

Handle Containers

Introduction

This article highlights three new enhancements now available in Magaya software version 9.1 that give you more flexibility in warehouse procedures and shipments: The first enables you to receive empty containers; the second enables you to load items from different locations; and the third enables partial Picks.

Let's look at each one in more detail:

1. Receive Empty Containers

Now the system enables you to receive empty containers (from a Booking or Pickup Order), and have more options with that container. When you receive an empty container, first assign it a location and "On Hand" status in your Magaya system. Now the container is part of your On Hand items, and you can move them to a different location in the warehouse and use them in shipments.

When creating a shipment transaction, you can use that container by adding it to the shipment even though the container is empty. Previously, a validation procedure did not allow adding an empty container. (You can also create a Cargo Release.) Next, load items in it using the "Load" button from the Shipment (or the "Add" button in a Cargo Release).

2. Load Items from Different Locations

Now you can load items inside a shipping container from different locations in your warehouse. This is done by the software treating the package type of "Container" differently from other packages. Steps are the same as before version 9.1 for loading the items.

Shipping Instructions Option: If you send shipping instructions to the carrier via INT-TRA, send them now. The location of the items remains the same until after the items are picked; it does not change when the container is added to the transaction. You can show the items as repacked if you need to for the shipping instructions; this will show on the transaction before a Pick, Load, or Repacking task is performed in the warehouse.

Repacking: If items need to be repacked, then items from different locations can be packed into a container. This option is valid only if the package type selected is "Container." Other package types such as Box or Pallet will not allow repacking from different locations. When a container is added to a shipment or Cargo Release, the icon for the container will appear different from other package types. When a shipping container is loaded from a Warehouse Receipt, it can be used to repack commodities from other Warehouse Receipts, an option not previously available in the software.

Commodity List	
 Dates: Last year to date 	
Status	Package
 Loaded	20 Ft. Standard Container
 Loaded	Box
 Loaded	Box
 On Hand	Box

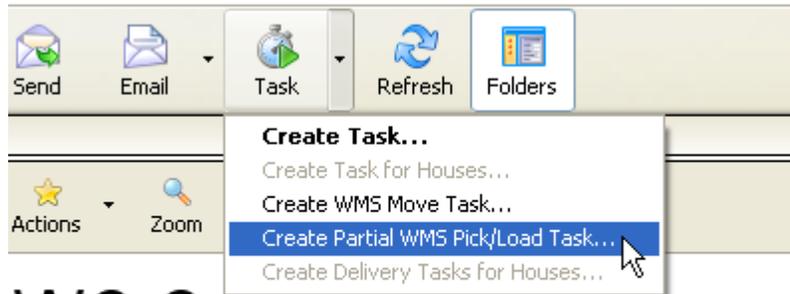
When viewing a shipping container in the "Warehouse Inspector" folder, only the commodities that are in the same location will appear under the container. All contained commodities that are not in the shipping container's location are found under the commodities' location.

3. Partial Picks

Partial Picks can now be done: If you have more than one container in a shipment, you can put items in any container you want using the Partial Pick Task by creating a Pick Task for a WMS Mobile user to gather items to ship.

Option: The PC user can create one Pick Task (or many) to send to different WMS Mobile users so picking items can be done faster. Partial quantities of items in a WR can be picked.

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After the Task is created, the WMS Mobile user picks the cargo as usual. Then a Load Task can be created on the PC and sent to the WMS Mobile user. The items are loaded, and the cargo departs the warehouse for local delivery or to the port for export as usual.

These new enhancements will give your operations more options for receiving, picking, loading and shipping cargo and containers. ■

The Partial Pick screen shows the different containers, and you select only one container for the Partial Picking:

