Counting rule management

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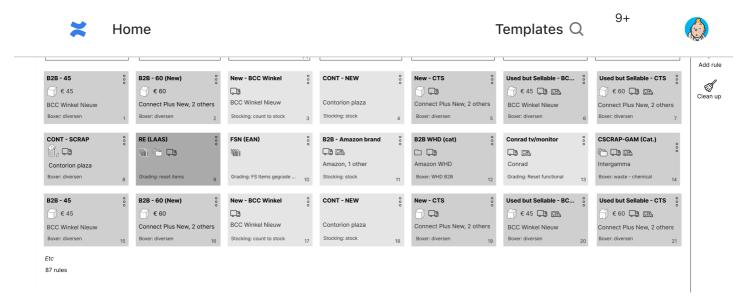
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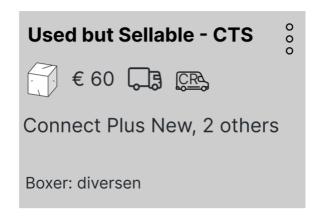
Inspecting the rules

I believe a card layout is easier to read than a table in this case.



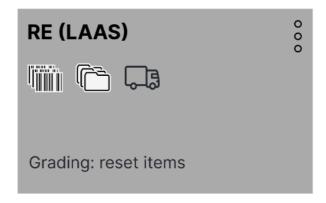
Every department (stocking/boxer etc) has a distinct color for it's cards. This way you can quickly spot which rules go to Boxer for example. Note that this is a sketch by the way.

Some information is stored in icons, making it quicker readable (for experienced viewers):



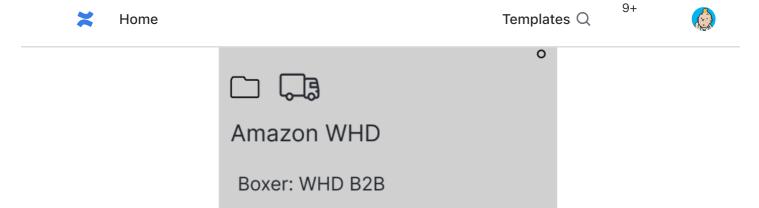
The icons in the example above say:

- 1. Pregrade: used but sellable
- 2. Maximum price of 60 euros
- 3. Applicable to bulk returns and customer returns



The icons in the example above say:

- 1. References present in the rule (more than 1)
- 2. Categories present in the rule (more than 1)
- 3. Applicable to bulk returns

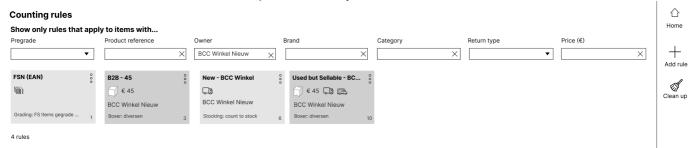


The icons in the example above say:

- 1. One category present in the rule (only one)
- 2. Applicable to bulk returns

Find out which rules have effect on a particular partner

In the search area fill in the name of the partner. Now you see all relevant rules:



Note: these include rules for no particular partner, as those apply to all partners.

Reduction of the number of (visible) rules

We can use 3 strategies for reducing the number of (visible) rules:

- Merging rules
- Cleaning up unused rules
- Filtering of unused rules

Merging

Before Verdict checked whether you created a duplicate rule. But it did not verify whether rules can be merged into one. This can reduce the number of rules.

Two rules can be merged when this is all true:

- They use the exact same properties (Product references, Owners etc)
- They have the same destination (i.e. Boxer/'Diversen' pallet)
- They have the same values for all properties except for one of them

Here is an example:



- Both rules use properties Product references, Owners and Types
- Both rules have the same destination
- The rules have the same values for Owners and Types, but not for Product references

The two rules can be merged into one rule with the different values for Product references combined. (Of course it is also possible to merge 3 rules or more.)

Merging maximum prices

Rules with different maximum prices can be merged when they are equal in all other respects and have the same destination. In that case the highest maximum price is used for the combined rule.

Validation for new rules

When you save a rule, Verdict checks if it can be merged with another rule. If it is possible, you get an error:

Edit rule



'Do it for me' opens the form to edit the other rule, with the new values added to it (overlapping values are not added of course). You only need to press 'Save'.

Automatic migration of existing rules

During a rule migration the system checks for every rule if it can be combined with (an)other one(s). The names will be appended to each other, i.e. 'Rule 1 Rule 2'.

Pregrade allows multiple values

Before pregrade allowed only one value:



Pregrade now allows multiple values:

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That way we can combine more rules. In the example below the pink rules can now be merged, as well as the green ones.

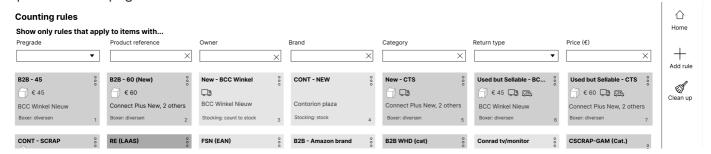


Clean up

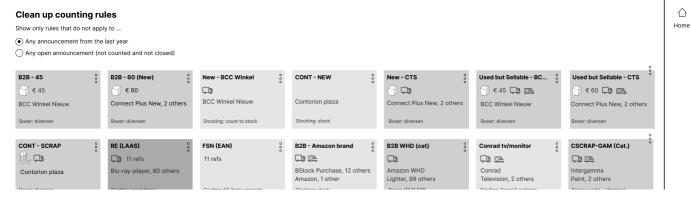
Cleanup concept 1: manual cleanup from a dedicated page

Defect

Open the Rules page:

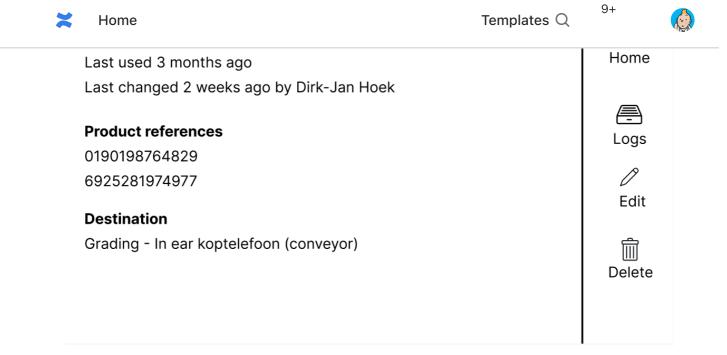


In the action bar click 'Clean up'. A new page opens:



It has special filters to identify unused counting rules.

You still need to open them to delete them. Click on a card, it opens the rule details:



On the right click 'Delete rule'. If you try to delete a rule that applies to an open announcement you have to confirm:

Are you sure you want to delete this rule?

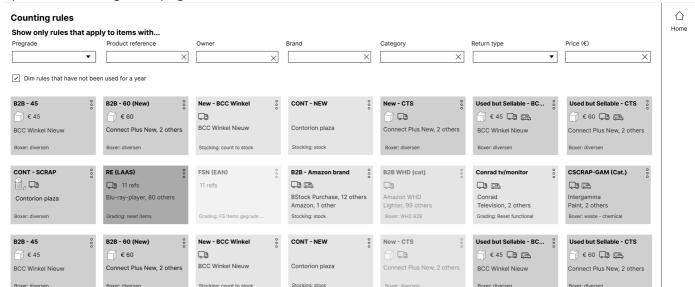


'KOP (EAN)' applies to 23 open announcements.

Delete anyway Cancel

Cleanup concept 2: automatic dimming of unused rules

Open the counting rules page:



Unused rules are dimmed by default, so it easy to spot them and clean them up. They are still clickable and you can delete them. If you want to show them in a normal way, uncheck 'Dim rules that have not been used for a year'.

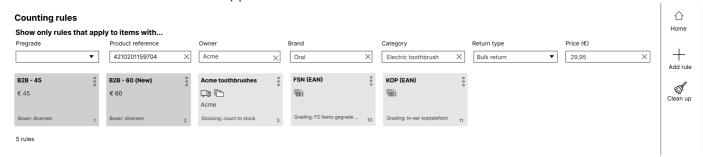


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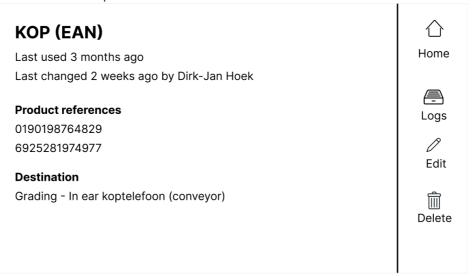
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Testing how particular items will be routed is easy. Enter the properties of an item in the search area. The first rule in the list will be the rule applied:

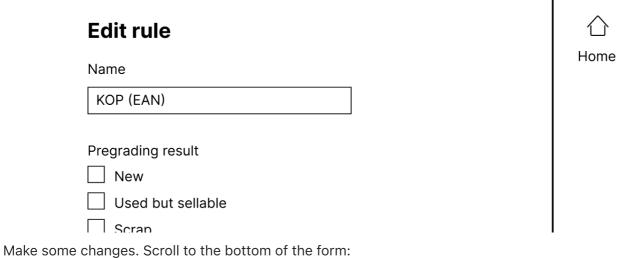


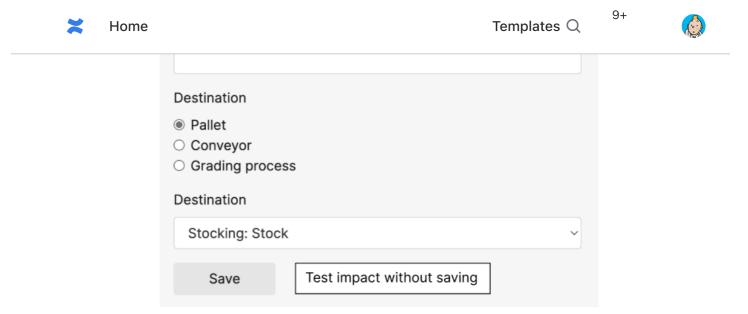
Testing the impact of changes to a rule

Click on a card. The card details open:

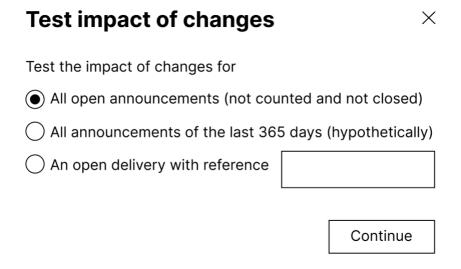


Click 'Edit'. The form for the rule opens:





Next to 'Save' click on 'Test impact without saving'. A form validation is done. If everything is okay, a popup comes up:



Click 'Continue':

Impact of changes



Impact of changes to all open announcements (not counted and not closed): MEDIUM

4 partners would be affected (Bol, Amazon Laas and 2 others)

11% would get a new rule

5% would get a new destination

Auto-analysis on save

When you save a rule, an automatic impact analysis is done. If the impact is large, the user is warned:

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Impact of changes to all open announcem	nents (not counted and not closed): LARGE
7 partners would be affected (Bol, Amazo	on Laas and 5 others)
25% would get a different rule	
15% would get a different destination	
	Save anyway Cancel

Entering multiple values

Multiple values, like product references can now be inserted in a single text field:
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Product references (separate by line breaks)
Unknown reference

Empty lines are automatically removed on save.

This applies to Product references, Owners, Brands and Categories. It does not apply to Feedback groups.

Preview of the routing for a delivery

Global overview

Open a Delivery. Then click on the tab 'Routing':

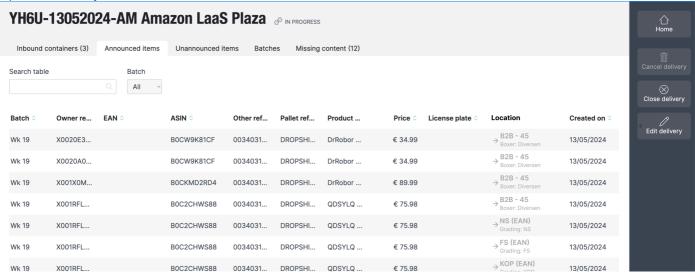
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It shows a preview of how the announcements will be routed with the current rule setup.

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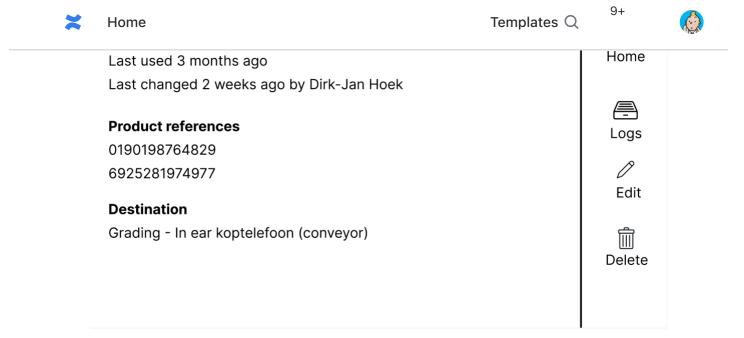
Open a Delivery. Then click on the tab 'Announced items'.



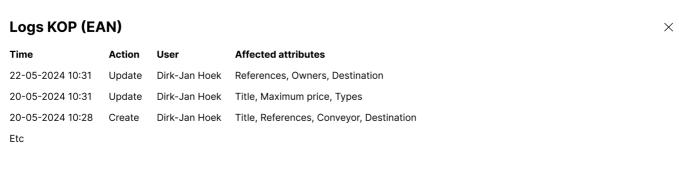
When an announcement has not been counted yet, you can see the expected routing of the announcement in the 'Location' column.

Viewing a change log

Go to the rules page and click on a rule. You see the rule details



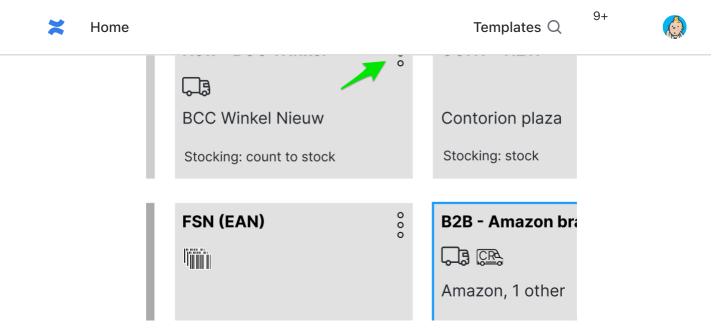
Click 'Logs'. A popup opens:





Tweaking the rule order

There is a default sort order, the same as we had before. But you can override it by dragging a card to another position if you grab it by it's handle:



When you add a new rule, it is put at the bottom of the list, lowest priority. So you need to drag it to make it more effective.

(i) A migration will give every existing rule card a unique sort order value, reflecting the old ordering. The minimum value is 0, the highest is the number of rules minus one. (The lowest value is shown top left of the screen). The maximum is equal to the number of rules. So from start there is no change compared to the old situation.

Removed attributes

'Suppliers' is not used and can be safely removed.