

User Manual

Aptean Food and Beverage ERP

Production Cost Apportionment

Product Documentation



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Release notes

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To view what’s new or changed in each release of the Aptean Production Cost Apportionment extension, select the specific release version.

Date	Release version	Description
March 2026	2504.2.0.0	Stability release
February 2026	2504.1.0.0	Stability release
September 2025	2504.0.0.0	Feature release
July 2025	2503.0.0.0	Feature release
July 2025	2502.0.0.0	Feature release
May 2025	2501.2.0.0	Stability release
April 2025	2501.1.0.0	Stability release
February 2025	2501.0.0.0	Feature release
September 2024	2402.0.0.0	Feature release
July 2024	2401.0.0.0	Feature release
June 2024	2301.2.0.0	Stability release
May 2024	2301.1.0.0	Stability release
November 2023	2301.0.0.0	Initial release



2504.2.0.0

Release Note • 3/25/2026 • 1 min read

Resolved issues

The following issue has been resolved in this release.

ID	Description
358277	An error occurs on the Released Production Order page when changing the status from <i>Released</i> to <i>Finished</i> production order, if production order includes the trade plan work center.



2504.1.0.0

Release Note • 2/12/2026 • 1 min read

Resolved issues

The following issue has been resolved in this release.

ID	Description
356648	An error occurs when executing the Change Status action on the Released Production Order page after increasing the Consumption Quantity and Output Quantity field values on the related Production Journal page.



2504.0.0.0

Release Note • 9/24/2025 • 1 min read

Resolved issues

The following issue has been resolved in this release.

ID	Description
293526	The system fails to generate revised value entries for capacity ledger entries associated with co-products on the Finished Production Order page. This issue occurs after reversing capacity costs on the Finished Production Order page, where the revised values are calculated and posted only for the main item.



2503.0.0.0

Release Note • 7/30/2025 • 1 min read

Enhancements/Modifications

This extension has been updated to ensure interoperability with the recent changes in the Aptean Shop Floor Production (BC) extension. To know more, see [What's new in Shop Floor Production \(BC\), version 2508.0.0.0](#).



2502.0.0.0

Release Note • 7/30/2025 • 1 min read

Resolved issues

The following issue has been resolved in this release.

ID	Description
286380	The system incorrectly posts duplicate capacity ledger entries when changing the status of a production order to <i>Finished</i> . This issue occurs when the Aptean Trade Management extension is installed.



2501.2.0.0

Release Note • 5/16/2025 • 1 min read

Enhancements/Modifications

With this release of the Aptean Production Cost Apportionment extension,

- The translation file for the Chinese (zh-CN) language has been added.
- The translation file for the Swedish (sv-SE) language has been updated with standard texts for better readability.



2501.1.0.0

Release Note • 4/15/2025 • 1 min read

Enhancements/Modifications

This extension has been updated to ensure interoperability with the recent changes in the Aptean Process Manufacturing extension. For more information, see [What's new in Process Manufacturing, version 2506.2.0.0](#).



2501.0.0.0

Release Note • 2/12/2025 • 1 min read

Features

With this release of the Apteian Production Cost Apportionment extension,

- The system calculates the cost apportion ratio using the item cost apportion factor and updates capacity ledger entries. To know more, see [Reversing and revising consumption entries on finishing a production order](#).
- The system ensures the apportioning of production costs using the advanced warehouse management license plate tracking system. To know more, see [What's new in Advanced Warehouse Management, version 2504.0.0.0](#).

Integrations

The Apteian Production Cost Apportionment extension has been integrated with the Apteian Beverage [Advanced Warehouse Management](#) extension, Drink-IT Edition.



2402.0.0.0

Release Note • 9/26/2024 • 1 min read

Enhancements/Modifications

With this release of the Aptean Production Cost Apportionment extension, the system prevents cost apportionment when a released production order contains co-product lines. For more information, see [Production Order Registration: Create output line](#).



2401.0.0.0

Release Note • 7/5/2024 • 1 min read

Enhancements/Modifications

This extension has been updated to ensure interoperability with the Aptean Grower Return extension. To know more, see [What's new in version 2401.0.0.0](#).



2301.2.0.0

Release Note • 6/7/2024 • 1 min read

Enhancements/Modifications

The translation files for the Swedish (sv-SE) language have been updated with standard texts for better readability.



2301.1.0.0

Release Note • 5/24/2024 • 1 min read

Enhancements/Modifications

Modifications were made for the Aptean Production Cost Apportionment extension to accommodate the following changes:

- Procedures were added to enhance the application interaction, improve upgrade tag management, streamline upgrade and installation processes, and provide additional flexibility by managing upgrades on a **per-company** and **per-database** basis.
- Application Area Refresh: Updates were implemented to improve the application area refresh process by integrating a new procedure into the **Enable** codeunit.
- Improved Management of Install and Upgrade Code: The **Install** and **Upgrade** code units were updated to streamline the handling of installation, reinstallation, and upgrade processes, ensuring smoother transitions and minimizing disruptions during these operations.
- Centralized License Management Procedures: The existing license management codeunit was modified to use centralized license management procedures, further reducing the need for application-specific adjustments.



2301.0.0.0

Release Note • 11/1/2023 • 1 min read

Features

With the features added in this release of the Aptean Production Cost Apportionment extension, you can:

- Setup the production cost apportionment to ensure accurate and fair cost distribution across products, processes, or departments. For more information, see [Production Cost Apportionment Setup](#).
- Setup production cost apportionment Items. For more information, see [Production Cost Apportionment Items](#).
- Specify the cost apportionment factor at the item level to precisely define how purchase value and cost of producing or assembling is to be distributed to all the possible output items of a production order. For more information, see [Setup item for Production Cost Apportionment](#).
- Calculate the cost apportionment ratio for the posted output quantities. For more information, see [Production Order Registration: Create Output Line](#).
- Create the item ledger entries lines for the posted consumption, on finishing a production order. For more information, see [Reversing and revising consumption entries on finishing a production order](#).



Introduction

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The Apteian Production Cost Apportionment (PCA) extension aims to streamline and optimize the cost allocation process in food and beverage production. It provides an alternative way to distribute purchase value and costs related to value-added processes (like manufacturing) within production characterized by sorting or grading tasks. These processes often yield multiple output items from a single input item. With this extension, businesses can set up alternative ways of deciding the value of consumed items among various production output lines.

In addition to offering an alternative value distribution method, this extension simplifies the process of recording consumption in sorting or grading production procedures. Upon closing the production order, the system automatically redistributes consumption entries among all production lines. Due to this, the initial posting of consumption to specific production output lines becomes irrelevant. This streamlined approach to consumption recording eliminates the need for users to track how many consumed items were allocated to each individual production line.

The extension provides setup options for determining the unit of measure to be used in cost apportionment per item or item category code. Additionally, it allows you to assign unique weights to items, thus enabling customized allocation of purchase value and cost to output items. This simplifies the process of accurately determining the costs of goods sold for graded production lot numbers and the sales margins that directly depend on these cost amounts.



Setup

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The following setups are required.

- [Manage permission sets](#)
- [Set up production cost apportionment](#)
- [Set up items](#)



Manage permission sets

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Permission sets in Business Central define a user's access level to various features and data within this extension.

We provide the following system permission sets:

- Direct
- Indirect

Direct permission sets

Users with this permission set can perform specific actions directly without requiring additional approvals or workflows. These sets include permissions to read, modify, delete, and create data.

The direct permission set ID for this extension is *PRODCOSTAPPOR123FDW*.

Indirect permission sets

Users with this permission set can perform specific actions. This is used in conjunction with other permission sets and typically involves additional conditions or approvals before an action can be completed.

The indirect permission set ID for this extension is *PRODCOSTAPBSC123FDW*.

User-defined permission sets

In addition to the system permission sets we provide, you can create new permission sets or copy system permission sets and modify or delete access to specific entities according to your requirements. For more information, see

[Assign permissions to users and groups](#).

Assign a permission set

1. Select the Search icon , enter **Users**, and then choose the related link.

The **Users** list page opens.

2. Navigate to the username for which you want to assign the permission set and select it.

The **User Card** page opens.

3. On the **User Permission Sets** FastTab, in the **Permission Set** field, enter the valid permission set for this extension.

The associated fields are automatically updated based on the entered value. The user has the necessary



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permissions to use the features of the Aptean Production Cost Apportionment extension, ensuring secure and role-based access.



Set up production cost apportionment

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Use the **Production Cost Apportionment Setup** page to ensure accurate and fair cost distribution across products, processes, or departments. Additionally, any changes that occur to the cost allocation method need to get your consensus.

1. Select the Search icon , enter **Production Cost Apportionment Setup**, and then choose the related link.
2. In the **Calculation Unit of Measure Code** field, select a code for the unit of measure that must be used when assessing the value attributed to each individual output item.

 **Note**

This value can be overridden at either the Item category or Item level.

3. In the **Output Cost Method** field, select either blank or By Factor.

 **Note**

Selecting the *By Factor* in the **Output Cost Method** field triggers the creation of additional entries that affect the cost apportionment. Otherwise, the system operates like standard Business Central.

A prompt message appears and displays the following messages:
Changing the Output Cost Method has a significant impact on a business's Item Cost reporting. To make the change, you must provide positive confirmation of your request.

4. Turn on the **I Understand** toggle.
You will receive a confirmation message stating:
Are you sure you want to change the Output Cost Method?
5. Choose *Yes* to accept the changes.

Production Cost Apportionment Setup Action

The following table provides descriptions of the actions on this page for the controls in this page.

Function	Description
Set Default value	Use this action to specify the production cost apportionment setup again and reset all basic setups to default values.



Check Setup	Use this action to see if there are any errors in the configuration. You can view any captured errors on the Error Message page and fix them as needed. This ensures a smooth configuration process without any issues.
Production Cost Apportionment Items	Use this action to configure alternatives and additional setup at the item or item category level, which overrides and enhances the Production Cost Apportionment Setup page settings.

Production Cost Apportionment Items

Once the **Output Cost Method** is set to *By Factor*, it is possible to configure on the item category or item level. You can also exclude particular items or item categories from the cost apportionment process, such as packaging items utilized in production. You can access the **Production Cost Apportionment Items** page by clicking the **Production Cost Apportionment Items** action on the **Production Cost Apportionment Setup** page.

On the **Production Cost Apportionment Items** page, fill in the required fields.

1. In the **Source Type** field, specify to which source type this production cost applies. The options are *Item* or *Item Category*.

Note

The highest priority is given to the Item type.

2. In the **Source Code** field, specify the number or code of the source to which this production cost applies.
3. In the **Calculation Unit of Measure Code** field, specify a code for the unit of measure that will use this as the cost apportion UoM on the production line.

When assigning factors to items (where factors indicate the item's significance in value apportionment relative to other items), the calculation unit of measure specifies the unit for weight consideration. Calculation units of measure defined at the item or item category code level take precedence over those from the **Production Cost Apportionment Setup** page.

4. In the **Exclude from Apportionment** checkbox, select this if you want to exclude an item or item category from the cost apportionment.

The Production Cost Apportion is set up.



Set up items

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You can set up the cost apportion factor at the item level to define how purchase value and cost of production are to be distributed to all the possible output items of a production order. This factor is used in conjunction with the quantities of output items produced to calculate how the total purchase value is to be redistributed across all production items.

The following procedure outlines how to set up an item with a production cost apportion factor to use in production cost apportionment.

1. Select the Search icon , enter **Items**, and then choose the related link.
The **Items** list page opens.
2. Select the required record.
The **Item Card** page opens.
3. On the **Replenishment** FastTab, in the **Cost Apportion Factor** field, enter the factor that is used to allocate or apportion costs for this item. This factor denotes the item's relative weight concerning value apportionment in comparison to other items used as output in the same production order.

Note

The field name displays the unit of measure that is defined on the **Production Cost Apportionment Items** or **Production Cost Apportionment Setup** page. For example, if the unit of measure is set to *KG*, the field name will appear as **Cost Apportion Factor (KG)**.



Production order registration: Create output line

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A production cost apportionment unit of measure can be set up on the **Production Cost Apportionment Setup** or the **Production Cost Apportionment Items** page.

In the following example, assume that you have set the Production Cost Apportionments for the following item category codes and items.

Create a new production order of type sorting or grading, preferably using a family. Upon refreshing the production order, the system generates production lines for each item in the family. Additionally, you can manually add production lines and consumption lines to the order.

1. On the **Released Production Order** page, on the **General** FastTab, in the **Source Type** field, specify the value.
2. In the **Source Number** field, specify the number or code.
3. In the **Quantity** field, specify the quantity.
4. On the action bar, select **Refresh Production Order** to create production lines.

The system displays the factor in the **Cost Apportion Factor** field of each production line by inheriting the value from the corresponding item card. > [!Note] > The cost apportionment features do not apply to a released production order if:

- > - the **Consolidated Consumption** toggle on the **Replenishment** FastTab of the associated **Item Card** page is turned on. This toggle is available only when the Aptean [Process Manufacturing](#) extension is installed.
- > - there is a catch weight item in the production order output line. The **Catch Weight** toggle on the **Inventory** FastTab of the associated **Item Card** page must be turned on. This toggle is available only when the Aptean [Catch Weight](#) extension is installed.

5. The **Cost Apportion UoM** field for each production line is filled based on the following conditions:
 - If a record exists where the **Source Type** is *Item* and the **Source Code** matches the item number from the production line on the **Item Category Production Cost Apportionment** table, the value is taken from that record's **Default Calculation UoM** field.
 - If there is no record for the item code, but a record exists for the corresponding item category code in the same table. In that case, the value is taken from that record's **Default Calculation UoM** field.
 - If neither specific item nor item category records exist, the value is filled with the **Default Calculation UOM** defined on the **Production Cost Allocation Setup** page.

For each production output line, the **Include in Cost Apportionment** checkbox is selected unless a record exists for the corresponding item or item category code in the **Item Category Production Cost Apportionment** table that states **Exclude from Cost Apportionment** checkbox is selected.



The Cost Apportion Ratio is initially left blank and is only filled when the production line's output is posted.

For each production component line, the **Include in Cost Apportionment** checkbox is selected unless a record exists for the corresponding item or item category code in the **Item Category Production Cost Apportionment** table that states **Exclude from Cost Apportionment** checkbox is selected.

Cost Apportion Ratio Calculation on posting output

When you create the production order and post the output quantities in the production order, the system initiates the calculation of the cost apportion ratio. To know how the cost apportion ratio is calculated, see [Calculation Cost Apportion Ratio](#).

The cost apportion ratio is calculated only for production lines with a finished quantity that is selected in the **Include in Cost Apportionment** checkbox.

Calculation Cost Apportion Ratio

The Cost Apportion Ratio is calculated using the following formula:

To explain how a cost apportion ratio is calculated in the production order line, let us consider an example. Let's say you have created a new production order PRO-001 of the sorting or grading type, preferably using a family. On refreshing the production order, the system generates production lines for each item in the family. Additionally, you can manually add production lines and consumption lines to the order.

In this example, we have four items (IM-0002, IM-0003, IM-0004, and PC-0001) with corresponding Cost Apportion Factors and quantities.

Execution of Production:

After registering the aforementioned production order, you can post the consumption. Suppose, in this example, a total of 18,000 KG is posted as consumption for the first line. This action results in the subsequent item ledger entry.



Following the consumption posting, the sorting machine processes the carrots, subsequently registering output for each production output line. Let's assume the Finished Quantities differ from expectations, and the production order updates as follows:

After posting output, the total set of item ledger entries for this production order is the following:

Simultaneously, when posting output, the system will convert the finished quantities to quantities in the Cost Apportion Unit of Measure. For more information, see [Setup item for Production Cost Apportionment](#).

Note

In the provided example, the unit of measure for output posting and the Cost Apportion Unit of measure are both KG. If, for example, the Cost Apportion Unit of Measure for item IM-0001 were TON (equivalent to 1000KG), the finished quantity would be 4500, and the finished quantities in the Cost Apportion Unit of Measure would be set to 4.5.

After conversion to the Cost Apportion Unit of measure, the system will use them to calculate the cost apportion ratio:

Calculating the Cost Apportion Ratio:

The following calculations determine the cost apportion ratios for each respective item.

Calculate for Item IM-0002:

- Cost Apportion Ratio (for IM-0002) = $(2\,4500\text{ kg}) / \text{Total of } [(2\,4500\text{ kg}) + (3\,5400\text{ kg}) + (4\,8100\text{ kg})]$
- Cost Apportion Ratio (for IM-0002) = $9000\text{ Kg} / 57600 \approx 0.15625$

Calculate for Item IM-0003:

- Cost Apportion Ratio (for IM-0003) = $(3\,5400\text{ kg}) / \text{Total of } [(2\,4500\text{ kg}) + (3\,5400\text{ kg}) + (4\,8100\text{ kg})]$
- Cost Apportion Ratio (for IM-0003) = $16200\text{ Kg} / 57600 \approx 0.28125$

Calculate for Item IM-0004:

- Cost Apportion Ratio (for IM-0004) = $(4\,8100\text{ kg}) / \text{Total of } [(2\,4500\text{ kg}) + (3\,5400\text{ kg}) + (4\,8100\text{ kg})]$
- Cost Apportion Ratio (for IM-0004) = $32400\text{ Kg} / 57600 \approx 0.5625$

Calculate for Item PC-0001:



The calculation does not take place for this item since the item has been set to Clear for the **Include in Cost Apportionment** checkbox on the **Production Cost Apportionment Items** page. For more information, see [Production Cost Apportionment Items](#).

Note

If the **Exclude from Cost Apportionment** checkbox is selected or has a zero factor on their Item Card for that specific item, the Cost Apportion Unit of Measure (UoM) will not be populated in the production line. Additionally, such lines will not be considered during processes like reversing/revising.

Note

When posting output for production, the system calculates the cost apportion ratio for each output posting, regardless of whether you post collectively or for specific lines. For instance, if you post output for the initial line, the system calculates the Cost Apportion Ratio specifically for that line. Subsequently, as you post output for the second line, the ratio will be distributed across both lines, updating the cost apportion ratio for each line.



Reversing and revising consumption entries on finishing a production order

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After posting the output and consumption lines and the status of the production order changed to finished, the system reverses and revises processes if the following criteria are met:

- The *By Factor* option is selected in the **Cost Apportion Method** field on the **Production Cost Apportionment Setup** page.
- When the finished quantity and cost apportion is greater than zero, it exists for more than one production output line in the production order.

First, the system reverses each consumption posting made by the user. In this example, the 18,000 KG that was posted is reversed using a new item ledger entry of type 'Consumption' but a positive sign. Essentially, this temporarily creates new inventory. In the image below, the selected item ledger entry represents this reversal.

Next, the system redistributes this item ledger entry by creating new item ledger entries of the 'Consumption' type. Each production line meets specific criteria, such as having a finished quantity, a calculated cost apportion ratio, and not being selected to the Include in Cost Apportionment checkbox. In the example, the 18,000 KG is redistributed among the production lines 10000, 20000, and 30000 using the previously calculated cost apportion ratios as follows:

- Production line 10,000 with item IM-1002 Carrot small, Ratio 0.15625 is allocated $18.000 * 0.15625 = 2812.5$ KG
- Production line 20,000 with item IM-1003 Carrot medium, Ratio 0.28125 is allocated $18.000 * 0.28125 = 5062.5$ KG
- Production line 30,000 with item IM-1004 Carrot large, Ratio 0.5625 is allocated $18.000 * 0.5625 = 10125$ KG

This results in the following total set of item ledger entries for the production order after finishing the Reverse and Revision routine.

Use the **Production Cost Apportionment Type** field on the Item Ledger Entries and Value Entries pages to view the entries marked as either 'Reverse' or 'Revise'. This helps you distinguish entries created through the reverse/revise process from your posted entries.

When processing a released production order with routing, work center/machine center, and labor time and posting the production journal, the system applies the item's cost apportion factor to calculate the cost apportion ratio for the output quantities.



After finishing the production order, you can view the updated capacity ledger entries, where costs are reversed and revised based on the item's cost apportion ratio.

Understanding the effect of reversing and revising consumption entries

In standard business processes, costs are often distributed evenly among different production lines, regardless of each item's varying value or significance. However, the Aptean Production Cost Apportionment extension introduces a more sophisticated strategy that incorporates cost apportionment ratios. Let's continue our carrot example to see how these ratios can impact financial reporting on costing of production items.

Suppose the purchase order, from which our consumption lot originates, is invoiced for a total of 18,000 in local currency (1 LCY per KG). Standard Business Central costing would evenly distribute this purchase value across all production lines based on the quantity produced. The **Cost Amount (Actual)** field in the corresponding item ledger entries will show the following value:

- Item ledger entry for production line 10,000, Item IM-1002, cost amount actual = $(\text{Total purchase value } 18,000) / (\text{total output quantity } 18,000) * \text{output quantity } 4500 = 4500$ in local currency Cost per Unit of 1 in local currency
- Item ledger entry for production line 20,000, Item IM-1003 cost amount actual = $(\text{Total purchase value } 18,000) / (\text{total output quantity } 18,000) * \text{output quantity } 5400 = 5400$ in local currency and Cost per Unit of 1 in local currency
- Item ledger entry for production line 30,000, Item IM-1004 cost amount actual = $(\text{Total purchase value } 18,000) / (\text{total output quantity } 18,000) * \text{output quantity } 8100 = 8100$ in local currency Cost per Unit of 1 in local currency

This implies that all produced items represent the same value and carry the same cost.

However, by defining cost apportionment factors that vary between items and using the Reverse and Revise Routine, the extension affects how the "Cost Amount (Actual)" and "Cost per Unit" are determined. In our example, the following factors are assigned per item

- Item IM-1002, Factor 2
- Item IM-1003, Factor 3
- Item IM-1004, Factor 4

This indicates that item IM-1004 is twice as valuable as IM-1002. The Reverse and Revise entries, in conjunction with the standard Business Central Costing mechanism, enforce this costing relationship between output items. The "Cost Amount (Actual)" for the output of our carrot production order becomes:

- Item ledger entry for production line 10.000, Item IM-1002, shows a Cost Amount (Actual) = $(\text{Total purchase value } 18.000) * \text{production cost apportionment ratio } 0.15625 = 2812.50$
- Item ledger entry for production line 20.000, Item IM-1003, shows a Cost Amount (Actual) = $(\text{Total purchase value } 18.000) * \text{production cost apportionment ratio } 0.28125 = 5062.50$



- Item ledger entry for production line 30.000, Item IM-1004, shows a Cost Amount (Actual) = (Total purchase value 18.000) * production cost apportionment ratio 0.5625 = 10125.00

The Cost Amount (Actual), as shown on the item ledger entry, originates from the value entries linked to the item ledger entry of type output. In these value entries, the cost per unit is also maintained. The "Cost Amount (Actual)" in the item ledger entry originates from the value entries linked to the item ledger entry of type output. These value entries also maintain the cost per unit:

- For Item IM-1002, with a total Cost Amount (Actual) of 2812.50, a Cost per unit of $2812.50 / 4500 = 0.625$ is shown.
- For Item IM-1003, with a total Cost Amount (Actual) of 5062.50, a Cost per unit of $5062.50 / 5400 = 0.9375$ is shown.
- For Item IM-1004, with a total Cost Amount (Actual) of 10125, a Cost per unit of $10125 / 8100 = 1.25$ is shown.

The above explanation demonstrates the effect of the factors defined at the item level. As opposed to the cost apportionment of standard business central, the Aptean Production Cost Apportionment extension is functionality enforces that the valuation of item IM-1004 is twice as high as for item IM-1002.

Whenever modifications are made to the purchase value of the consumed lot numbers (e.g., purchase price corrections, additional costs via item charges), the standard Business Central mechanism of cost adjustment will always allocate these costs to production order output item ledger entries. The existence of the reverse and revised entries ensures that the cost apportionment ratios, originating from the factors defined at the item level, continue to influence how cost adjustments are allocated to production output entries.

Note

To enable this mechanism, all involved items must be set to an actual costing method (the Costing Method field must be set to any options: Fifo, Lifo, or Specific).

