Quality Check Integration:
 - o If the batch passes, SAP QM updates the status to "Unrestricted Use", allowing it to be shipped.
 - o If it fails, the batch remains blocked and is moved to a quarantine storage bin.
- Batch-Specific Picking:
 - Only batches marked as "Unrestricted" are considered for outbound delivery.

Outcome:

- Ensures only high-quality products are shipped.
- Prevents the risk of delivering defective chemicals.

5. Retail Industry (Batch-Based Promotions & Expiry Management)

Scenario:

A cosmetics company sells limited-edition lipsticks with a batch-based promotion.

SAP EWM Solution:

Batch Identification for Promotions:

- The company assigns a batch code to the limited-edition stock.
- o SAP EWM links promotional discounts to that batch.

• Batch-Specific Picking:

Only batches with the promotion tag are picked for online orders.

• Expiry Management:

Unsold stock nearing expiry is flagged, and SAP EWM initiates clearance sales.

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Outcome:

- Helps track **promotional inventory** separately.
- Prevents expired products from being sold to customers.

Conclusion

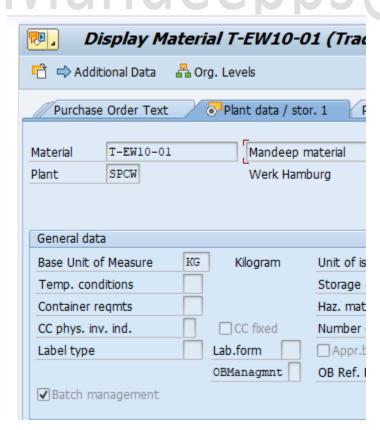
SAP EWM batch management is crucial in industries that require:

- ✓ **Traceability** (e.g., pharmaceuticals, automotive)
- ✓ Quality control (e.g., chemicals, food & beverage)
- ✓ FIFO/FEFO stock rotation (e.g., dairy, cosmetics)
- √ Regulatory compliance (e.g., pharma, food safety)

End user steps:

Master Data

Material must be batch managed in plant/store location level in mm03

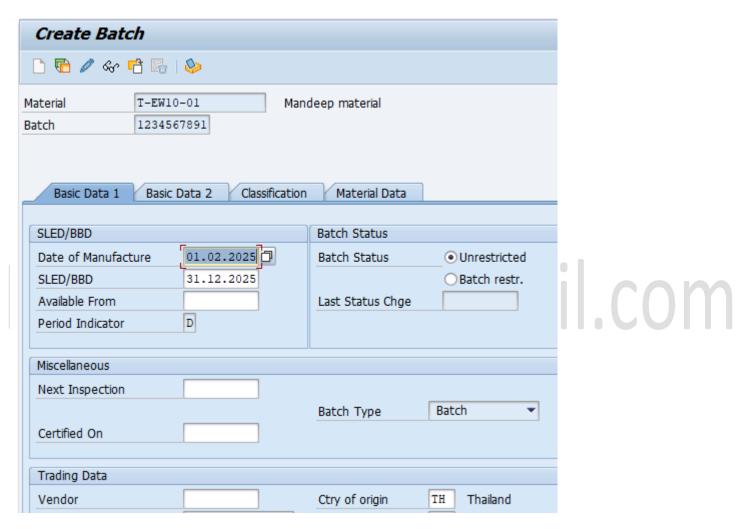


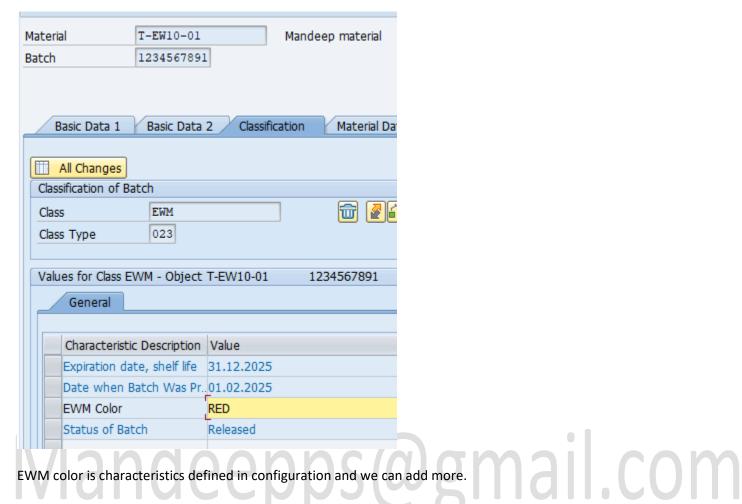
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Create Batch

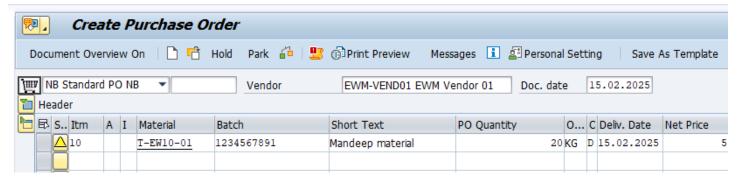
Created batch: 1234567891 in SAP ERP in tcode: MSC1N

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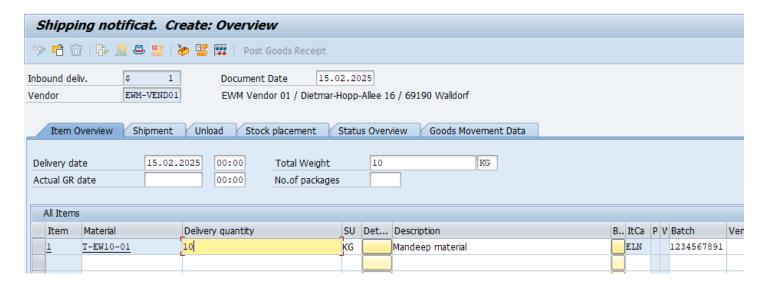


Created PO



PO number: 4500017231

Create inbound Delivery



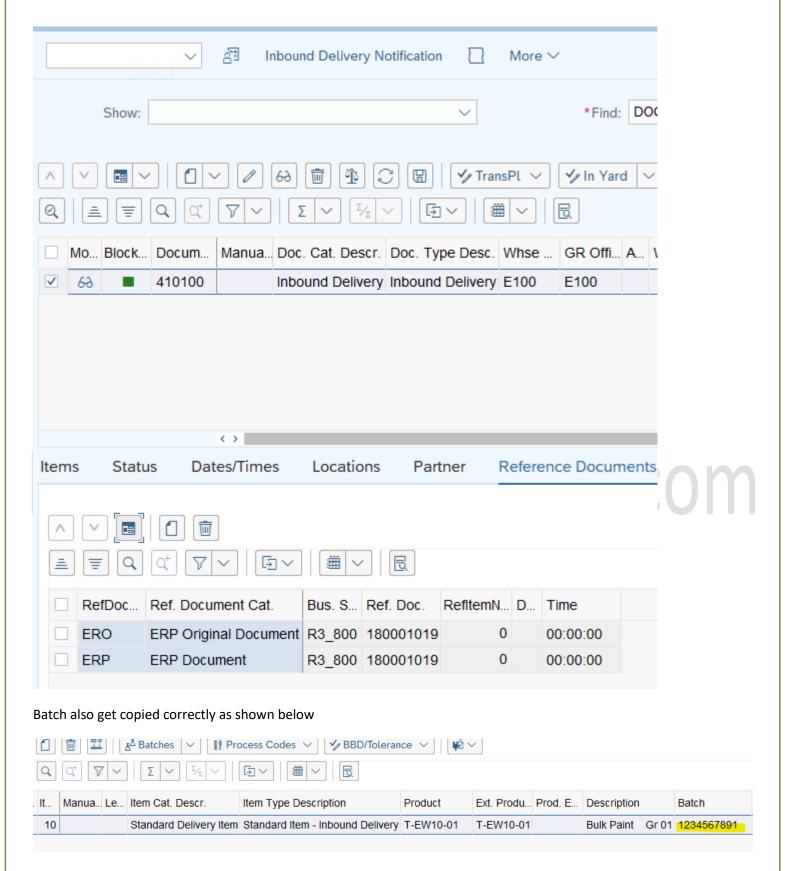
Inbound delivery: 180001019

Shipping notificat. 180001019 was saved and distributed to the WMS

Create warehouse task

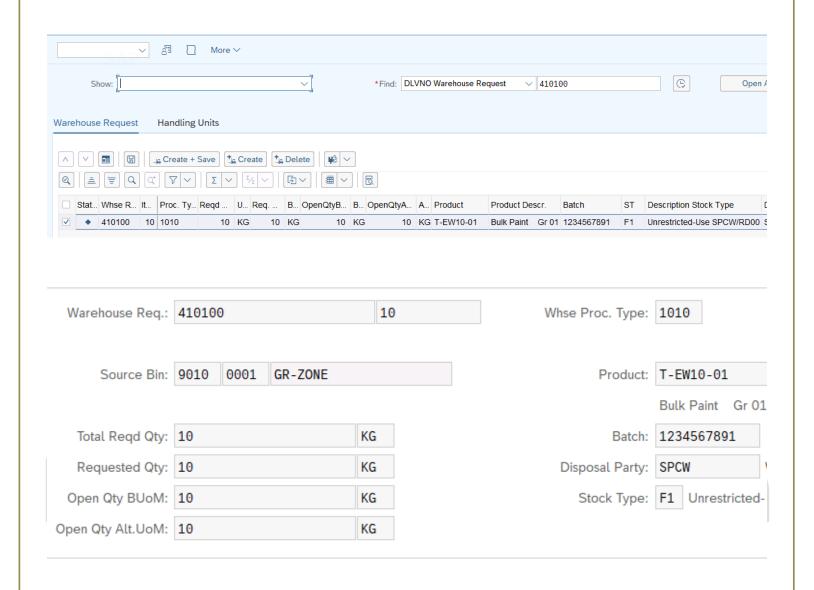
Tcode: /N/SCWM/MON or /n/scwm/prdi (inbound delivery)

Based on Inbound delivery in ERP, inbound delivery: 410100 is created in SAP EWM

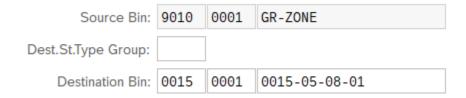


Batch: 1234567891 is internal number range in SAP ERP but in sap ewm – it is defined as external number range.

With follow-on fuction warehouse task is created

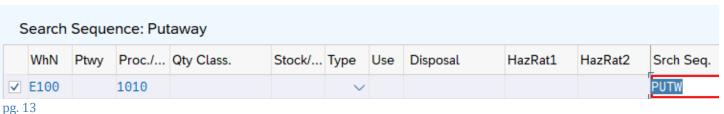


Process type determined is 1010 and source bin: GR-ZONE is GR staging area in storage type: 9010



Destination bin is 0015-05-08-01 is getting determined based on putaway strategies

Based on process type: 1010, search sequence: PUTW is determined.



And based on PUTW – we determine storage type: 0015 as it is first in sequence

Storage Type Search S View: /SCWM/V T334QS Client: 800 Datum: 15.02.2025 Seq. ... S. Seq Ty. **PUTW** 0015 E100 E100 **PUTW** 2 0020 E100 3 0010 **PUTW** E100 PUTW 4 0080

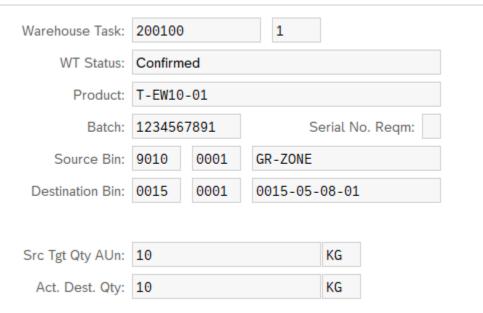
Mmbe stock in SAP ERP before put away.



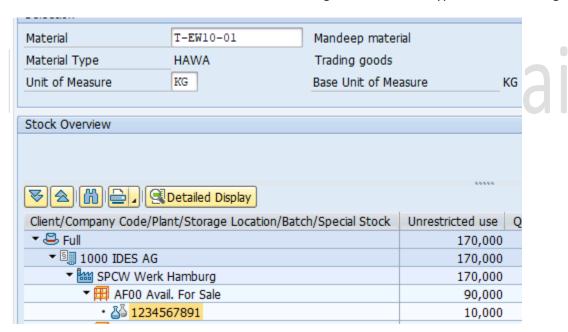
Warehouse Task confirmation

After put away confirmation of 10 KG, MMBE

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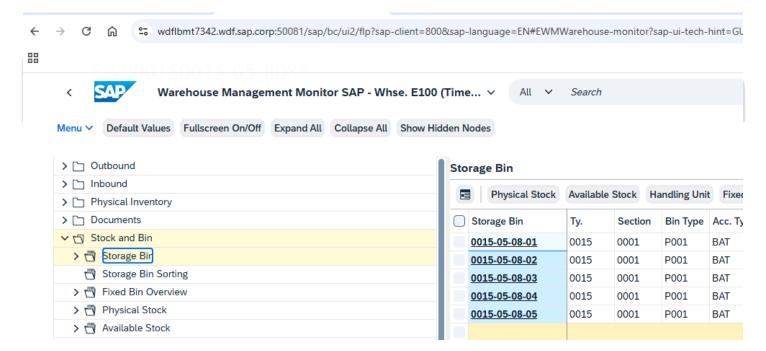


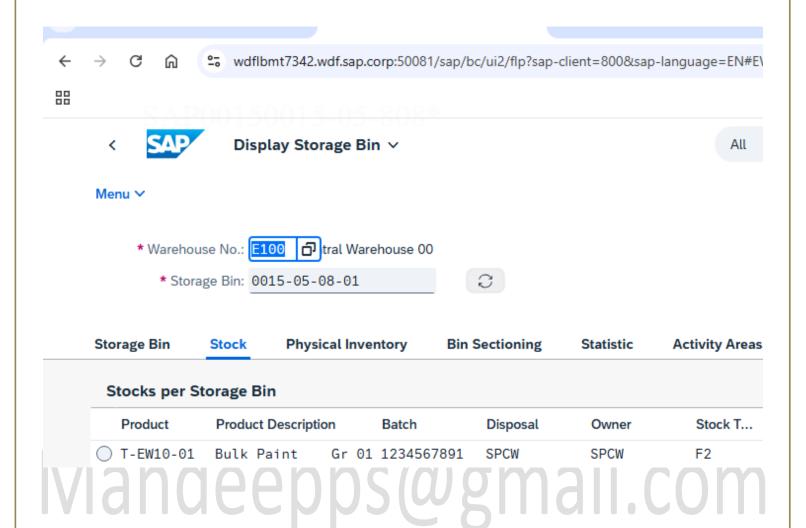
Mmbe in ERP: stock moved to AF00 from RD00 storage location. Stock type in EWM is changed to F2.





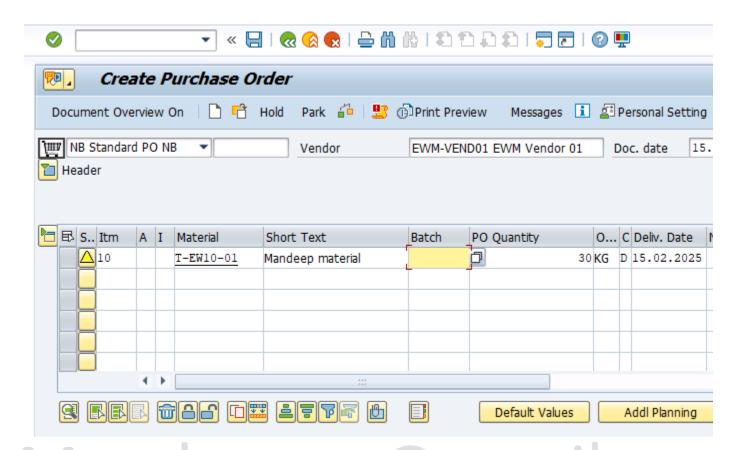
In warehouse monitor, we can see stock





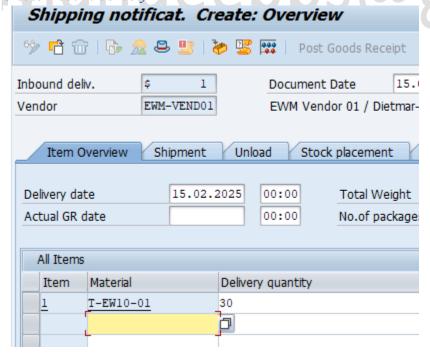
Inbound Process- batch created in EWM *Created PO*

Batch is blank:



Po: **4500017232**

Create inbound delivery

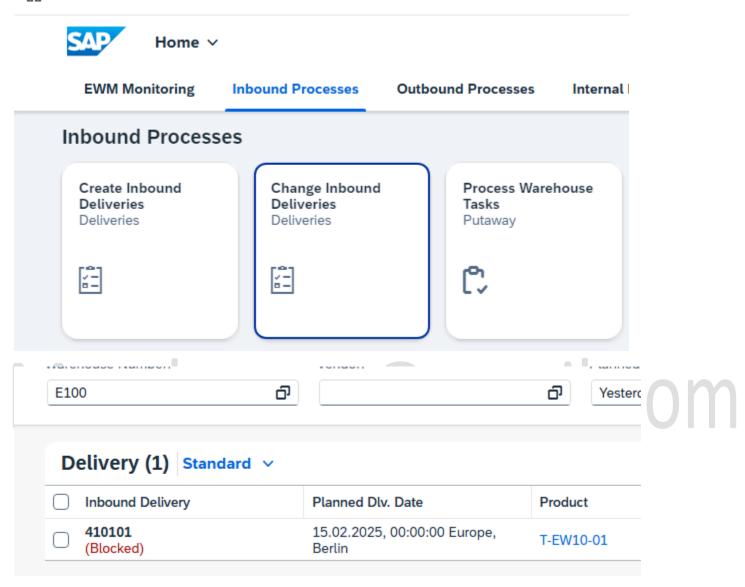


lacksquare Shipping notificat. 180001020 was saved and distributed to the WMS

Create Batch in SAP EWM

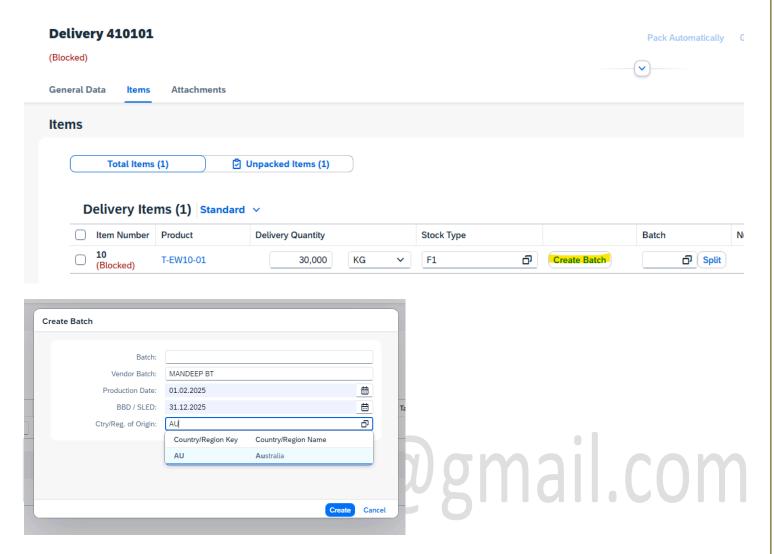
Click on change inbound delivery in Fiori app

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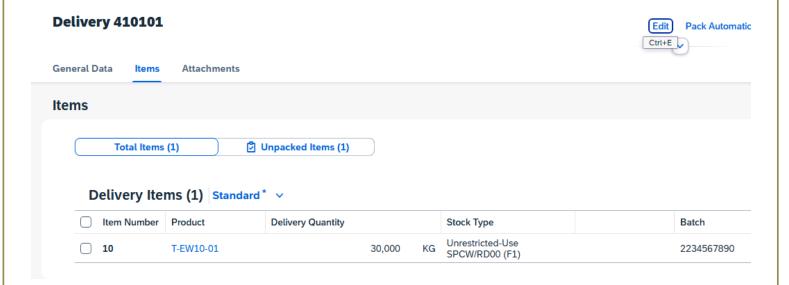


Inbound delivery: 410101 is created but it is blocked. Why.

Because material is batch managed and it doesn't have batch information. So this time, we'll put batch information in SAP ewm inbound delivery.

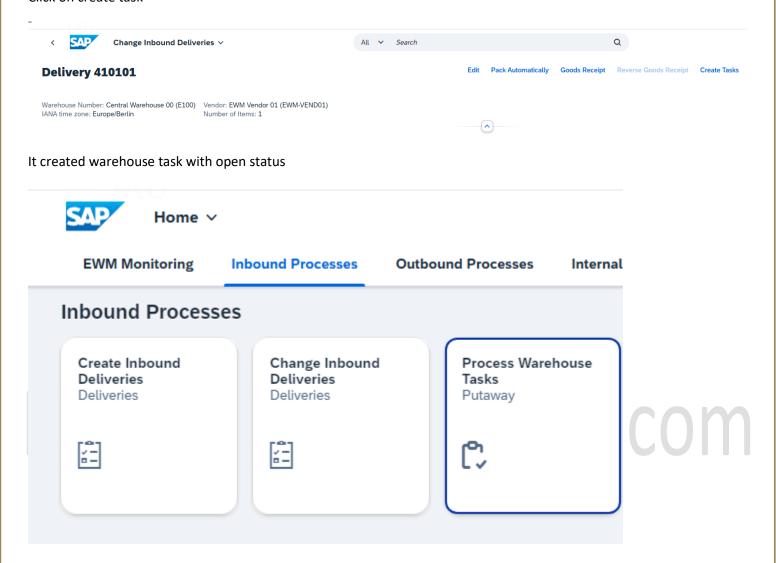


Batch: 2234567890 created as shown below and delivery has become unblocked.



Create warehouse task

Click on create task





Process Warehouse Tasks - Putaway >

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Warehouse Task Warehouse Task	Sks (1) Warehouse Task Status	Source Bin



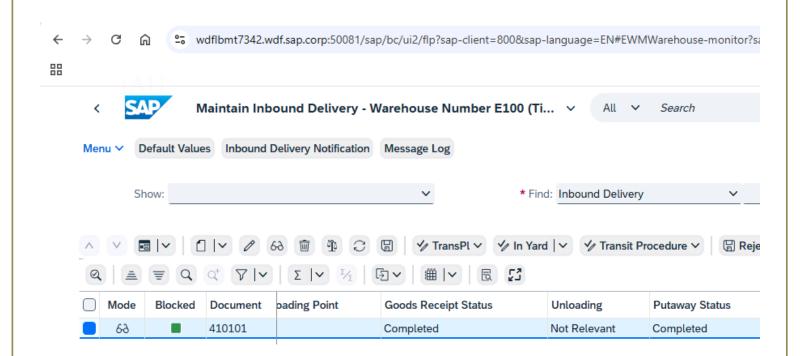
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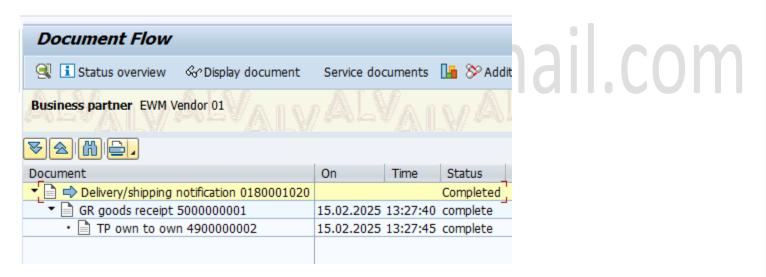
Storage bin determined is 0015-05-09-01

Warehouse task confirmation

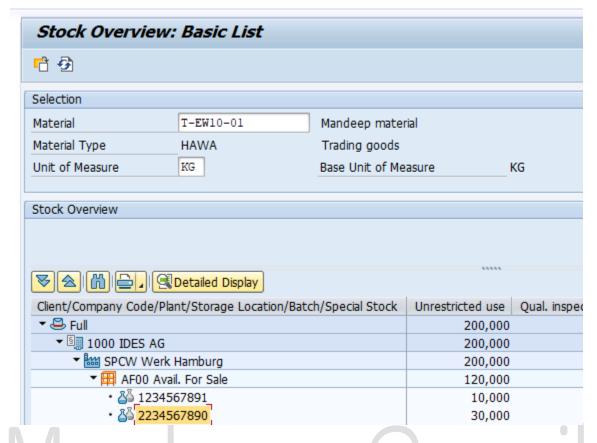
Warehouse task confirmation is complete after moving stock to storage bin.



And GR gets posted to SAP ERP

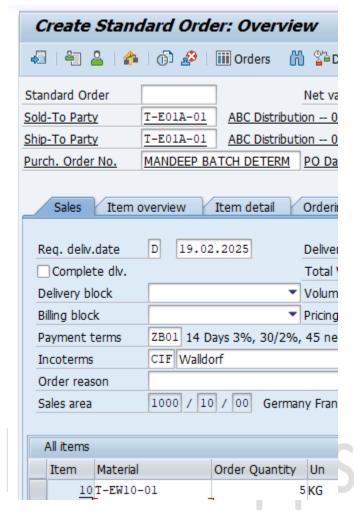


MMBE. Now batch created in sap ewm is showing up in SAP S/4 system.



Outbound Process-Batch determined in S/4 hana

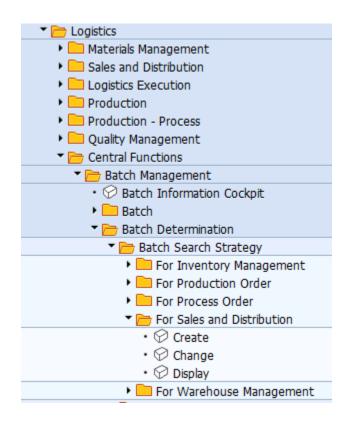
Create Sales order



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Sales order: 15065 created.

Batch determination strategy:



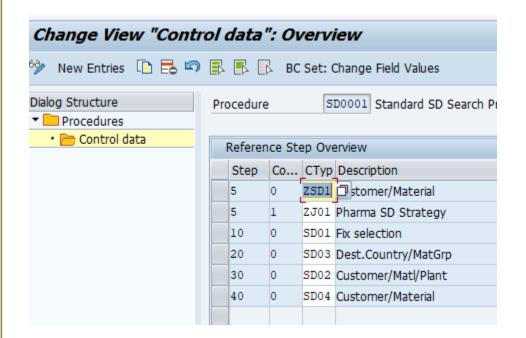
Tcode: VCH1



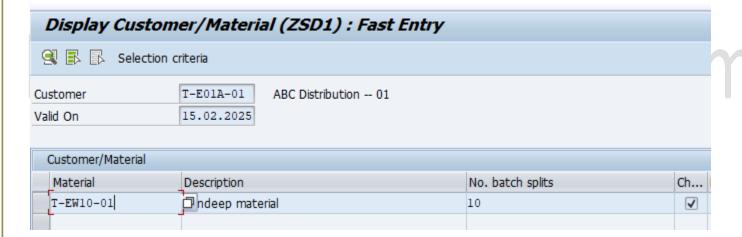
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STRATEGY type: ZSD1

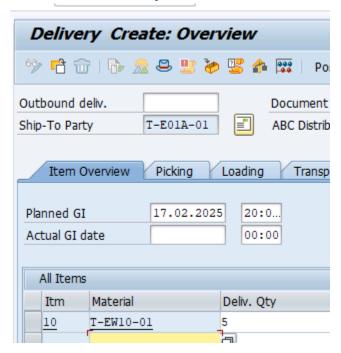
Batch search procedure:SD0001



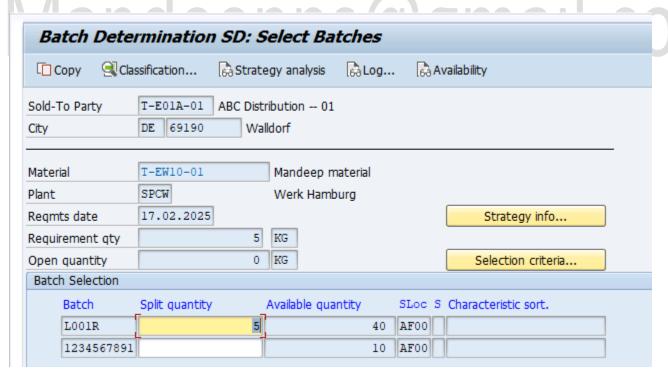
Condition records saved:



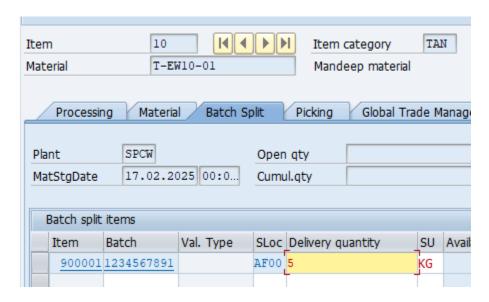
Create outbound delivery



Batch determination found batches:



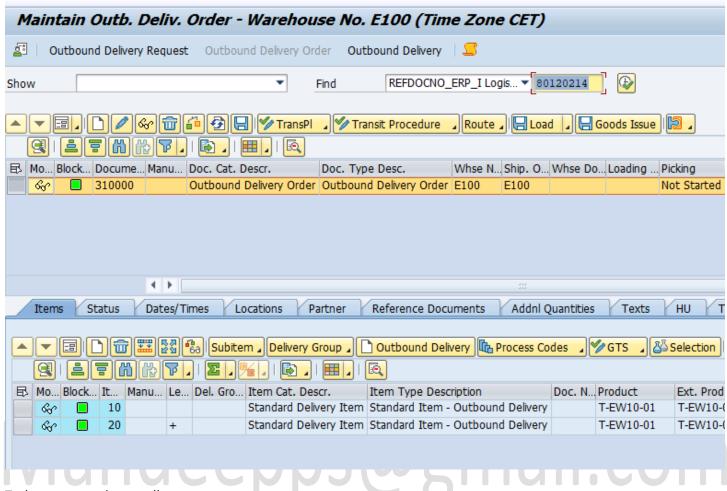
Batch copied



Delivery: 80120214 created.

Create warehouse task

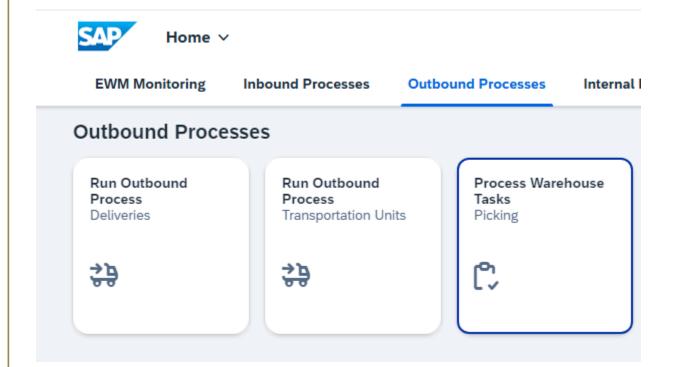
Tcode: /scwm/prdo or monitor



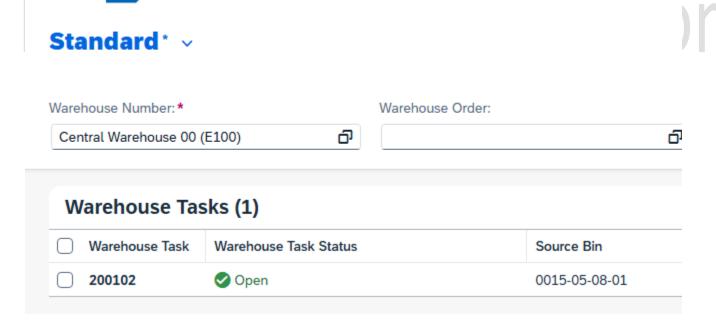
Task gets created manually:

Warehouse task confirmation.

Open task: 200102 via Fiori app



Process Warehouse Tasks - Picking V

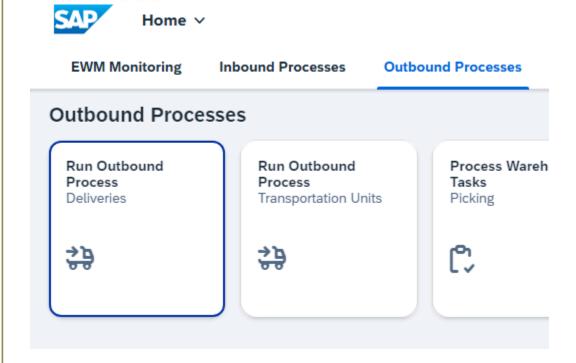


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Task is confirmed and 5 qty gets picked and now do manual goods issue and 5 qty would get reduced

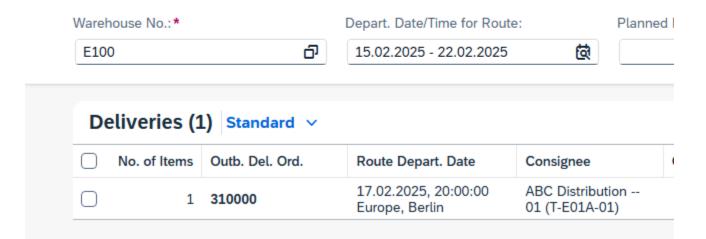
Go to Run outbound fiori app



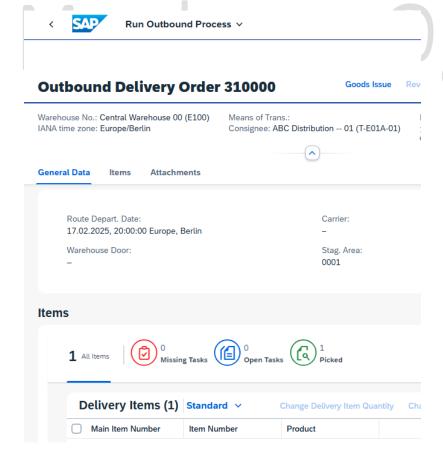


Run Outbound Process >

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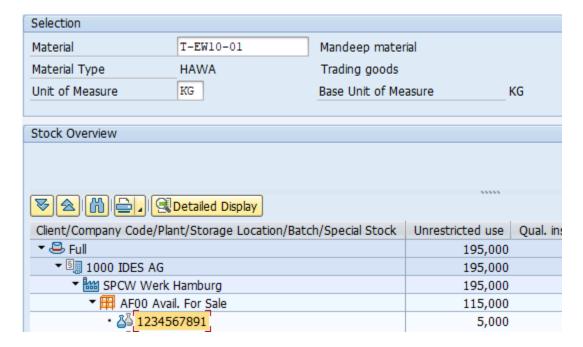


Clicked on goods issue.

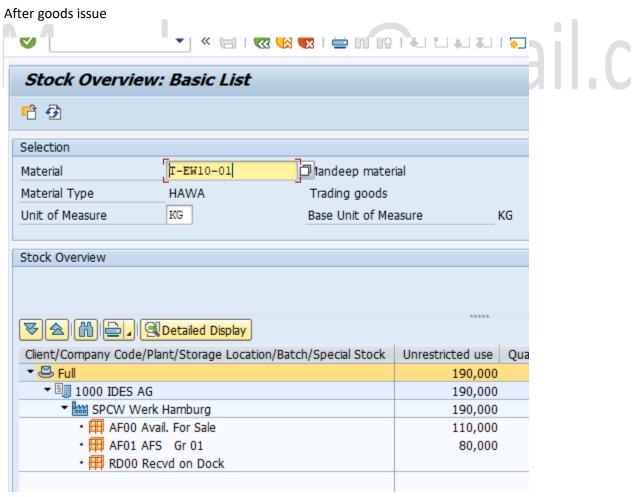


Only 5 qty remains for this batch now

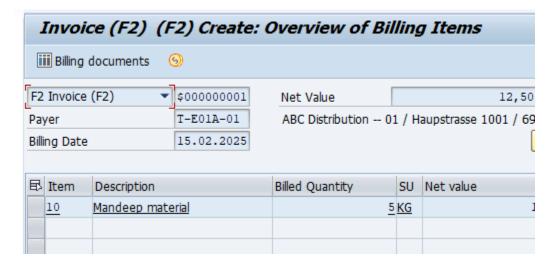
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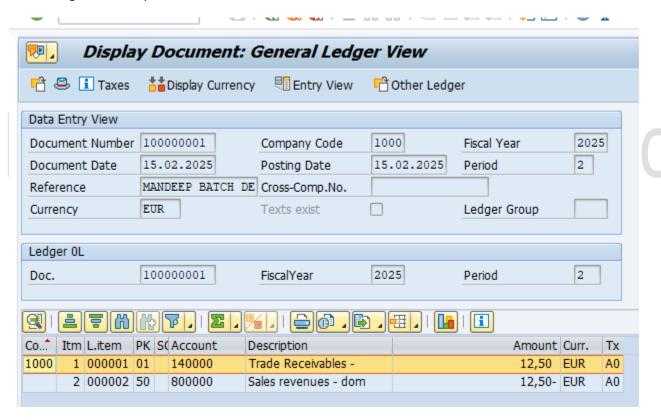
After goods issue



Invoice posted: F2 document



Accounting document posted.

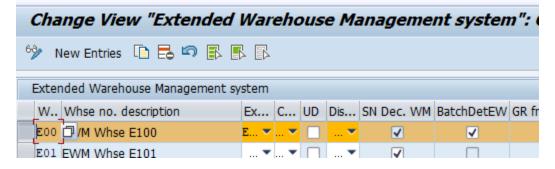


Revenue account (p/l) 800000 has credit entry and AR account (B/S) 140000 has debit entry

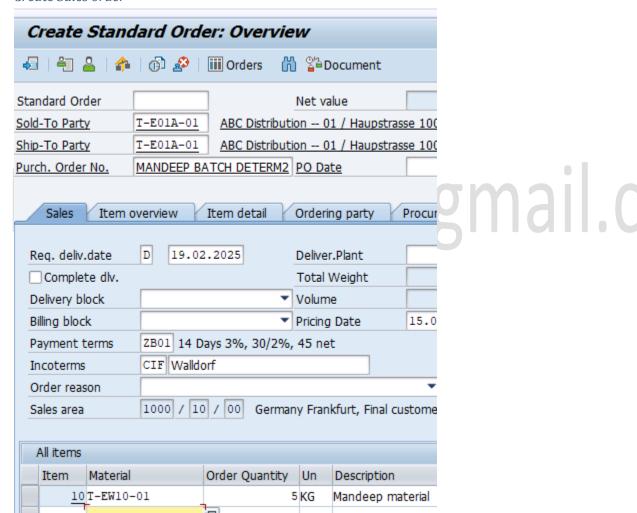
Outbound Process-Batch determined in EWM

Setting changed to determine batch only in EWM

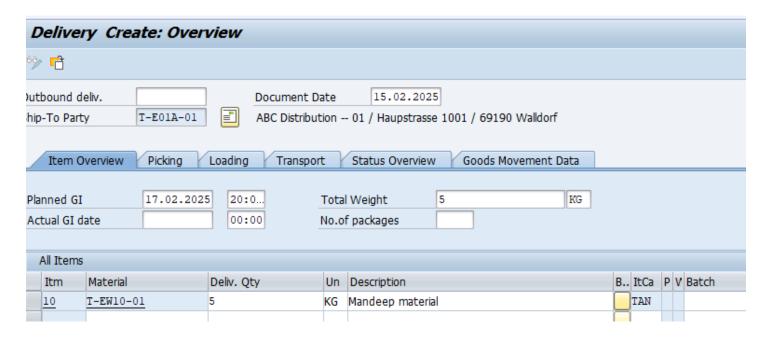
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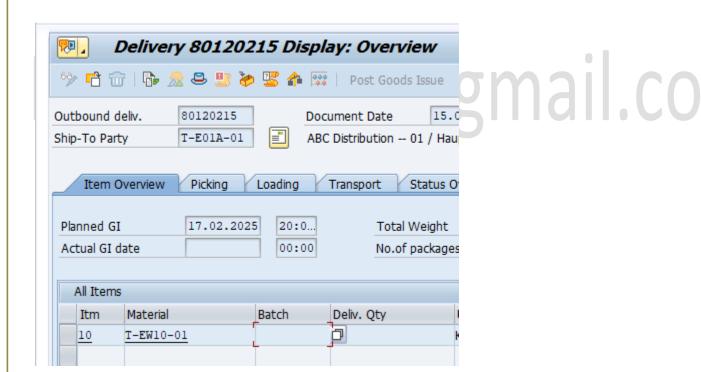
Create Sales order



Create outbound delivery



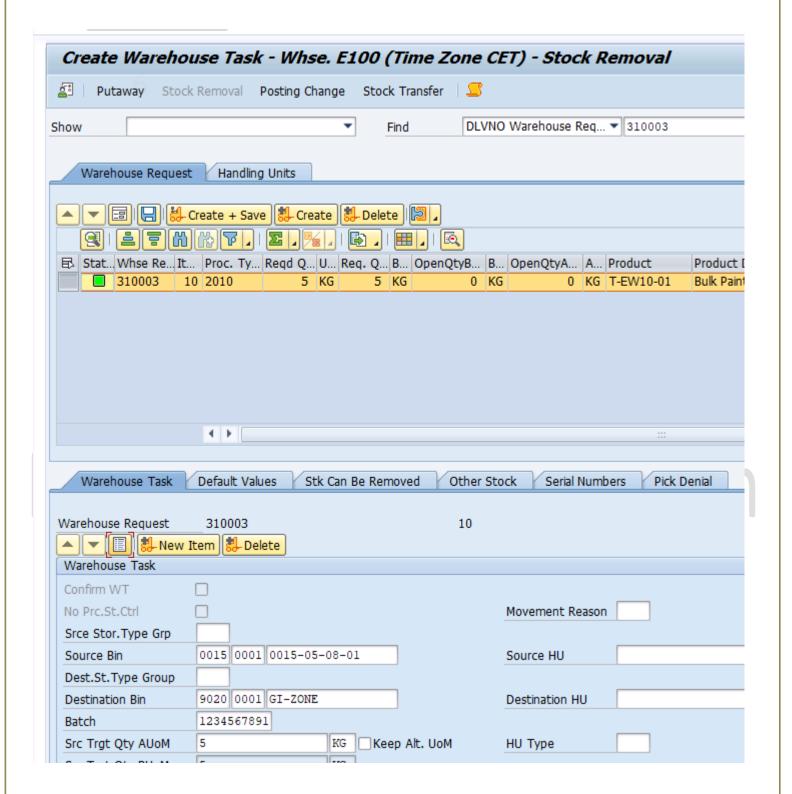
Batch blank in outbound delivery

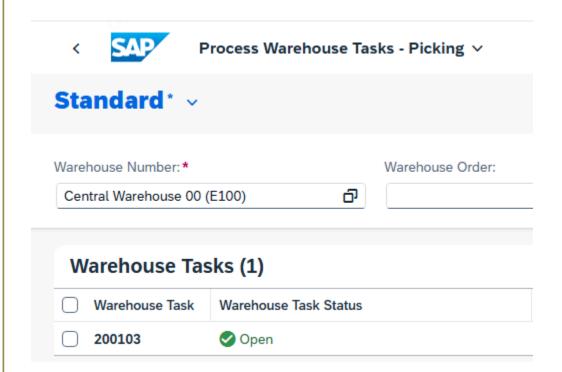


Create warehouse task

Ewm delivery: 310003 created

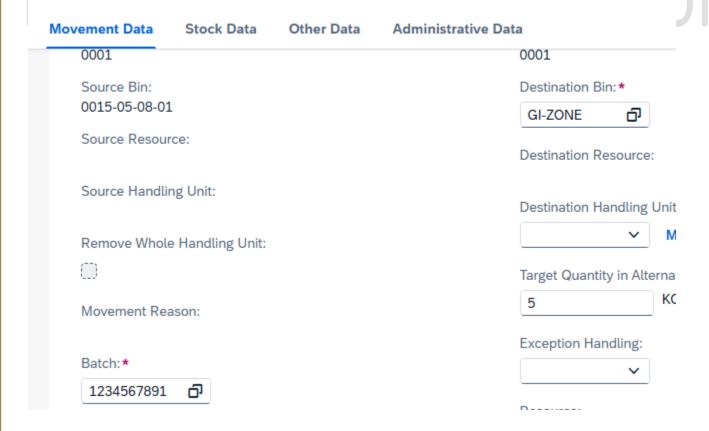
Batch got determined successfully in wareshouse task



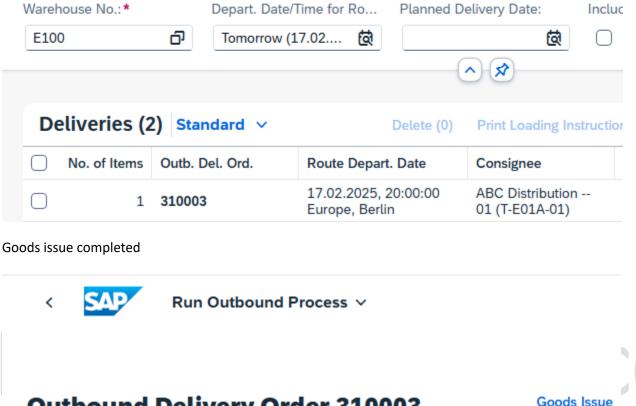


Warehouse task confirmation.

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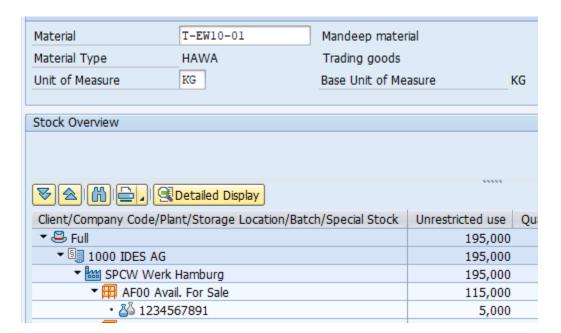


Outbound Delivery Order 310003

Warehouse No.: Central Warehouse 00 (E100) Means of Trans.: IANA time zone: Europe/Berlin Consignee: ABC Distribution -- 01 (T-E01A-01 General Data Items **Attachments**

Route Depart. Date: Carrier: 17.02.2025, 20:00:00 Europe, Berlin Warehouse Door: Stag. Area: 0001

And stock got reduced in MMBE in SAP S/4 hana



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