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## [Vendor Advance Flat Rate]

Vendor Advanced Flat Rate Shipping is an add-on for CedCommerce Multivendor Marketplace. It is an advanced version of Magento® default flat rate shipping method. It provides flexibility to the vendors to define the flat rate for different destinations of their products.

# Vendor Advanced Flat Rate

## User Manual

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## Overview

Vendor Advanced Flat Rate Shipping addon for CedCommerce Multivendor Marketplace is an advanced version of default Magento flat rate shipping method. It allows the vendors to define flat rate for different destinations of their products. So the vendor can decide different flat rates for different countries. This module has the following functionalities:

- Vendor can define flat rate by fixed amount or percent amount.
- Vendor can set the rate calculation method on per order basis or per item basis.
- Vendor can enable or disable this shipping method.
- Vendor can define the flat rate according to the destination like country, state, city, zip code.
- Vendor can import and export the flat rates in CSV files.
- For example, flat rate for US is \$5 per product (say). But for UK it is \$8 (say).
- Admin will have full control over this addon.

Vendor can define different shipping cost for different destination addresses. If this shipping method is enabled, then shipping rates will be calculated destination wise as specified by the vendor in the CSV file.

## Configuration Settings

The configuration settings can be opened from **CsMarketplace > Vendor Configuration** in the menu section.

### I. Enable Advanced Flat Rate for Vendor

When set to Yes, Advanced Flat Rate shipping method will be enabled and vendor will see this option in vendor shipping method panel. Otherwise, this shipping will not be available for vendor.

### Vendor Multi Shipping

Carrier Title	<input type="text" value="Marketplace Rates"/>	[WEBSITE]
	<small>▲ Vendor MultiShipping Carrier Title</small>	
Method Title	<input type="text" value="Multi Shipping"/>	[WEBSITE]
	<small>▲ Vendor MultiShipping Method Title</small>	
<b>Vendor Shipping Carriers</b>		
Enable United Parcel Service	<input type="text" value="No"/>	[WEBSITE]
	<small>▲ Before Enabling this please enable UPS Shipping Method</small>	
Enable Advance Flat Rate Shipping	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	[WEBSITE]
	<small>▲ Before Enabling this please enable Advance Flat Rate Shipping Method</small>	

## II. Enable Advance Flat Method from Admin

This module is based on the Magento Advanced Flat Rate Shipping method. So this shipping method should be enabled by the admin. Admin can enable the Advance Flat Rate Shipping Method by going to the **System > Configuration > Shipping Method** section. Here you will see the “**Advance Flat Rate**” group.

Set the “**Enabled**” field to “**Yes**”. Now this shipping will be available to the vendor and the customer will see the rates on frontend.

### Advance Flat Rate

Enabled	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Default [STORE VIEW]
Method Name	<input type="text" value="Advance"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Default [STORE VIEW]
Price	<input type="text" value="5.00"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Default [STORE VIEW]
Sort Order	<input type="text" value="9"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Default [STORE VIEW]
Title	<input type="text" value="admin"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Default [STORE VIEW]
Type	<input type="text" value="Per Item"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Default [STORE VIEW]
Show Method if Not Applicable	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Default [STORE VIEW]
Displayed Error Message	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; min-height: 100px;">This shipping method is currently unavailable. If you would like to ship using this shipping method, please contact us.</div>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Default [STORE VIEW]
Export	<input type="button" value="Export CSV"/>	[WEBSITE]
Import	<input type="button" value="Browse..."/> No file selected.	[WEBSITE]

## Vendor Configuration

When the Vendor Advanced Flat Rate Addon has been installed and configured by the admin, then the vendor can configure the advance flat rate method in the vendor panel. Firstly, the vendor has to set the shipping settings in their panel. In it they have to set their shipping address. Then they can set the other shipping method settings available in the vendor panel.

To open this page, login as vendor and go to the **left navigation bar, Settings > Shipping Method**.

### i. Active

From here the vendor can enable/disable Advance Flat Rate Shipping method for his products.

## ii. Type

Here the type can be 'per order' or 'per item'. If this field is per order, then the flat rate specified in the CSV file will be applied order wise. If it is per item, then the flat rate will be applied on a single item in the cart.

## iii. Price

Here the vendor can specify the default shipping price of a product. Whenever the price is not defined for a particular destination address or product in a csv file, then the default price specified here will be the shipping cost of that product. This is an optional field.

## iv. Export Advance Rate CSV

Here the vendor can export CSV file of shipping rates. Each Vendor can export his own CSV file containing advance flat rates. CSV file will have fields **Country, Region/State, City, Zip/Postal Code, Sku, Price**. After Exporting CSV file, vendor can make changes and can upload that CSV file for the import process.

## v. Import Advance Rate CSV

Here the vendor can upload the CSV file for the import process. Vendor can upload files with “.csv” extension and can upload only one file at a time. Thus, they can have only one file for the importing process. So, if the vendor uploads another CSV file, then it will override the previous file. So, shipping rates will be calculated from the last uploaded file by the vendor for his products.

### SHIPPING METHODS

SAVE CANCEL

#### ADVANCE FLAT RATE

**Active \***  
Yes

**Type \***  
Per Order

**Price**  
1

**Export Advance Rate CSV**  
EXPORT CSV

**Import Advance Rate CSV**  
Browse... No file selected.

[« Back](#) \* Required Fields

## CSV Format

On exporting the CSV file of shipping rates, vendor will get all the details of the destination addresses with price. Fields in the Per Product Shipping Rates CSV files are **Country, Region/State, City, Zip/Postal code, Price.**

All the fields and rules related with the fields that should be kept in mind while importing the CSV file are described below:-

### i. Country

In this field, country name should be in **ISO (alpha 2) or ISO (alpha 3)** country code. The ISO country code are internationally recognized codes that designate a two letter combination or a three letter combination for each country and most of the dependent areas, it's like an acronym, that stands for a country.

For example, ISO2 (two letter) country codes are US (for United States), FR (for France) and ISO3 (three letter) country codes are CAN (for Canada), DNK (for Denmark), AUS (for Australia). In this fields ISO country codes will be saved. Otherwise, it will give error while importing.



### ii. Region/State

In this field, a valid region/state should be entered. Magento stores Region id on the basis of region/state name in the database. For the state/region mentioned in CSV file, respective region id will be stored in the database. So, a valid Region/State with proper naming convention should be given. Otherwise, it will give an error while importing. For example, **newyork** State will give error while saving the uploaded file, it should be **NewYork**.

### iii. City

In this field, any city name can be provided. If no city is provided, then it means **ALL CITY (\*)** of that state and country.

### iv. Zip/Postal Code

In this field, postal code of the state is provided. Destination address of the customer will be matched with the fields of the CSV file, shipping rates will be calculated according to the different destination addresses.

### v. Price

This is the field where shipping price of different destination addresses is specified. Price provided here will be shown on the cart and checkout pages as the shipping cost of a particular destination address.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Country	Region/State	City	Zip/Postal Code	Price	
2	US	AS	abc	10016	8	
3	US	AL	*	10011	2	
4	US	AK	abc	10012	4	
5	US	AL	abc	10013	9	
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						

## Advance Flat Rate on Cart Page





Customer will see vendor wise shipping cost on the cart page. This module is dependent on Vendor Multi Shipping Addon, so you must install multishipping extension first. In the attached snapshot you can see that there are two products in the cart associated with different vendors. Here you will see both vendors have enabled the “**Advanced Flat Rate**” shipping methods for their products. So the customer will see vendor wise shipping costs for both vendors.

If any vendor has not enabled any shipping method then, the customer will get the rates defined by the admin for the vendor’s products. If multishipping is not enabled from the vendor configuration settings, then the customer will get the rates defined by the admin.


According to the destination address specified by the customers, shipping rates will be calculated destination wise, which will vary with different destination addresses. Shipping cost for different destination addresses will be specified in the latest CSV file uploaded by the vendor.

As we can see in the previous snapshot of csv files, that for (US, AL, \*, 10016) combination of destination address, shipping rates will be \$2 as given in the CSV file of both the vendors. So, as in the cart there are two products of different vendors. Thus, rates will be calculated by CSV file i.e. \$2.

Shopping Cart
Proceed to Checkout

	Product Name		Move to Wishlist	Unit Price	Qty	Subtotal	
	<a href="#">m shirt</a> <b>Vendor</b> Juliet	<a href="#">Edit</a>	<span style="color: orange;">Move</span>	\$222.00	1 <input type="text"/>	\$222.00	
	<a href="#">new item</a> <b>Vendor</b> Jones	<a href="#">Edit</a>	<span style="color: orange;">Move</span>	\$220.00	1 <input type="text"/>	\$220.00	

Continue Shopping
Clear Shopping Cart
Update Shopping Cart

 **ESTIMATE SHIPPING AND TAX**

Enter your destination to get a shipping estimate.

**Country \***

United States

**State/Province**

Alabama

**Zip/Postal Code**

10011

**Get a Quote**

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**Jones**

**Advance \$2.00**

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**Juliet**

**Advance \$2.00**

**Update Total**

## Advance Flat Rate on Checkout Page When Vendor Order Addon is Installed

When Vendor Order Addon is installed then, the order will be divided according to the vendor products in the cart. If there are products of two vendors in a single order then, the order will be broken up into two parts and the customer will see the shipping rates for different vendors like this: -

Title =admin

Method name=Advance

Total “**advanced flat rate**” shipping cost for vendor1 is \$2.

Total “advanced flat rate” shipping cost for vendor2 is \$2.

### Select Shipping Method

**Shipping For Juliet**

**Shipping To** | [Change](#)

Amelia Frankin  
richmond  
Alabama, Alabama, 10011  
United States  
T: 4444444

**Shipping Method**

admin  
Advance \$2.00

**Items** | [Edit Items](#)

Product Name	Qty
<a href="#">m_shirt</a>	1
<b>Vendor</b> Juliet	

**Shipping For Jones**

**Shipping To** | [Change](#)

Amelia Frankin  
richmond  
Alabama, Alabama, 10011  
United States  
T: 4444444

**Shipping Method**

admin  
Advance \$2.00

**Items** | [Edit Items](#)

Product Name	Qty
<a href="#">new item</a>	1
<b>Vendor</b> Jones	

## Support

If you need support or have questions directly related to Vendor Advanced Flat Rate Shipping Addon, please use our Online Message Form to contact our support team or send us an email at [support@cedcommerce.com](mailto:support@cedcommerce.com)

Best Regards,  
CedCommerce Team