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How does House of Fraser's Product & Price Importation service work?

Process Overview

- You must complete the registration form for access to the House of Fraser FTP (File Transfer Protocol) server and email it to hofis-supplier-registration@hof.co.uk.

(The registration form can be found at: <http://www.hofsuppliers.co.uk/info/CatSales.html>)

- You will receive a secure Username and Password from the HOF Registration team.
- You will upload your PRICAT file via HoF FTP server.
- Your PRICAT file is validated, checked and loaded onto the HoF till system.
- Your merchandise will be scanned at the tills using supplier EAN barcodes.
- If your trade on the HOF Web store prices will be updated.
- Your sales files will be collated as part of over night processing.
- Your sales files will be placed on to FTP server ready for collection by you.

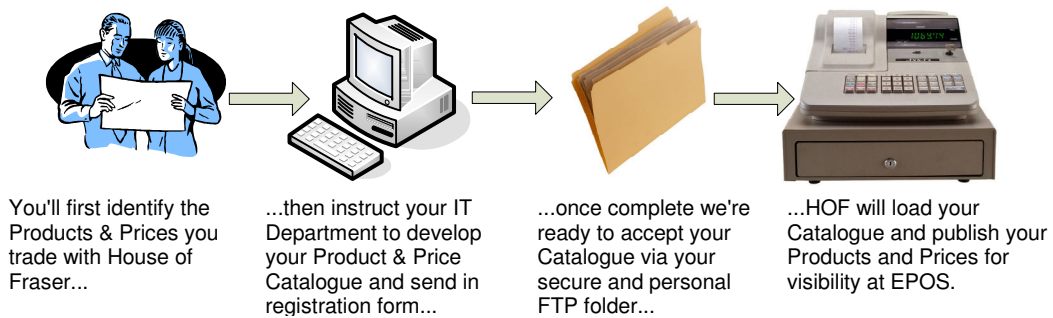
What must be sent by you to House of Fraser, how and when?

You will develop a Product and Price Catalogue containing the products and prices [Sterling (& Euro if trading in Eire)] for each department you trade with House of Fraser. To aid your development of the catalogue we've published a number of documents and guides to help you do this on our information website at: <http://www.hofsuppliers.co.uk/info/CatSales.html>

Once developed, and following successful registration for access to HOF's FTP server you will send the catalogue(s) via FTP to House of Fraser who will load the catalogues(s) for the day you have specified. For new suppliers this should be done at least a week before you begin trading so that any errors can be rectified.

You can send us future-dated prices up to 7 days in advance if you wish. This will ensure that your product details can be verified and loaded onto our systems in plenty of time before any sale, such as a Brand Event. Sale events often start early on our Website. If you trade on our Website, and will be sending your own pricing file to HOF, then the only way for your revised prices to appear early on our Website is by sending a future-dated PRICAT. For more details on how to do this, please contact the IT Service Desk by sending an email to hhofis@hof.co.uk

House of Fraser's Catalogue & Sales Frequently Asked Questions



How your catalogue will make a difference

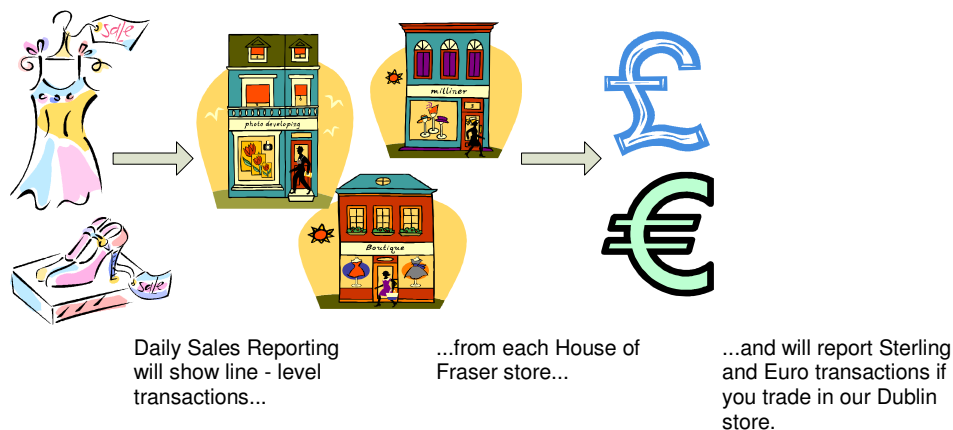
A key benefit of sending your Product & Price Catalogue to EPOS is the facility to operate what's called Price Look Up - which means the correct Selling Price is displayed on the till when the product is scanned at EPOS. Capturing transactions in this manner (at all HOF tills) negates the need to enter Selling Prices manually and reduces the error and fraud opportunities inherent to this practice.

You will also be able to update your Web prices – PPI is a pre-requisite for the Web. If you are trading on our Website, and send us enriched product details, the Product Code / EAN13 barcode combinations you send on the PRICAT **must** match those Product Code / EAN13 barcode combinations you send to our eCommerce team. If they don't, then prices on the Website will not be automatically updated via a PRICAT, and could be different to prices in Stores.



What your daily Sales Report will show

The daily Sales Report will provide line - level transaction details (ie sales and returns) from all trading House of Fraser outlets. If you trade in our Dundrum (Dublin) store, Sterling and Euro value transactions will be reported. These reports are available as a standard or extended format (more information is available on our information website).



What are the main benefits of the service?

The benefits enjoyed by current subscribers are:

- The ability to scan products at any HOF till throughout the store
- Improved accuracy of sales data
- Timely data for targeted stock replenishment
- Automated discounts at EPOS for sale events and promotions
- Reduction of fraud opportunities
- Elimination of separate Concession IT systems at each trading store

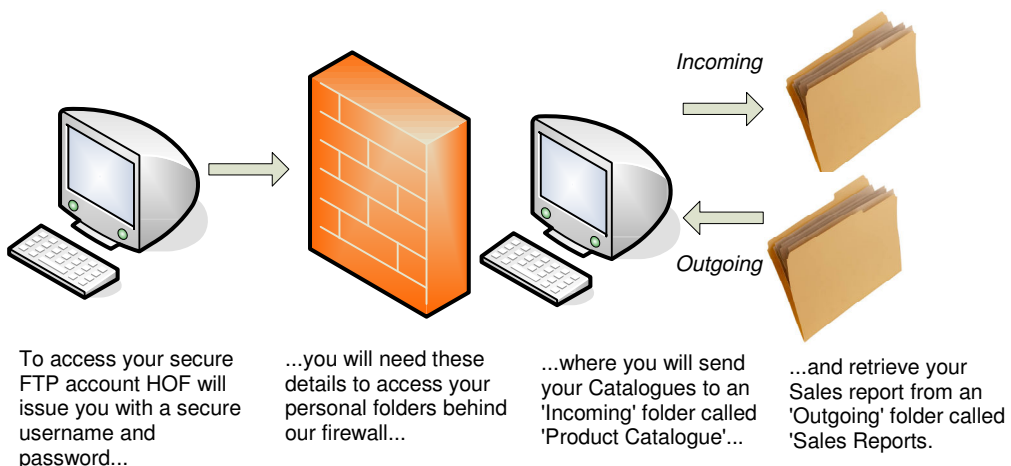
Contact details

The service is operated exclusively by House of Fraser and does not involve a third party provider. The service is only available to Concession and Consignment suppliers who trade with House of Fraser.

- For general advice or further clarification on how PPI operates or if you have a question about the online documentation please email the House of Fraser IT Service Desk (hhofis@hof.co.uk)
- If you have already signed up and are operating PPI and would like to report a fault, request sales data to be resent or have an ad-hoc request for sales data please email the House of Fraser IT Service Desk (hhofis@hof.co.uk)

Is the service secure?

Access to your FTP directory (where you will 'post' Catalogues and retrieve Sales Reports) is controlled by an individual username and password. Confidentiality of data is ensured by the security controls inherent to the FTP directory.



Is there a charge for the service?

Yes. There is a one-off setup fee of £1000 together with a subscription fee. The charge will be £10 (capped at a maximum charge of £250 or 25 stores)

Will I pay extra if I operate more than one department?

Yes. We set the charge at department level. The charge will be £10 (capped at a maximum charge of £250 or 25 stores)

How can I join the service?

A registration form for the service can be found on the information website and should be emailed to hofis-supplier-registration@hof.co.uk

Is the service likely to demand extensive IT resource?

The key tasks for a Concession business is developing the Catalogue and integrating the sales to their back office. If your IT business is outsourced to a third-party we're happy to work with them based on your instructions.

What do I need to include in the Product and Price Catalogue file?

A user guide for creating a PRICAT file, mentioned in question one, details all of the information that needs to be included in the file. There must be an EAN 13 code for each product in the file. An EAN 14 code cannot be used instead of an EAN 13 code.

Each item of merchandise must then be ticketed to include the EAN 13 code to take advantage of House of Fraser price look up functionality at the tills.

If you are trading in Dundrum (Dublin) store you must include Euro prices.

NOTE: a PRICAT file must not exceed 10,000 skus or it will fail to load in to HOF systems.

If my products don't have barcodes, how do I get them?

PPI will only work if your products have barcodes. House of Fraser systems recognize EAN13 and UPC12 barcodes. If your barcodes are not in either of these formats please send an email to hhofis@hof.co.uk for advice.

To get EAN13 barcodes please contact the only official organization in the UK.

They are called GS1- (<http://www.gs1uk.org/pages/default.aspx>)

GS1 coordinate barcodes globally and ensure no two barcode 'owners' are given the same number.

Join up and subscribe to their service and GS1 will issue you with your barcode numbers.

Must I generate a Product and Price Catalogue file for each HOF store I trade from?

No. The Catalogue you send will cover your product offer for all stores. You must include ONLY the products which you trade in HOF stores, not your entire catalogue.

Will I receive sales data in Euros if I trade in the Dundrum store?

If you receive sales data in the standard CSV, standard xml or in EDI format then your sales data for Dundrum trading will be in Euros. This will be determined by the currency field (XML) or the Euro field (CSV).

If you choose to receive your sales data in the extended CSV or extended xml formats then you will receive the data both in Euro and GBP.

Do I need to send my Product and Price Catalogue file to HOF daily?

No. You only need to send your Catalogue when you wish to update your Selling Prices or introduce new products. House of Fraser only expects you to send incremental catalogues containing new or amended products, on a regular basis.

How do I action price changes?

You are in control of your product Selling Prices and whatever changes you send will be visible at EPOS on the day you specified on your product catalogue. The same rule applies for new product ranges. To ensure prices are available for next day's trade they must be loaded on to HoF's ftp server before midday, on the day before the prices are to be displayed at the tills.

For promotional activity you will send a Catalogue that targets your price changes accordingly. In the case of our Big Brand Event (i.e. standard 20% / 25% reduction at POS), we would prefer to set an automatic discount for your entire department and remove this post - sale.



Can I include a zero price point item?

You may wish to include products with no price in the catalogue. This might be for samples or gifts. This can be done but the product price must have a zero value, not left blank or null.

What is the difference between an incremental and a complete Product and Price Catalogue file?

The complete file will contain all of the products that you sell at the House of Fraser while the incremental file will contain only the products that you want to change the prices for or new products to be added to the till system.

How are prices managed for products not included in a Product & Price Catalogue?

If a product has not been imported, the sales assistant (after scanning the barcode) will be prompted, at EPOS, to enter your Concession Department Number and Selling Price manually. The sale and value will be recorded against a Dump Code number (ie a generic bar code entry). If you wish to know this Dump Code, please contact the IT Service Desk at hhofis@hof.co.uk

Does the Sales Report show stock information?

No. We don't hold store stock data for any Concession business. We can provide separate stock reports only if we hold your stock in our EDC for the Web store. We can count your stock in line with our own store stock count schedule. If you wish to pursue this please email hhofis@hof.co.uk

Can the go live be staggered ie roll out to one store then further roll out to more?

No. Once we've imported your Catalogue, all prices will be visible at POS.

What are House of Fraser's timescales for go live?

If your Product & Price Catalogue conforms to our standards House of Fraser will prioritise your go live within 24 hours. To ensure that there is time to deal with any issues with your PRICAT file, we require that you sent it at least 1 week before the go live date. The PPI contact will progress your live date.

How would a promotion such as Buy One Get One Free be handled?

Promotions such as this are a manual process at the till and require the consultants to enter discounts at the till.

For example:-

Scenario 1 - Each product is scanned separately:

Product A, Qty 1, Net Value 18.00, POS Discount 0
Product A, Qty 1, Net Value 0.00, POS Discount 18.00

Scenario 2 - Product is scanned as a multiple:

Product A, Qty 2, Net Value 18.00, POS Discount 18.00

These sales will be recorded in your sales file in the manner they are entered at the till. However, you will only be able to see the POS discount and the reason code applied if you receive extended format sales files.

What if my products are also on the House of Fraser Website?

If you send us enriched product details for the Website, the Product Code / EAN13 barcode combinations you send on the PRICAT must match the Product Code / EAN13 barcode combinations you send to our eCommerce team. If not, when you change prices via a PRICAT, then prices on the Website will not be automatically updated, and will therefore be different to prices in Stores.

What if I want to change future-dated prices which I've already sent to you?

Just send us another catalogue for the same future date with the products & prices you want to change.

What if I want to change prices for a future-date earlier than that which I've already sent to you?

You can send products for this earlier date only if they haven't already been sent and processed for a later date. If we have already created a product's price for a later date we cannot then create another *earlier* price for that product.

For example:-

Catalogue date	20101130	sent on	25 th November
Product A	price 10.00		would be accepted
Product B	price 20.00		would be accepted
Catalogue date	20101128	sent on	26 th November
Product C	price 40.00		would be accepted
Product A	price 15.00		would be <i>rejected</i>
Product B	price 20.00		would be <i>rejected</i>

Note:

If the catalogue dated 20101128 had been sent to House of Fraser on the same date as the first catalogue, i.e. 25th November, then both catalogues would have been accepted ok.

If I trade on House of Fraser's website where can I find information about the stock I hold in the House of Fraser National Distribution Centre (NDC)

Please go to the Webstock Via NDC page - <http://www.hofsuppliers.co.uk/info/NDC2.html>

How do I delete products which I have already sent you?

To delete products sent in error or to delete products which you no longer wish to sell in House of Fraser a request must be logged with the House of Fraser IT Service Desk.

The products to be deleted should be listed in a Microsoft Excel document.
Column A should contain your Product supplier reference(s).
Column B should contain your EAN13 barcode(s).

The document should be attached to an email with the subject line of "Concession product deletion request" and sent to the IT Service Desk (hhofis@hof.co.uk). The IT Service Desk will log the request and reply to your email giving you an Incident reference number. They will also inform you by email when the products have been deleted.

How do I find out which of my products are currently held on HOF systems?

Please log a request with the House of Fraser IT Service Desk (hhofis@hof.co.uk). The email subject line should be "Concession product listing request". The IT Service Desk will log the request and reply to your email giving you an Incident reference number.

Your product information will be sent to you on a Microsoft Excel document and will include -

- Product supplier reference
- Product description
- EAN13 barcode
- Current £STG selling price
- Current €Euro selling price (if you trade in HoF Dundrum)