

User Guide

How to create Pricat files



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1. Introduction

Every article in a Pricat* is listed with its full information and is considered to be with deposit, unless the GTIN is closed or expired.

The file contains color and material information of each article, so articles can be sorted according to these properties when processed by the HLZ.

All articles from a standard Pricat are considered disposable (non-refillable) and are registered as such for statistical purposes.

*) Pricat (Price/Sales Catalogue):

A message to enable the transmission of information regarding pricing and catalogue details for goods and services offered by a seller to a buyer.

1.1 Standard format

The Standard is a flat ASCII with the following properties:

The semicolon (;) is the separator.

Null entries (empty fields) must also have a terminating semicolon.

If there are null entries at the end of a record type these must each be terminated with a semicolon.

Semicolons and quotation marks must not be used as characters within fields.

Commas (,) must be used as decimal separators. Periods are not allowed as thousand-place separators (Standard European format).

Periods (.) must be used as decimal separators. Commas are not allowed as thousand-place separators (US format).

CRLF serves as the criterion for the end of the set.

The ISO-8859-1 character set is to be used.

2. Creating a Pricat

Follow the steps below to create a Pricat file.

Open Microsoft Excel or a similar spreadsheet program or request a template from Anker Andersen

Format the necessary columns as text format to make sure entries beginning with zero remain.

Follow the next steps in order to create a spreadsheet template header.

2.1. Header

Mandatory, used by the system to identify the file type.

Column A:	Row 1	HDR	Always (Identifier for heading section)
Column B	Row 1	1000	Always
Column C	Row 1	03	Always
Column D	Row 1	260	Always
Column E	Row 1	Date of creation	YYYYMMDD
Column F	Row 1	GLN Message sender	Dummy 0000000000000 (13 zeroes) allowed
Column G	Row 1	GLN Message receiver	Dummy 0000000000000 (13 zeroes) allowed
Column H	Row 1	9	Always
Column I	Row 1	Pricat	Always

Example:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	HDR	1000	03	260	20171024	0000000000000	0000000000000	9	Pricat

2.2. POS lines

POS lines contain barcode, sorting port number, disposable or refillable code and article description.

Column A:	POS	Always (Identifier for record section)
Column B	UPC or EAN	To be selected
Column C	Description	Max. 35 characters – alphanumeric
Column D	Description 2	Optional. Max. 35 characters – alphanumeric
Column E	Fill amount	See section 1.1 Standard formats
Column F	Volume measure	Litres (LTR) or ounce (ONZ)
Column G	Amount of deposit	Decimal point required
Column H	GLN First Distributer	Optional. Blank or dummy 0000000000000 (13 zeroes) allowed
Column I	GLN Service provider	Optional. Blank or dummy 0000000000000 (13 zeroes) allowed
Column J	Packaging weight	Max. nine digits ahead of decimal point and 2 digits after
Column K	Weight measure	GRM (Grams)
Column L	Type of material	See code list for material
Column M	Colour of material	See code list for colour
Column N	Type of packaging	See code list for type of packaging
Column O	03	Always
Column P	Valid from (date)	YYYYMMDD
Column Q	Valid through	Optional. YYYYMMDD
Column R	Date of last change	Optional. YYYYMMDD
Column S	Rate of purchase tax	Optional. Max 2 digits after the decimal point
Column T	Block indicator	Y or N. Normally N
Column U	Reserved	
Column V	Article length	Optional. Up to 3 digits
Column X	Article height	Optional. Up to 3 digits
Column Y	Article width	Optional. Up to 3 digits
Column Z	Measure dimensions	Optional. MM (Millimetre)

Example:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
1	HDR	1000	03	260	20171024	00000000000000	00000000000000	9	Pricat											
2	POS	858176002157	BODYARMOR WATER 12/1 LITER	1.0	LTR	0.05	4055555000056					01	01	01	03	20171024		0	N	
3	POS	858176002126	BODYARMOR WATER 24/20oz	20	ONZ	0.05	4055555000056					01	01	01	03	20171024		0	N	
4	POS	858176002140	BODYARMOR WATER 24/23.7oz SC	23.7	ONZ	0.05	4055555000056					01	01	01	03	20171024		0	N	

2.3. SUM line

SUM line is mandatory and used by the system to detect the end of the file.

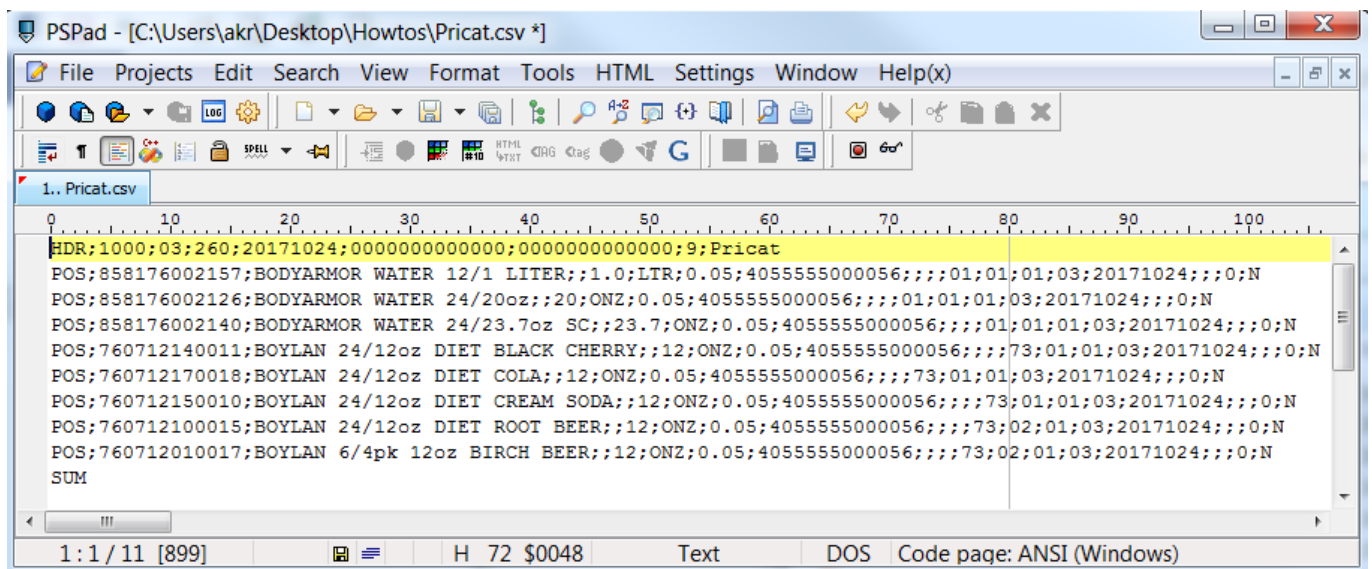
9	POS	760712010017	BOYLAN 6/4pk 12oz BIRCH BEER	12	ONZ	0.05	4055555000056					73	02	01	03	20171024		0	N	
10	SUM																			

The SUM line is the last line

2.4. Export as CSV

Save the spreadsheet to keep a copy of the original.

Now save the spreadsheet as a semicolon separated file (csv file) in the designated folder.



Change the extension of the file from .csv to .txt. (Extension must be visible in browser)

The file is now ready for use.

3.0. Code lists

3.1. Code list for type of material

Type of Material	
01	Polyethylene terephthalate (Petitioner) (PET)
02	High-density polyethylene (HDPE)
03	Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)
04	Low-density polyethylene (LDPE)
05	Polypropylene (PP)
06	Polystyrene (PS)
09	Other Plastics
40	Iron (FE)
41	Aluminium (ALU)
42	Thick-walled Aluminium (ALU)
70	Clear glass (GL)
71	Green glass (GL)
72	Brown glass (GL)
73	Glass (GL)
80	PET / Metal (mostly PET)
89	Other Material
90	Tetra
91	Gable Top
100	Glass / Metal

3.2. Code list for color of material

Colour of Material	
01	Clear/white
02	Brown
03	Green
04	Blue
99	Multi-coloured (<i>except 02 through 98</i>)
100	Coloured transparent
101	Not transparent

3.3. Code list for type of packaging

Type of Packaging	
01	Bottle
02	Can