SAP EWM wave picking

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Process overview

Overview

In SAP EWM, wave management is a process that allows you to group or split warehouse request items—such as outbound deliveries—into waves. This helps streamline operations by enabling the simultaneous picking of multiple deliveries, thereby optimizing warehouse efficiency.

Typically, The timing of the waves is determined by the outgoing vehicle schedule, so that orders are released to allow enough time to meet this schedule.

Waves are typically created based on common criteria like "Ship-To" party, route, or delivery priority, ensuring that related tasks are processed together.

Warehouse Requests Eligible for Waves:

A warehouse request can be:

- Outbound Delivery Order
- **Posting Change**
- @gmail.com Stock Transfer (for internal warehouse movements)

Purpose of Wave Management:

- Optimize Picking Processes: Grouping similar tasks reduces travel time and increases efficiency.
- Align with Shipping Deadlines: Ensure timely deliveries by managing wave release schedules.
- Balance Workload: Distribute tasks evenly across resources based on capacity limits.

Automatic Wave Assignment

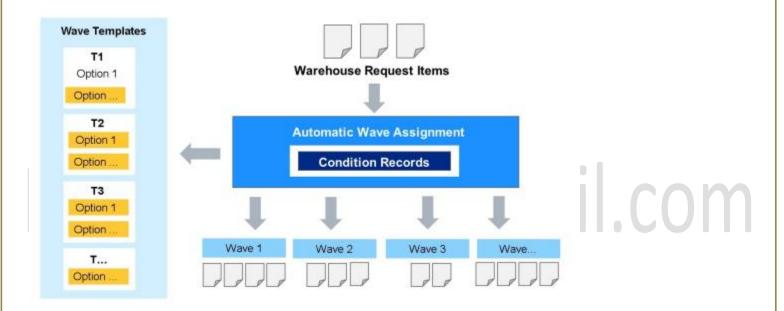
Steps

- 1. warehouse request (outbound delivery order) get assigned to wave automatically if process type is activated for automatic wave creation otherwise wave can be assigned manually or via program.
- 2. SAP EWM tries to determine a valid wave template for each item or split item in the warehouse request.
- 3. SAP EWM determines planned completion, wave completion, and lock time.

Planned completion time (of the warehouse request item): For stock removal, SAP EWM uses the planned date and the planned time for departure from yard. If these dates are not available, SAP EWM uses the dates for the goods issue start for outbound deliveries. In the case of internal stock transfers or posting change deliveries, SAP EWM uses the dates from the Warehouse Activities End Date/Time date/time category.

Key Process Flow

- Maintain wave template
- Condition records Created to create wave
- Sales Order created
- Delivery Created
- Wave created and deliveries assigned
- Wave simulation or automatic or manual release



Process steps:

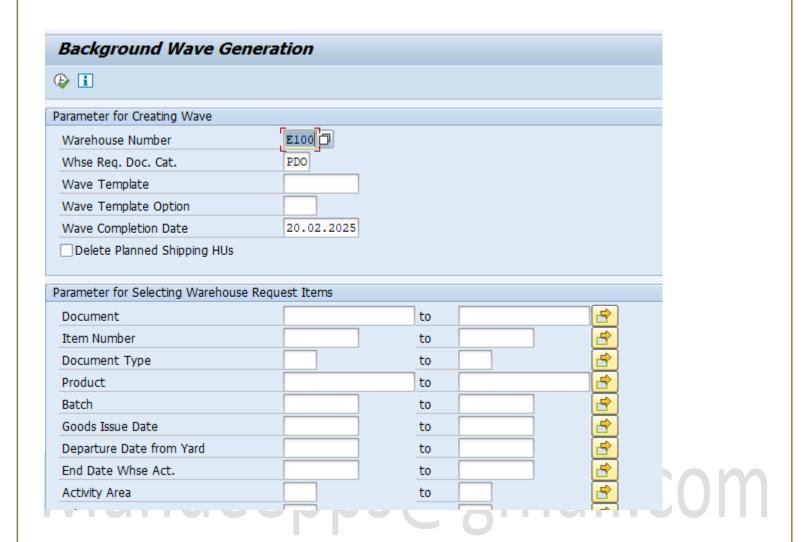
- 1. Wave template is created
- 2. Condition records are created to determine wave template using ship to, route etc.
- 3. If warehouse request satisfy conditions then wave is created automatically.
- 4. Wave is released one day before planned completion date based on cut-off date maintained in wave template.
- 5. Wareshouse order and warehouse task is created and assigned to Outbound Queue
- 6. Warehouse work complete wave picking and confirm Warehouse order

Alternate way to assign wave without condition records

This program can be scheduled as background job to create waves and assign warehouse request items to wave:

Program: /SCWM/R_WAVE_PLAN_BACKGROUND

No condition records needs to be maintained if this program is used.



Wave tables in sap

/SCWM/WAVEHDR & /SCWM/WAVEITM

End user steps:

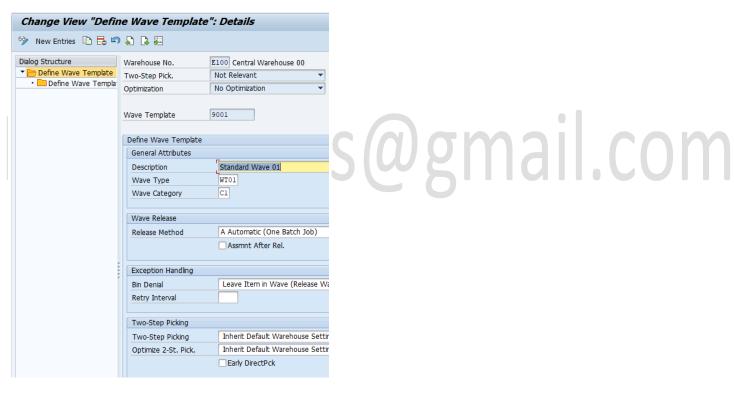
Wave picking with common route via simulation functionality

Maintain wave template

Tcode: /SCWM/WAVETMP

Wave template: 9001

Here you define whether – what is release method, how to handle exceptions and start time of wave release and pick time etc.





Condition records Created to create wave

Tcode: /scwm/wdgcm



ZEWM has only two fields: warehouse and route but other fields can be added and new condition table can be created and wave template can be determined as condition techniques.

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Sales Order created

Create Standard Order: Item Data Sales Document Item Item (T-EW10-01 **Material** Mande Sales A Sales B Shipping Billing Document T-EW03A-01 Ship-To Party Universe Exports Shipping Unloading Point Department Plant SPCW Werk Hamburg EZ00 Shipping Point Ship.Point Hamburg E... F Route REZ001 Hamburg - Frankfur... N

Sales order: 15070 created with route: REZ001

Another two sales orders created with same route: REZ001

with same material and different customer but same route

Delivery Created

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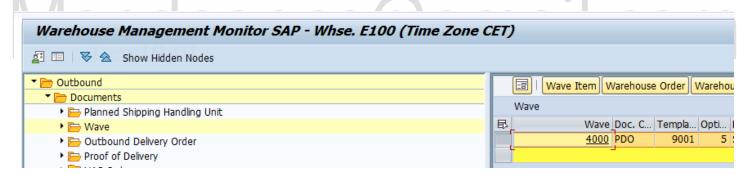


Three deliveries posted and distributed to EWM.

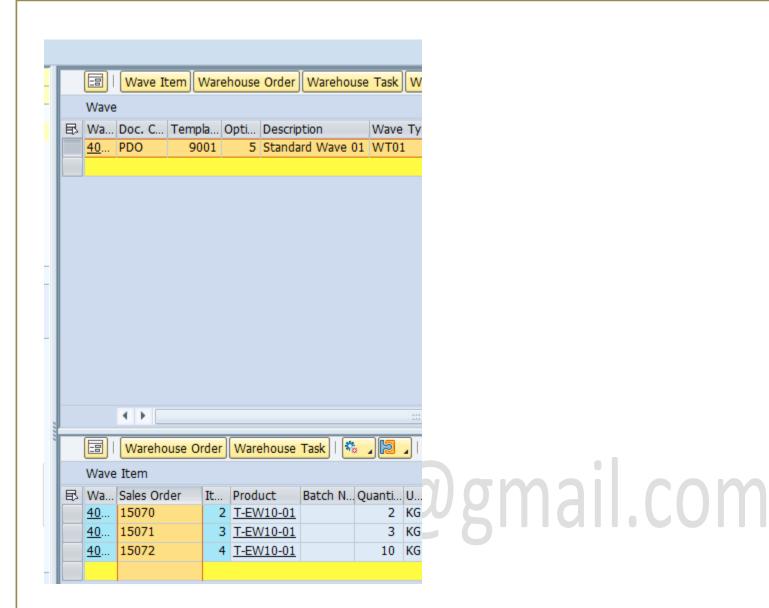
Wave created and deliveries assigned

Monitor tcode: /SCWM/MON

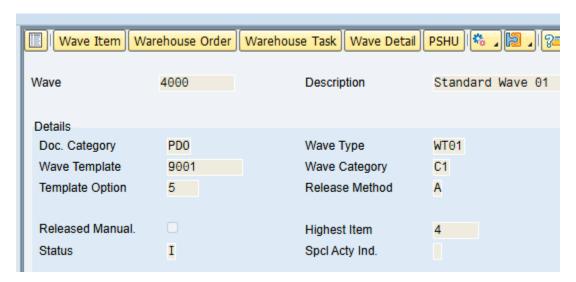
We go to Outbound-> Documents-> Wave and find wave document created: 4000 shown below:



3 delivery item got selected as shown below and assigned to wave :4000



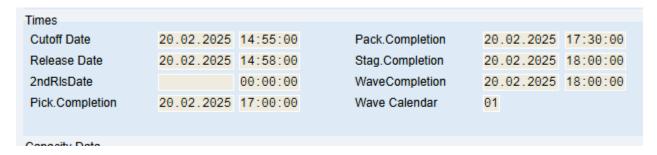
Wave template created earlier is picked up as shown below:



Wave release means – ware house task and warehouse order would be created.

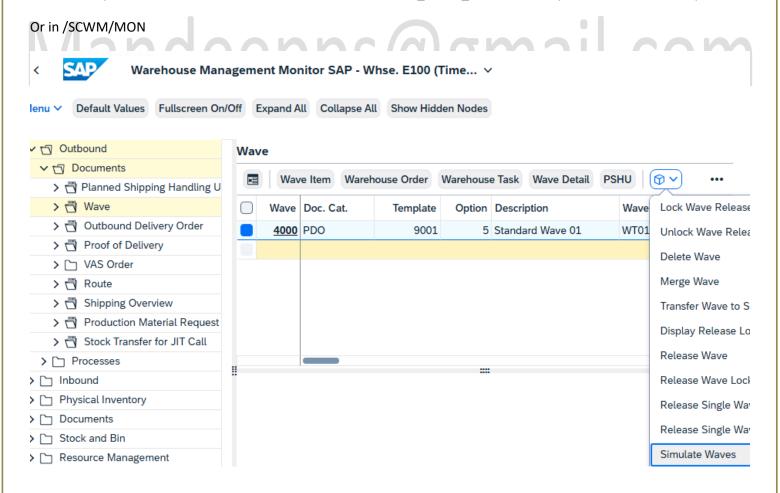
Cut-off time has come from wave template. Cut off time is 2:55 pm. That means- people who start their shift at 3pm – will have ware house task ready for them based on their queue assignments.

So this wave picking is kind of automation – where instead of picking individual items for each order – we can do picking for a wave and be more efficient. Warehouse manager can balance workload based on this.

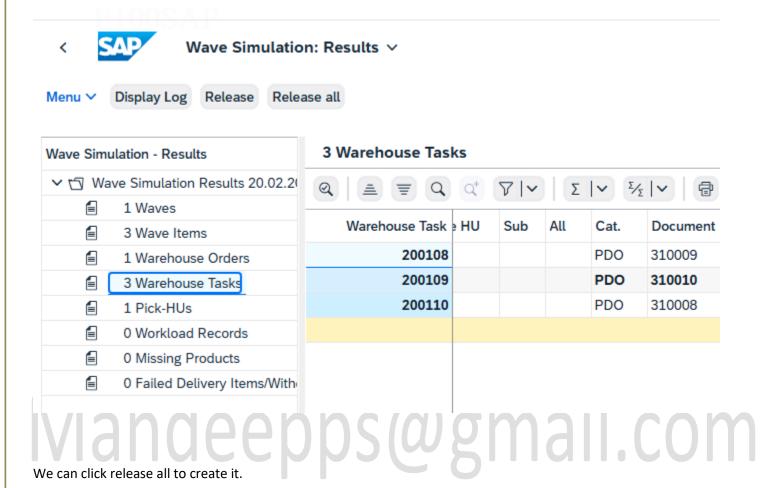


Wave simulation & release

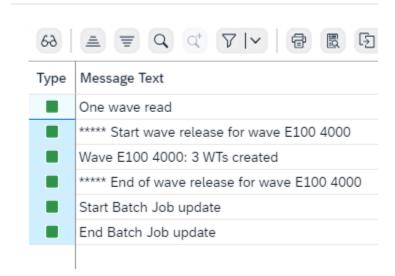
There is a report where we can simulate wave release: /SCWM/R_WAVE_SIMULATE (only in 2020 version and up)



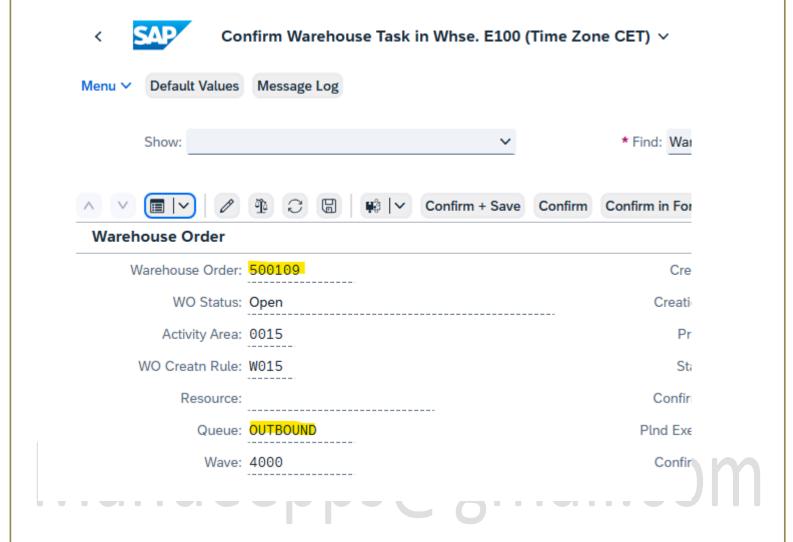
System is proposing 1 warehouse order and 3 warehouse task for 3 delivery items



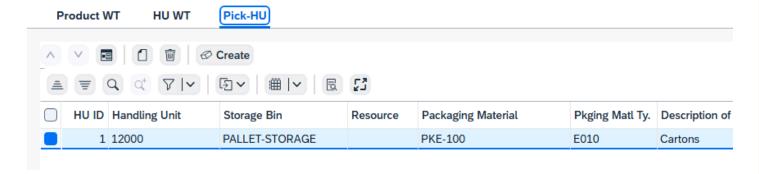
Display logs



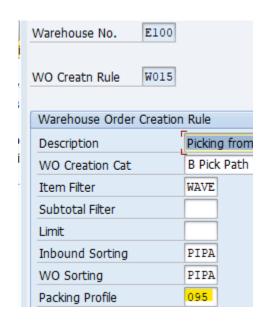
We can use: BAdI: /SCWM/EX_WAVE_SIMULATE to add custom messages and logs.



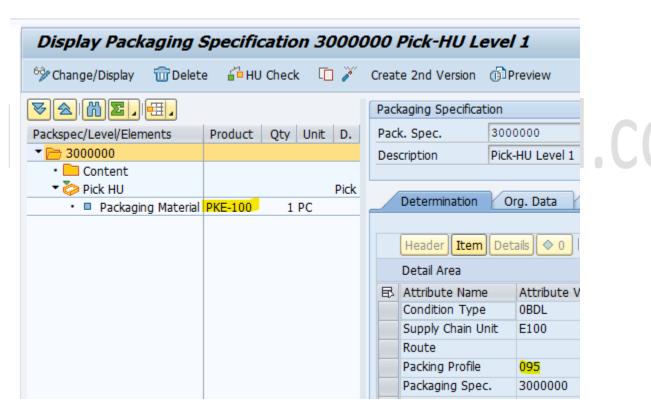
It is picked up in PICK-HU



This comes from worr rule: WO15 determined packing profile:

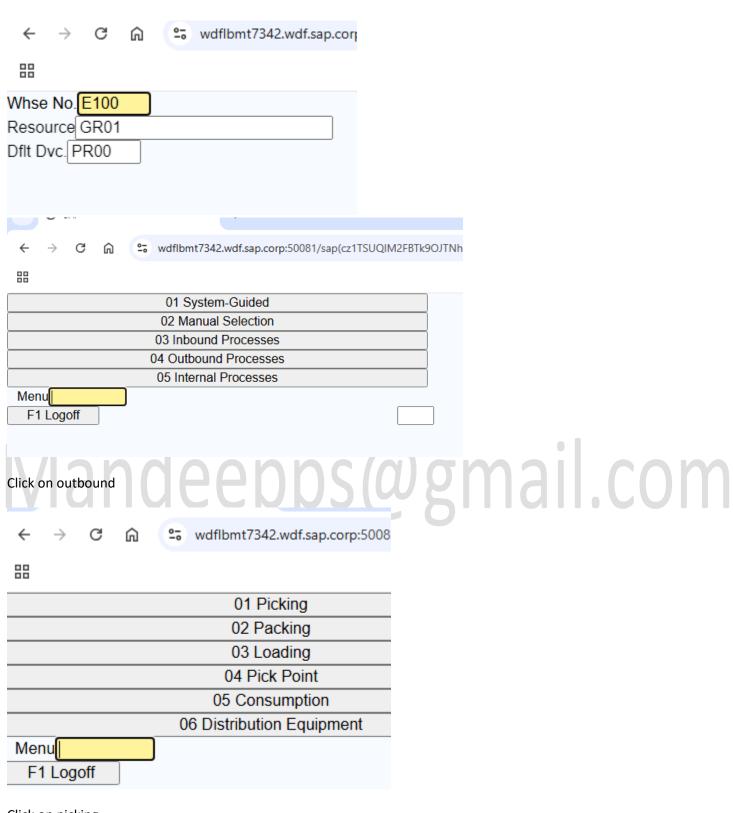


Packspec has maintained packaging material: carton as shown below for packing profile: 095

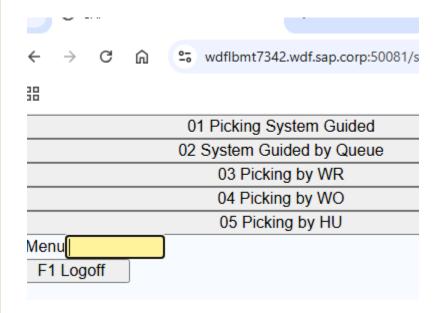


Warehouse task confirmation

Now we'll use Fiori rf transactions and confirm the warehouse task:

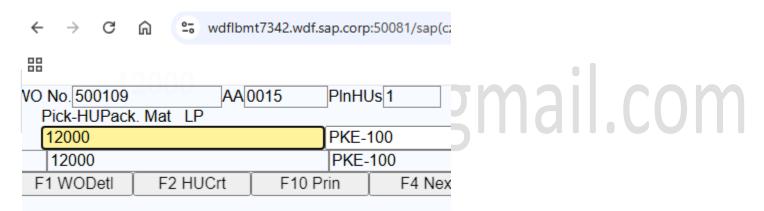


Click on picking

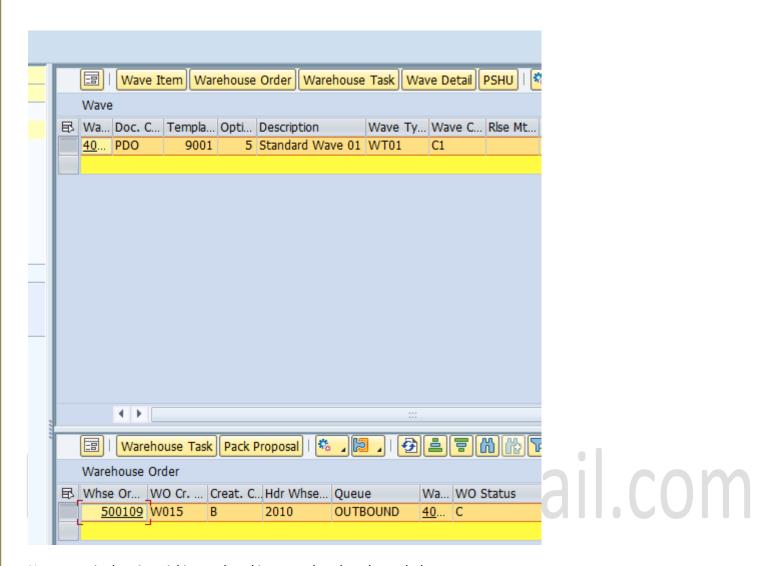


Click on picking system guided

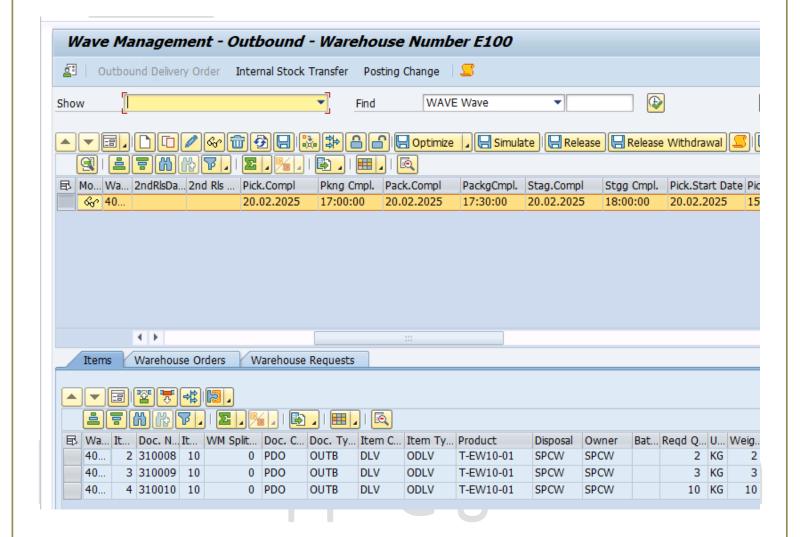
It opened our WO:



After wo confirmation , we come back to monitor and see wave



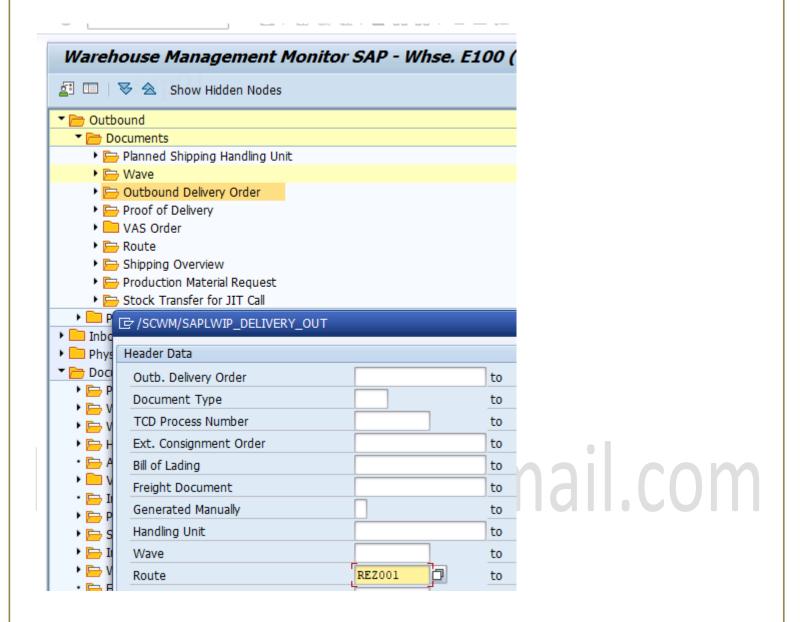
Now wave is showing picking and packing completed as shown below:



Wave picking is complete now.

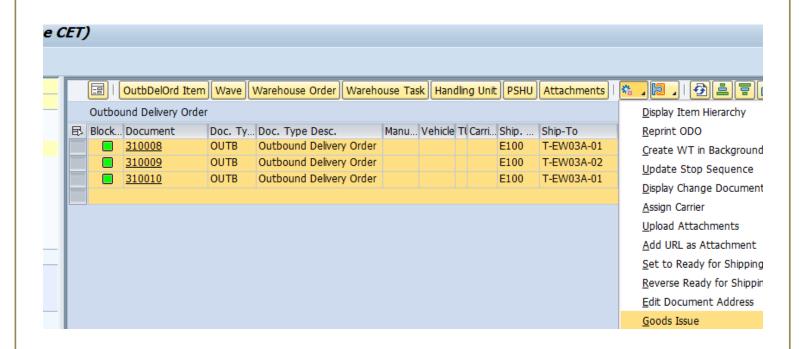
Goods Issue

Route was common among all deliveries which we created. Route was maintained wave condition record to create wave assignment. So we can find outbound delivery order via route

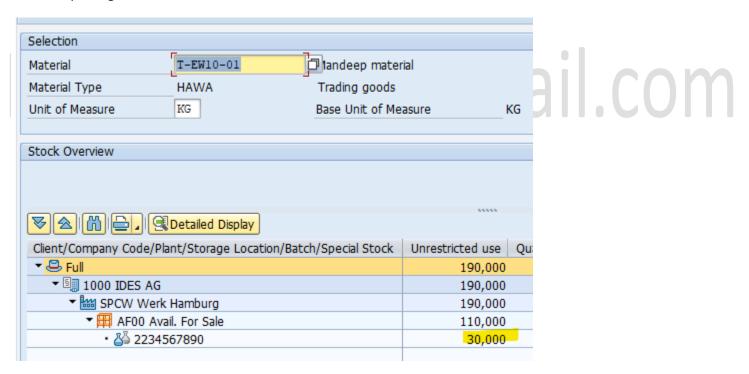




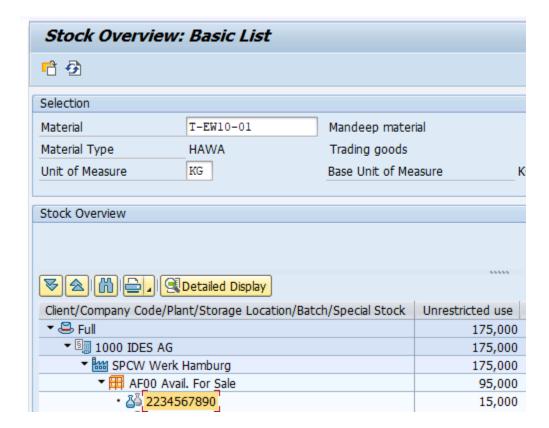
Goods issue posted when stock is despatched.



Before GI posting:



After GI posting:



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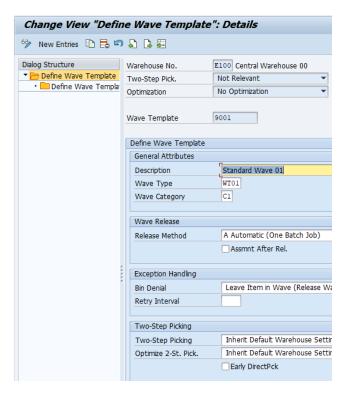
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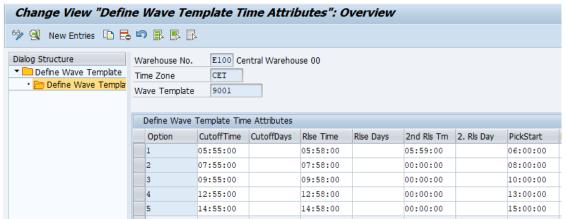
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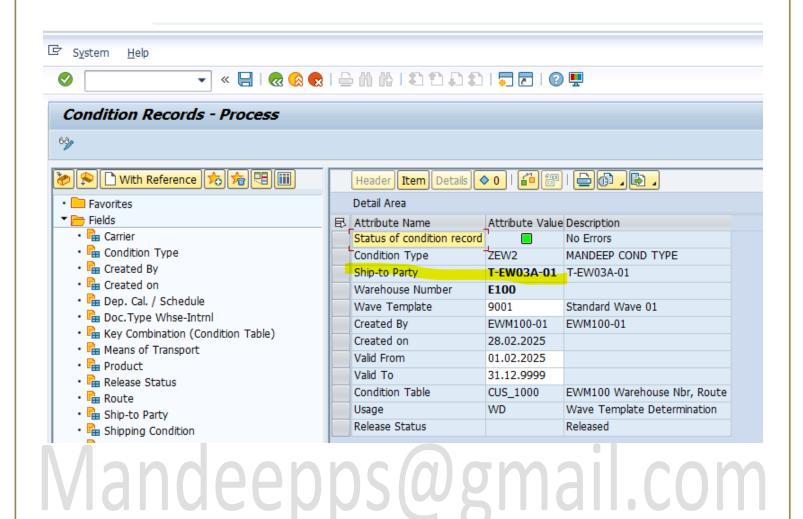




Condition records Created to create wave

Tcode: /scwm/wdgcm

In retail industry: we call ship to as stores.



Sales Order created

SO created 15073 & 15074 for this store or same ship to





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Delivery Created

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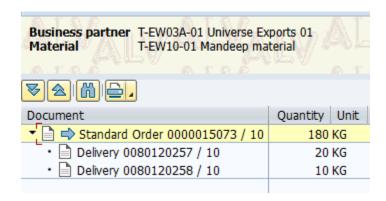
Delivery created for two sales orders

80120259

ocument	Quantity Unit Ref.
► Standard Order 0000015074 / 10	2 KG
• Delivery 0080120259 / 10	2 KG

80120257

80120258



Wave created and deliveries assigned

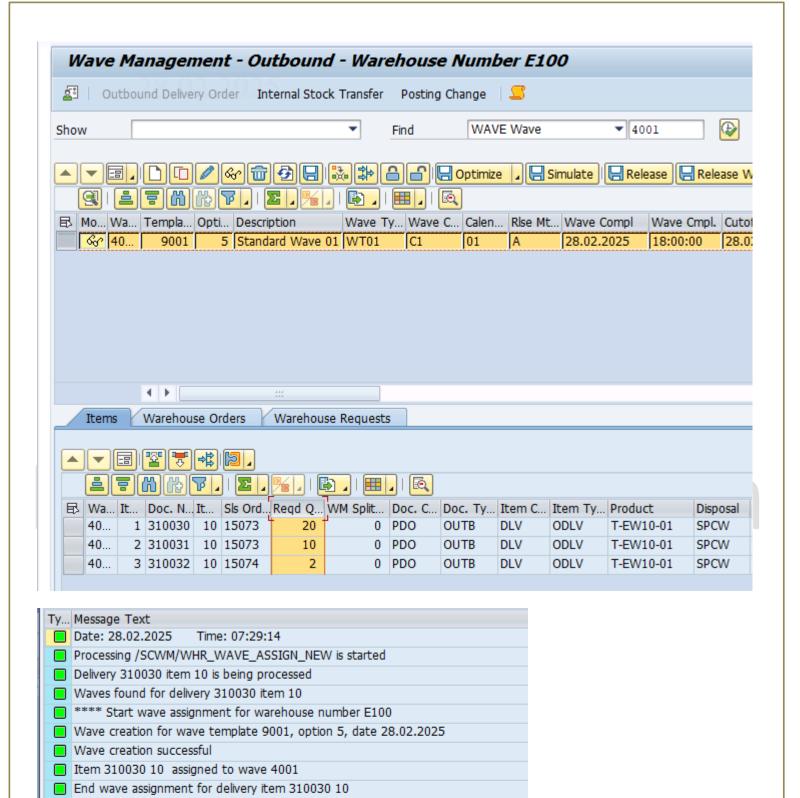
Monitor tcode: /SCWM/MON

We go to Outbound-> Documents-> Wave and find wave document created: 4001 shown below:

Wave created automatically in SAP ewm

Wave assignment is done via ppf action for warehouse request which is outbound delivery created in EWM.

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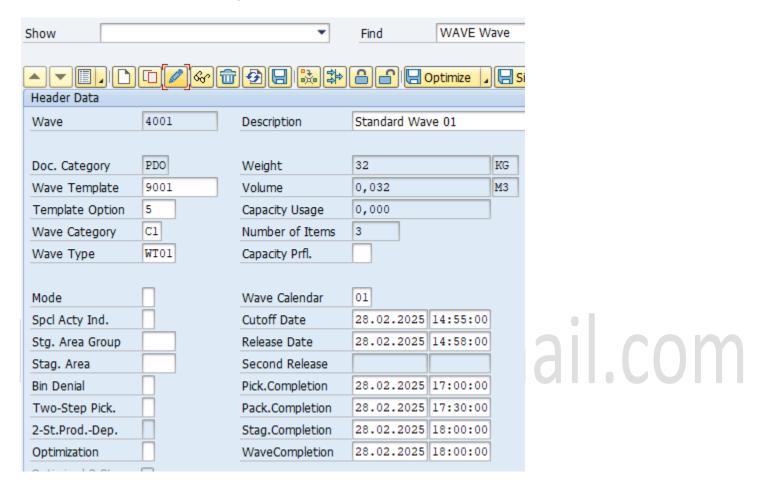


**** End wave assignment for warehouse number E100

Start Batch Job update
 End Batch Job update
 Action executed

Wave automatic release via background job

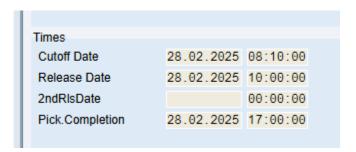
Cut off date is determined from template:



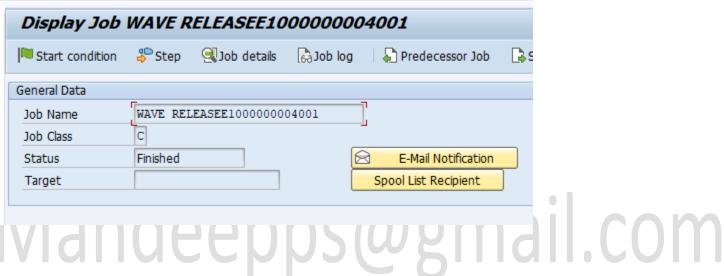
14:55 on 28th feb it will be releaed.

Usage data				
Client	800	Previous logon	21.02.2025 05:32	:19
User	EWM100-01	Logon	27.02.2025 19:53	:17
Language	EN	System time	28.02.2025 08:03	:48
Number of Fa	ailed Password Logon Attempts:	0		

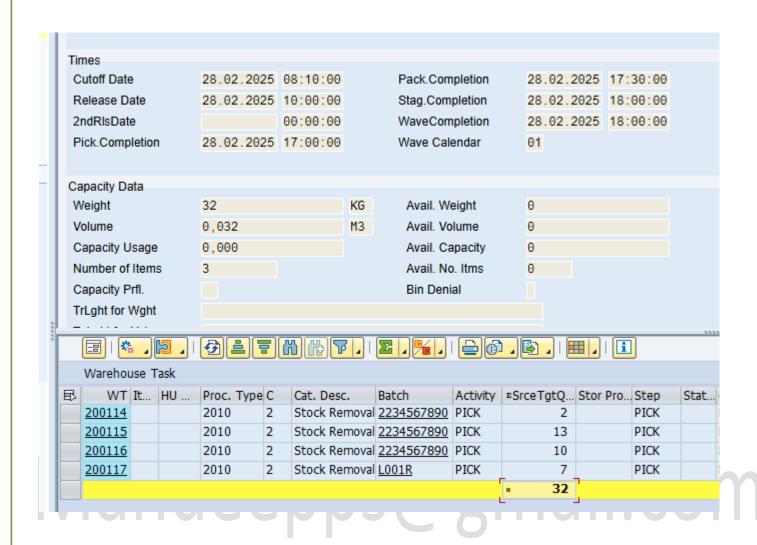
So we'll change cut off time manually for testing: so as to test automatic period release process

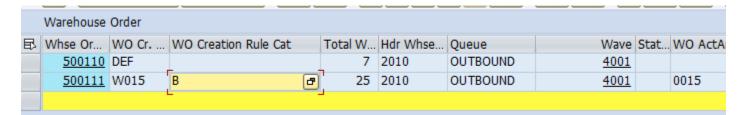


This job triggered creation of warehouse order and task



Ware house task created because this job released wave



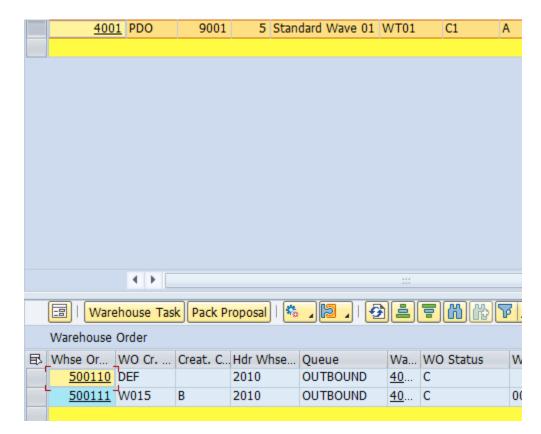


If there is a error in release and you want system to retry release then consultant can use this badi: /SCWM/EX_WAVE_RELEASE_RETRY and add custom logic of retrying.

Warehouse task confirmation

As wave picking is completed and products move to outbound door, we confirm the warehouse orders: 500110 500111.

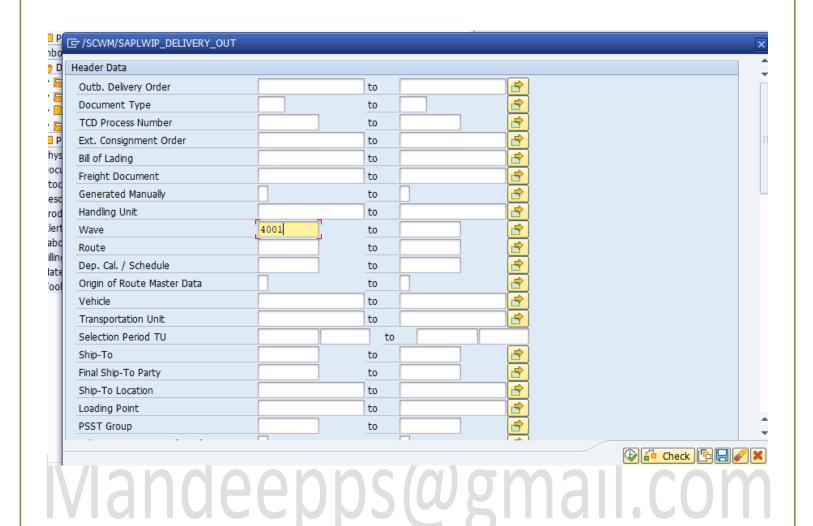
Two warehouse order created because stock was not available in one place and different activity area were chosen.



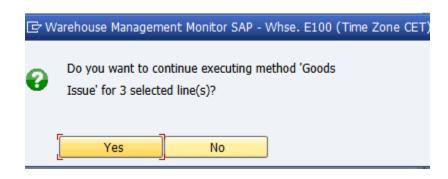
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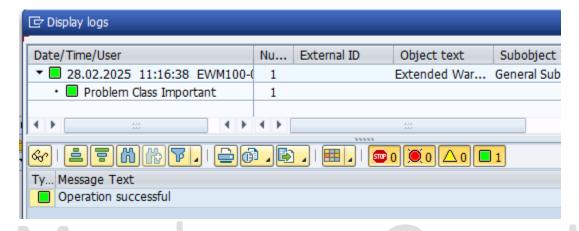
Goods issue

In monitor, entered wave: 4001 to find all outbound delivery and do goods issue.



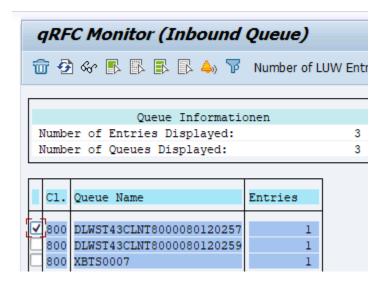
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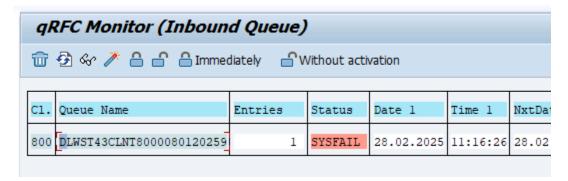




Good issue completed in SAP EWM but not completed. So where we can see.

Go tcode: smq2 – inbound queue data coming from SAP ewm to sap ERP. Sometimes queue gets stuck because of various reasons. It can be fixed.



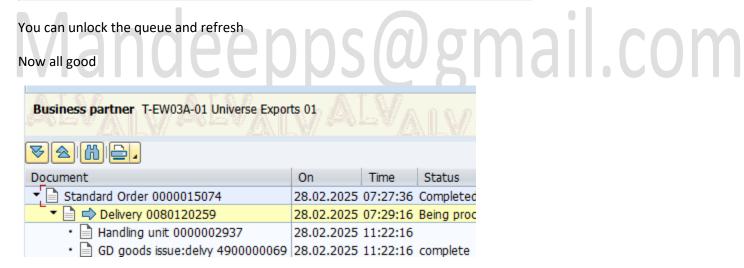


DIWST43CLNT80000	30120259	1 SYSFAIL 28.0
Queue Name	DLWST43	CLNT80000801202

C1.	Queue Name	Entries	Status	Date 1	Time 1	Nxt
800	DLWST43CLNT8000080120259	1	RUNNING	28.02.2025	11:16:26	28.

You can unlock the queue and refresh

Now all good



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