

# Lazada Seller Integration (New Seller Center API)

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2016-12-14	Introduction of Image Upload Process Flow (Page 28)
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# **Overview**

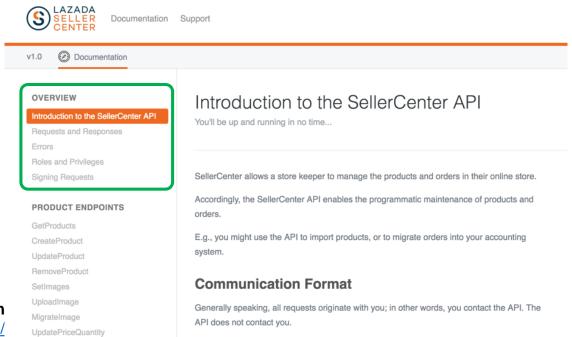


This guide is targeted at

- Existing integrated sellers (with Seller Center API) for smooth migration to the new Seller Center (SC)
- Sellers who are starting an integration project with Lazada Seller Center API

This document is not intended to replace the Seller Center API documentation.

Please **read Seller Center API documentation** carefully (<u>URL</u>). Before you start, it is recommended that you read the **overview section** of the documentation.



Seller Center API Documentation https://lazada-sellercenter.readme.io/

### **Overview**



Lazada is migrating to a new Seller Center platform. This platform will provide a strong tech foundation which helps us to implement impactful features in the future. This is in line with our goal to provide better services and experience to our sellers. Eventually, this leads to world-class Customer Experience.

#### What's new?

- In the first migration phase, the new SC will encompass all existing features with enhanced approach to product listing and content management. This sets the basis for quality content and better findability.
- Application Programming Interface (API) will also be available in the new SC platform. Most API endpoints will be backward compatible, albeit some changes for Product API endpoints and the endpoint URLs. Note that some endpoints are no longer available in the new SC. More details in later sections, including process flow for successful product listing & order processing via API.

#### Important info for existing API sellers

- New Seller Center and API endpoint URL (slide 6)
- New API key (slide 7)
- Difference in available API method calls (slide 11-15)
- Product Listing approach (slide 16-18)



# Getting Access to SC API

# **Getting Access**

# System and API Endpoint URLs



- Seller has to integrate his system with each Seller Center independently by using the same API specification.
- Each Seller Center has unique URL and respective set of API keys for users.

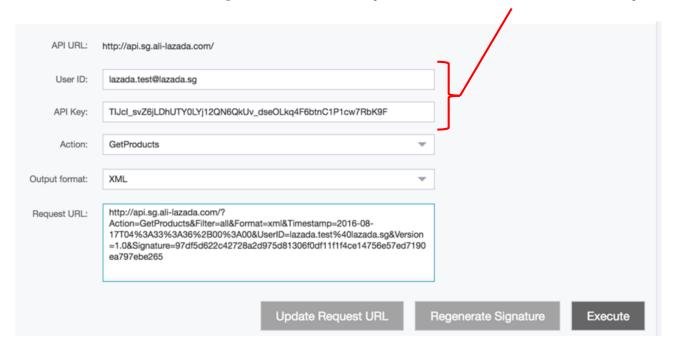


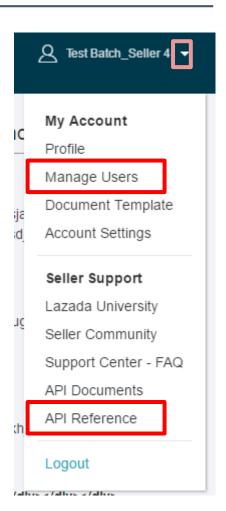
# **Getting Access**

# Retrieving API Credentials



- 1. Via User Management
  - Go to Manage User & retrieve the corresponding API key for respective API user
- 2. Via API Explorer
  - Go to API Reference
  - Scroll down to API Explorer where your User ID and API key can be found



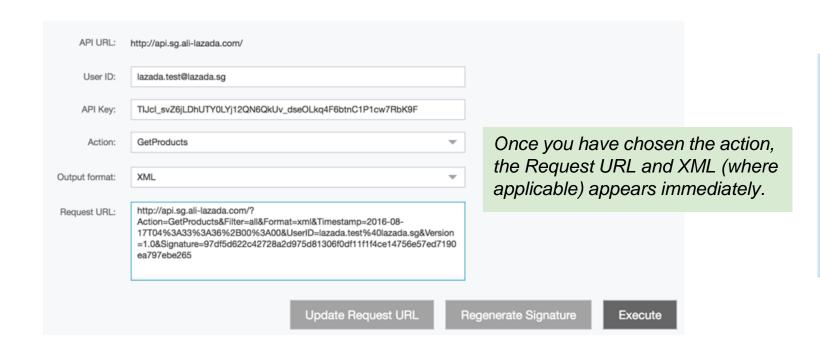


# **Getting Access**

# **Using API Explorer**



- API Explorer allows users to easily execute API calls to the Seller Center system via our web interface.
- Request URL and request body (XML) (where payload is necessary) will be populated for easy reference.
- User can change, add, delete parameters and attributes before executing the API call. The parameters (includes Action, Format, Timestamp, UserID, Version) should be arranged in alphabetical order in the Request URL and "Signature" is to be included at the end.
- User must regenerate signature before executing the API call if he/she changed any parameters in the URL.



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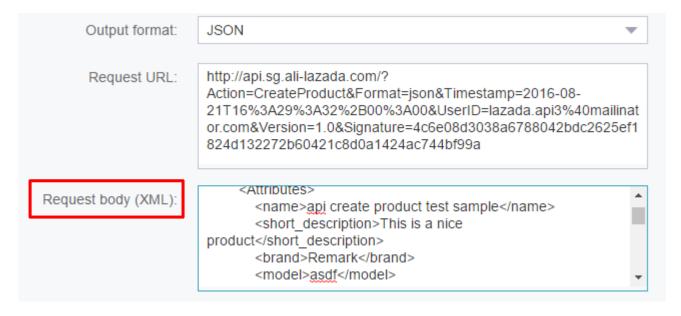


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### Request and Response Format

In new Seller Center, both XML and JSON are supported as response or request.

- In the output format, JSON or XML will be returned (<u>URL</u>).
- If you try to POST with additional data in request body (payload), please stick with the format which is given in Request Body(XML) when editing as below:
- these data must be in XML format, regardless of the chosen output format (as shown in API Explorer).



• To do a successful API call, signature calculation is of utmost importance, please read this page to do this by different coding languages.

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### Feed Concept - No Longer Applicable

In the new Seller Center, the API calls are synchronous (instead of asynchronous in the existing SC).

#### What's the impact?

- Product creation, update and removal via API will be processed during that instance of API call
  ('immediately'). There is no feed queueing concept. This means that your application will also not execute
  other calls, before a response is returned by the API for the current call.
- Feed endpoints will no longer be available as it's not applicable in the new SC. There is no need to retrieve success status of your product creation/update/removal via get FeedStatus.
- 'Instantaneous' response will be given via API response.
- Note that all your actions will be immediate. There is no way to cancel the product creation or update via API.

#### Example of successful product creation via API

```
"SuccessResponse": {
    "Head": {
        "RequestId": "",
        "RequestAction": "CreateProduct",
        "ResponseType": "Product",
        "Timestamp": "2016-08-21T04:43:57+0000"
    },
    "Body": {
        "Warnings": []
    }
}
```



Existing SC API	New SC API		
Product Endpoints			
GetProducts	GetProducts (Updated)		
-	SearchSPUs (NEW)		
-	UploadImage (NEW)		
-	MigrateImage (NEW)		
<u>ProductCreate</u>	CreateProduct (Updated)		
<u>ProductUpdate</u>	<u>UpdateProduct</u> (Updated)		
<u>Image</u>	SetImages (Updated)		
-	UpdatePriceQuantity (NEW)		
<u>ProductRemove</u>	RemoveProduct (Updated)		
<u>GetBrands</u>	GetBrands (No changes)		
<u>GetCategoryTree</u>	GetCategoryTree (No changes)		
<u>GetCategoryAttributes</u>	GetCategoryAttributes (No changes)		
<u>GetCategoriesByAttribute</u>	Removed (No longer applicable)		
Quality Control Endpoints			
GetQcStatus (No changes)	GetQcStatus (No changes)		



Existing SC API	New SC API		
Sales Order Endpoints			
GetOrders	GetOrders (No changes)		
<u>GetOrder</u>	GetOrder (No changes)		
<u>GetOrderComments</u>	Removed (No longer applicable)		
<u>GetOrderItems</u>	GetOrderItems (No changes)		
<u>GetMultipleOrderItems</u>	GetMultipleOrderItems (No changes)		
<u>SetStatusToCanceled</u>	SetStatusToCanceled (No changes)		
<u>SetStatusToPackedByMarketplace</u>	SetStatusToPackedByMarketplace (No changes)		
<u>SetStatusToReadyToShip</u>	SetStatusToReadyToShip (No changes)		
<u>SetStatusToShipped</u>	Removed (N.A. for seller)		
<u>SetStatusToFailedDelivery</u>	Removed (N.A. for seller)		
<u>SetStatusToDelivered</u>	Removed (N.A. for seller)		
SetInvoiceAccessKey	Removed (Not applicable)		
GetDocument	GetDocument (No changes)		
<u>GetFailureReasons</u>	GetFailureReasons (No changes)		
SetInvoiceNumber	SetInvoiceNumber (No changes)		

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Existing SC API	New SC API			
Shipment Provider Endpoints				
<u>GetShipmentProviders</u>	GetShipmentProviders (No changes)			
Seller Endpoints				
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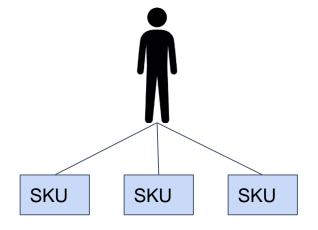
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Feed Endpoints			
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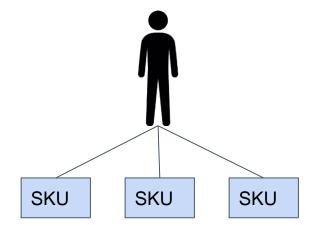


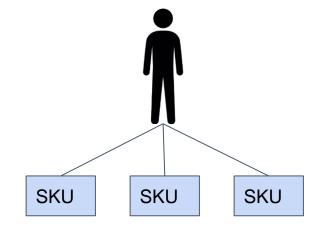
### Product Listing Current Concept: Seller SKU

Today SC Product management is centralized on Seller SKU (stock keeping unit), a distinct type of item for sale unique to each seller; SKU is an inventory unit, primarily focused on stock management.

Product attributes, such as model and brand are manually filled by each seller







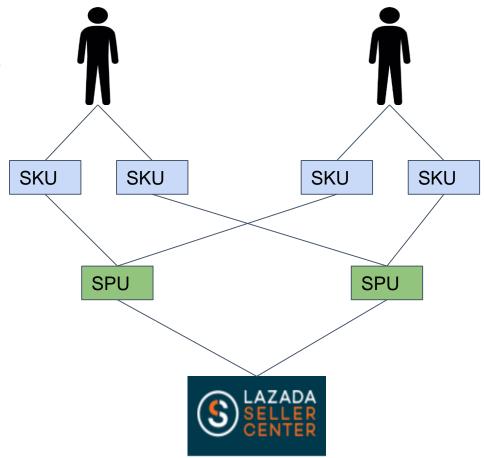
# Product Listing New Concept: SPU and SKU



SPU (Standard Product Unit) is a master product. This master product contains a collection of attributes (e.g. brand, model) that are common to a product across sellers.

Product attributes for each SPU is centrally managed by Lazada. Multiple seller SKUs can be associated to a SPU. SKUs contains more detailed attributes that are specific to each seller (e.g. price, image, package info).

What we currently call "variations" in SC will be treated as individual SKUs in the new SC.



#### **Example**

SPU - Apple iPhone 6

SKU - Apple iPhone 6 Silver 16GB, Silver 64GB, Black 16GB, Black 64GB

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### Benefits of Product Listing New Concept

#### **Benefits of SPU**

Efficient Content Management

For common products, sellers will no longer need to fill in some product attributes (belonging to SPU). Thus, enabling efficient product creation process

Separating Stock and Product Management

Letting Lazada manage master product information means sellers can focus more on selling and inventory control

Improving Frontend Search Results A centralized product database means that your product will be more easily searchable and benchmarked against similar products



### Product API Endpoints Attribute Requirements (Payload Structure)

Data requirements for products differ based on its corresponding category. E.g. a product under Home & Living category will have different attribute sets from a product under Fashion category.

To ensure completeness of your product data, use the following:

- 1. Via API
  - a. Use GetCategoryTree method call to retrieve category IDs
  - b. Use **GetCategoryAttributes** method call to retrieve attribute requirements for a specific category ID
- 2. Via Web Interface

Refer to Product API Examples for each category (under section "API Reference")



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### **Data Limitation**



More details later on





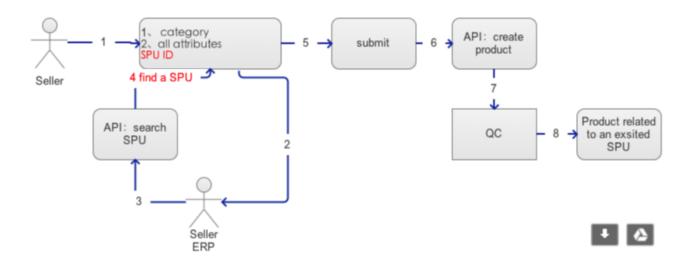
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## Product Listing with new SPU Concept

New product management flow allows user to search for an appropriate SPU for a SKU to be created

- → If appropriate SPU is returned, the SPU contain all necessary master product attributes. By using the SPU relation, seller doesn't have to fill certain master product attributes.
- → If SPU cannot be found, seller has to create product tagged to a certain subcategory. The seller has to fill in all attributes. During Content Quality Control review, Lazada team will tag this product to an existing SPU or create a new SPU accordingly.

More details in following slides.

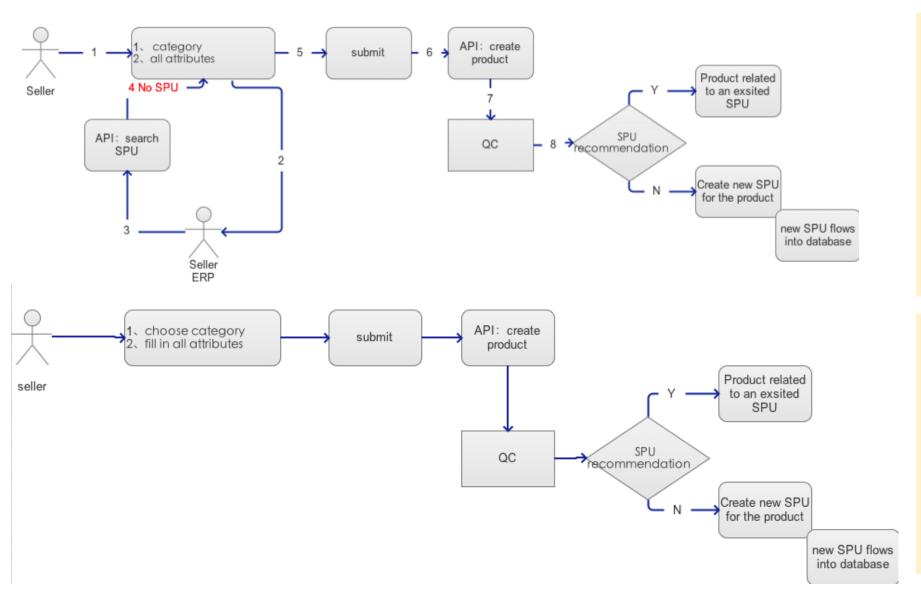


#### Flow 1: Seller finds relevant SPU

- Seller searches for SPU
- Seller creates SKU with appropriate SPU
- After SKU Quality Control is approved, SKU is created with the selected SPU

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### Product Listing with new SPU Concept



# Flow 2: Seller does not find relevant SPU

- Seller searches for SPU
- Seller does not find appropriate SPU
- Seller search for suitable subcategory, downloads category attributes, and creates product
- Lazada Quality Control will recommend appropriate SPU for product, or create a new SPU if it does not yet exist

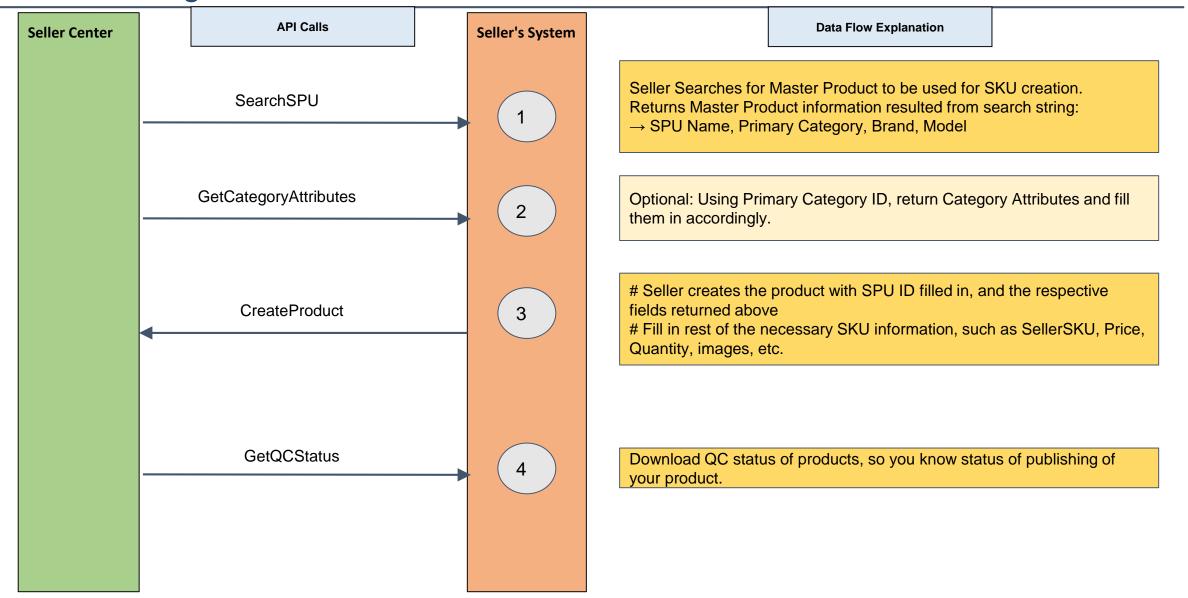
# Flow 3: Seller creates SKU without SPU

- Seller search for suitable subcategory, downloads category attributes, and creates product directly
- Lazada Quality Control will recommend appropriate Master Product for product, or create a new Master Product if it does not yet exist

#### \* Arrows indicate data flow



## Product Listing 1: Seller finds relevant SPU

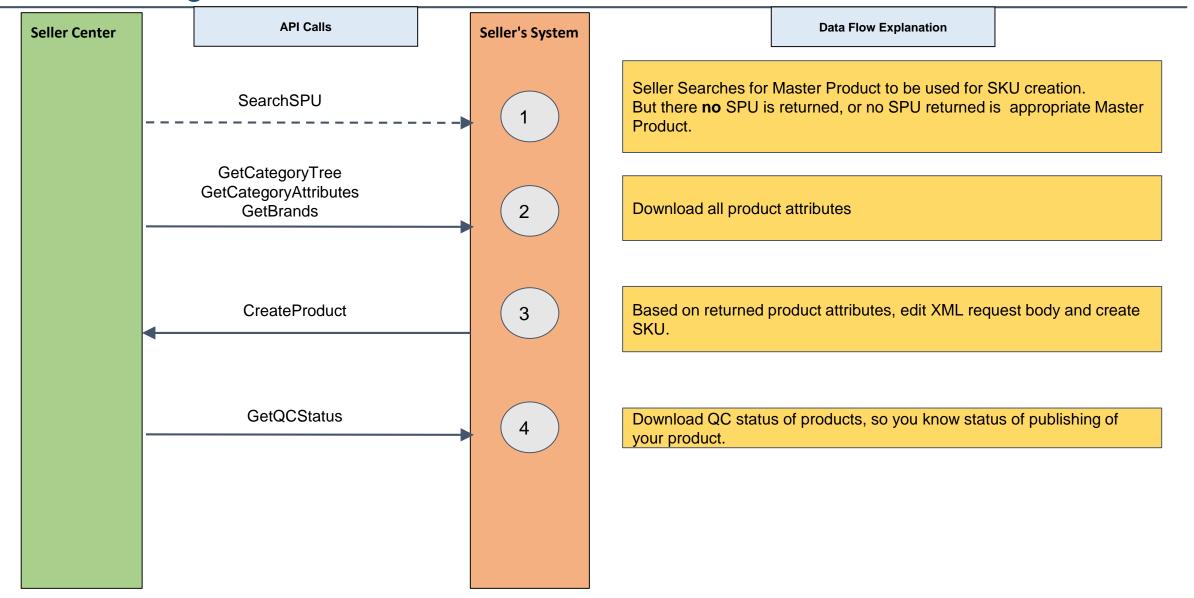


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## Product Listing 2: Seller can't find relevant SPU

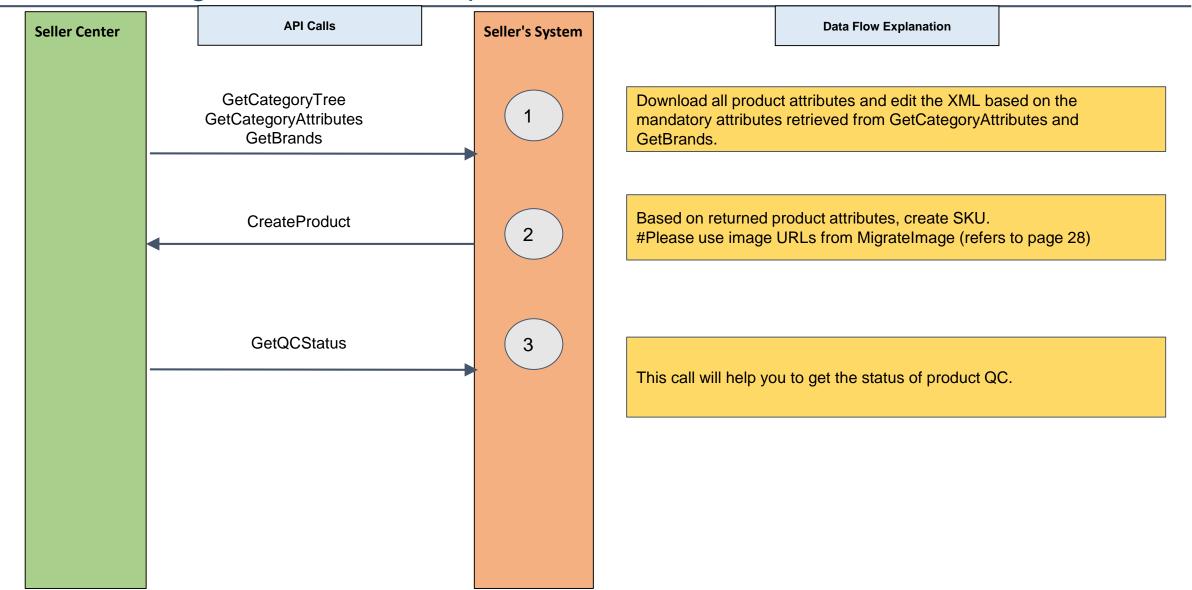


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# Product Listing 3: Seller creates product without SPU



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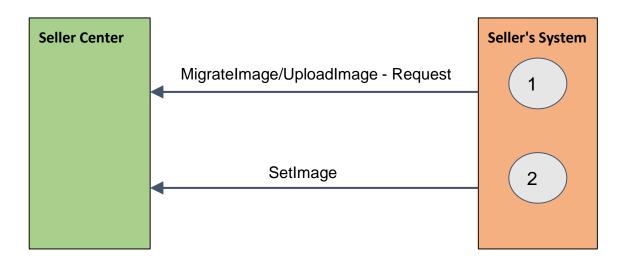
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# Image and Price/ Quantity Maintenance

Image Maintenance

Data Flow Explanation

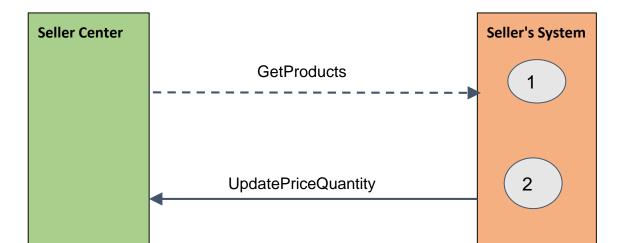


# Use MigrateImage to retrieve the valid URL and fill the <images></images> in CreateProduct

- # Upload image from local device.
- → Only valid ImageURLs from Lazada server can be used for CreateProduct and SetImage

SetImage for the existing SKU by associating one or more image URLs within the same request XML. Image URLs **MUST BE** generated via MigrateImage.

#### **Price/Quantity Maintenance**



Retrieve latest product information under seller center account which can be filtered by all/active/inactive/deleted etc. (Details please refer to URL)

Update price and quantity of respective products as necessary. The maximum number that can be updated at one time is 20.



### Order Processing - Choosing a suitable model

Order related API calls are backward compatible, meaning that the call structures and behavior remain the same. No change to **naming** of the API calls.

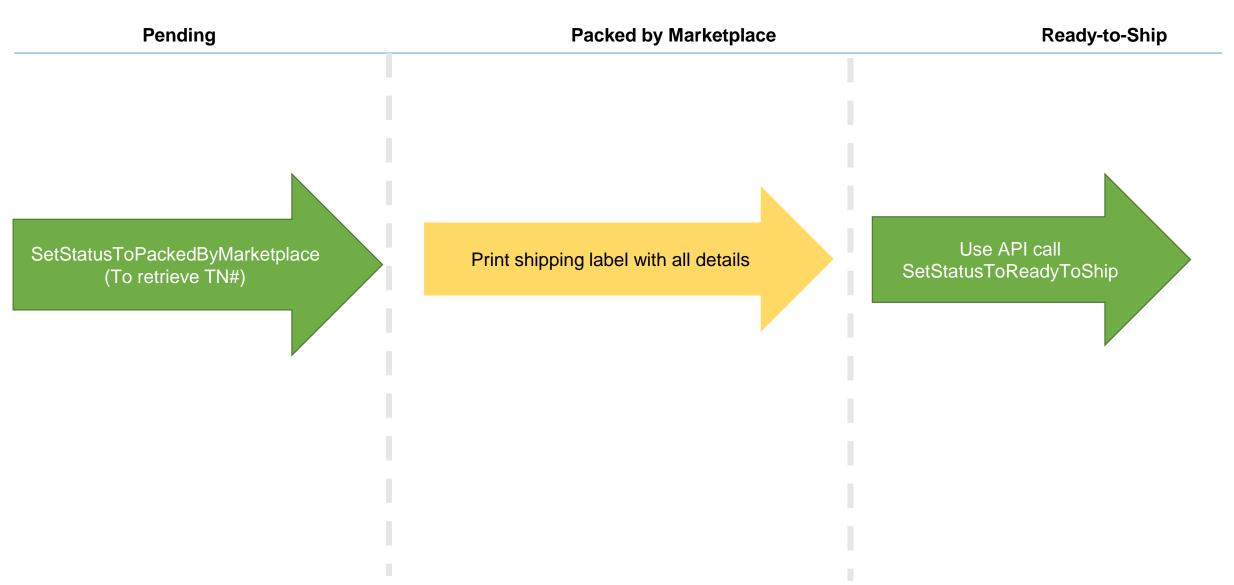
Based on seller's order processing model, please select the suitable integration for your company

Seller Operational Model	API integration model
Seller has 2 different persons/processes involve order process and confirm shipping separately  • Step 1  • Download shipping label  • Tracking Number  • Apply label on parcel  • Step 2  • Confirm Ready to Ship (RTS)	2 steps integration

# **Highlevel Process Flow**



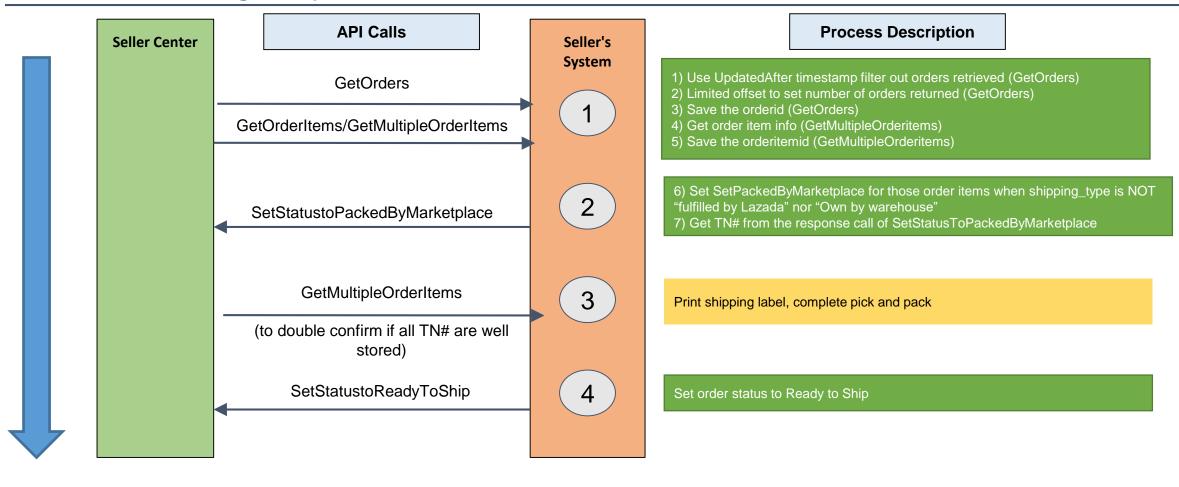
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### **Detail Process Flow**

# Order Processing in system







# Development Kit

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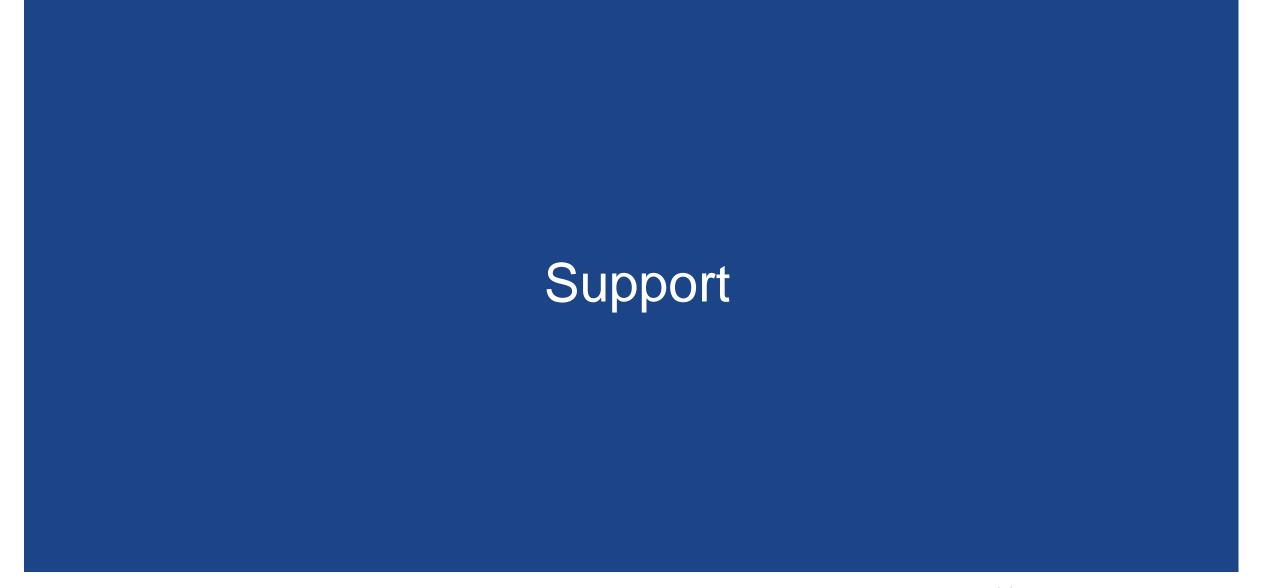




- 1. There's an available sandbox environment to facilitate your test phase during the integration project.
  - a. Please refer to page 7
- 1. We offer various SDK(s) for commonly used web programming languages in order to ease the adoption of our API. Feel free to use it and contribute to them since the code is published under Open Source MIT License.

- https://lazada-sellercenter.readme.io/docs?spm=0.0.0.0.Z7W2Ei
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