

Product Information

Prinect Business

Version 7.34



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Dear Prinect User,

The Prinect Team at Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG is pleased to announce the availability of the new Prinect Business Manager version 7.34 and to provide you with an overview of the key innovations in this document.

In this document you will find many links to in-depth information. You can decide whether the new features are so relevant that you want more information. We then forward to the "[Prinect Newsroom](#)" or the "[Prinect Online Help](#)", where more in-depth information, be it videos, texts or Power Points are available.

Last year we officially announced the new Prinect Business Manager Video Tutorials. You can find them in our Prinect Lounge on: [Prinect Video Tutorials \(prinect-lounge.com\)](#). Please feel free to take a look at them.

The table of contents on the next page will give you an initial overview. The online tool "[Prinect Know How](#)" is available for more details. More information on the Operating Systems supported with Prinect CR is available [here](#).

Our Product Information documents on Continuous Releases provide information on Prinect CR changes relevant for [Prinect Production Commercial](#). At the same place you can also find all information on Prinect CR changes relevant for [Prinect Production Packaging / Label](#).

IMPORTANT:

For the installation of Prinect Business Manager version 7.34 with the Prinect Production workflow at least Prinect CR Version 55.00.14 is required. Compatibility is ensured via Cumulative Update Packages provided in your Prinect Maintenance Center.

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Prinect Business Manager

1 Preliminary information

1.1 Validation of the Prinect Business license has become stricter in version 7.34

As of version 7.34, your Prinect Business Manager always requires a valid and up-to-date license in order to continue using the software. Without a license, the software can therefore no longer be used.

Where can you check whether your Prinect Business Manager installation has a valid license file?

If no valid license file is found in your Prinect Business Manager installation, the software can no longer be started and the warning message “The license file could not be found.” will appear on the screen.

As a safety measure, the database will not be updated to version 7.34 or higher without a valid license file. This prevents data inconsistencies and ensures that you can easily revert to version 7.33 and continue working until the problem has been resolved.

Please contact your Prinect Business Manager Support team if this error message appears and your license file needs to be updated. As a rule, you will already have been contacted in advance by our Prinect Business Manager Support team, so a valid license file should be available on your system.

Otherwise, please carry out updates only in coordination with the Prinect Business Manager Support team.

2 General improvements

2.1 EUDR in the printing industry

General information about EUDR

The **EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)** aims to prevent deforestation-linked products from entering or leaving the EU market. It applies to seven key commodities, including **wood**, which directly affects the **printing industry** through products like **paper**.

General EUDR Decisions (Applicable to All Sectors)

- **Implementation delayed by one year:**
 - Medium & large operators: 30 December 2026
 - Micro & small operators: 30 June 2027
- **New actor categories introduced:**
 - Downstream operators and micro/small primary operators, with significantly reduced due-diligence obligations
- **Due Diligence Statements (DDS):**
 - Only the first operator placing an in-scope product on the EU market must submit a DDS.
 - Downstream operators only need to retain/reference the DDS number

Practical Relevance for the Printing Industry

- **Commercial & publishing printers:**
 - Largely relieved from EUDR due to CN 49 exemption
- **Packaging printers:**
 - Still affected under CN 48
 - Strong focus on:
 - Correct CN coding
 - Supplier DDS availability
 - Clear customer communication
- **MIS / ERP relevance:**
 - Systems must support **CN-code-based EUDR logic**, not “print vs. non-print”

2.2 EUDR - Differentiation by CN Code

Out of scope (CN/HS Code 49)

CN = Combined Nomenclature / HS = Harmonized System Code – Chapter 49,
e.g. product groups like 49.01 Printed books, brochures, leaflets

- Typical commercial printing products:
 - Books,
 - magazines, newspapers
 - Brochures, catalogues
 - Posters, leaflets
 - Advertising & marketing
 - Print

✅ No DDS ✅ No geolocation ✅ No EUDR workflow required

“If the value is the content, not the paper, EUDR does not apply.”

Still in scope (CN/HS Code 48)

(e.g. paper, board, cartons, boxes, packaging articles)

- **CN 48 products remain in scope of EUDR** where they qualify as *relevant products*
- The **4 May draft Delegated Act clarifies scope boundaries**, particularly for packaging:
 - **Out of scope:**
 - Packaging used *exclusively to support, protect or carry another product*
 - Single-use packaging and packaging materials used only as ancillary items
 - **In scope:**
 - Paper and paperboard products sold as **stand-alone goods**
 - Packaging products (e.g. CN 48.19) marketed independently
- The Commission explicitly confirmed that:
 - **Waste, recycled and second-hand products** are out of scope
 - No automatic exemption exists for CN 48 purely because it is “print-related”

Critical point for packaging printers:

The **commercial role and use case** (stand-alone vs. protective packaging) determine EUDR applicability — not the printing process itself.

What this means for MIS / ERP Systems.

MIS is a facilitator, not a regulator!

Topic	What MIS must do	What MIS need NOT do
Product scope	Identify HS / CN 48 vs 49	Decide legal classification
Materials	Flag EUDR relevance	Calculate risk
<i>If CN 48, then...</i>		
Suppliers	Store DDS reference	Validate DDS content
Orders	Carry DDS references	Block jobs
Delivery	Pass DDS numbers to customers	Store geolocation

What does this mean for printing companies?

The main task is to identify and flag CN 48 or 49 materials and products.

Customers who exclusively use products classified under **CN Code 49** are **fully exempt from any EUDR obligations**. No DDS records need to be created or tracked in the MIS. Even the archiving of delivery notes is optional.

When producing **products (e.g. packaging and labels)** classified under **CN Code 48**, the **obligation** to record, track, and ultimately print DDS IDs on the delivery note for the customer **remains in place**. In this case, the SKU workflow is needed as a basic requirement for recording and tracking DDS IDs in the MIS.

2.3 EUDR with Prinect Business

EUDR compliance. Prinect Business is ready!

Prinect Business Manager version 7.34 provides all the tools you need to comply with EUDR requirements. The foundation for compliance with EUDR requirements has been established with our Prinect Business software in version 7.34.

What did we do to be EUDR ready for our customers?

- **Material delivery:** Receipt and Import of DDS information (Different formats supported)
 - Identify HS/CN Codes and flag EUDR relevance for materials/products
 - Store and verify DDS information
- **Shipments:** Export DDS information (delivery note or separate file / different formats supported)
 - Communicating DDS information to end customers

Following the final EUDR decisions, the implementation will be reassessed to identify any required adjustments.

We would like to reiterate that, if you are subject to the EUDR requirements, the implementation of the enhanced material management system with SKU workflow is mandatory to fulfill all EUDR obligations.

Benefits:

→ We make your business EUDR-ready!

Details on this new feature are also available in the [*Prinect Online Help V7.34*](#).

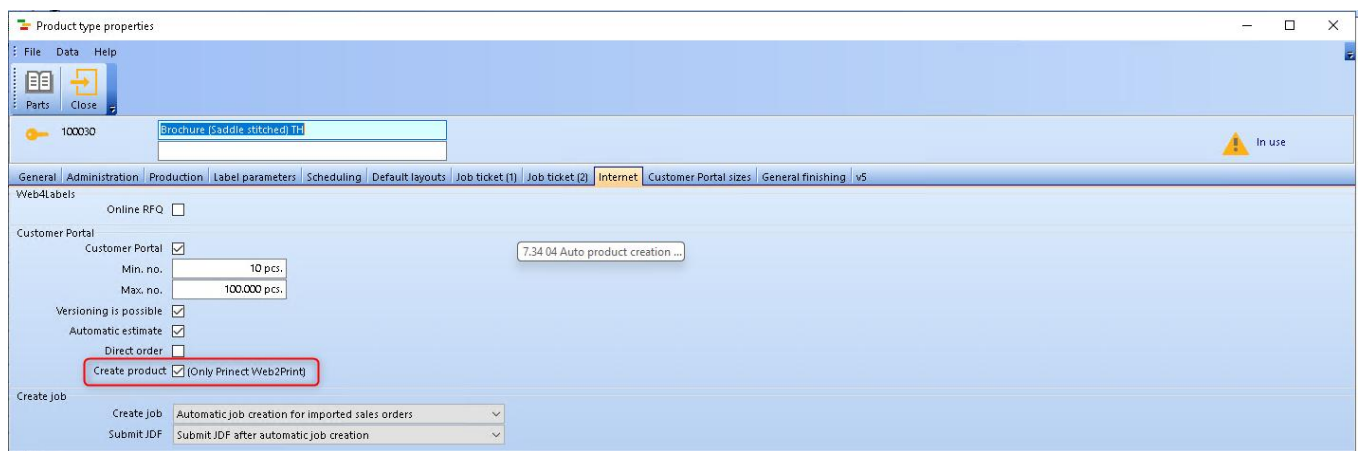
3 Calculation improvements

3.1 Create jobs / sales order without a product (via W2P Connector or Customer Portal)

The ordering process via W2P and the Prinect Portal has been simplified. Previously, every estimation triggered by the Speed Estimator from a webshop, automatically created a new product in Prinect Business. To avoid this additional step, it is now possible to prevent the automatic creation of a product.

In the product type, there is the option to suppress the generation of the product.

PBM explorer > Production > Product types > Properties > Internet



Benefits:

- Simplified integration with Web2Print

Details on this new feature are also available in the [*Prinect Online Help V7.34*](#).

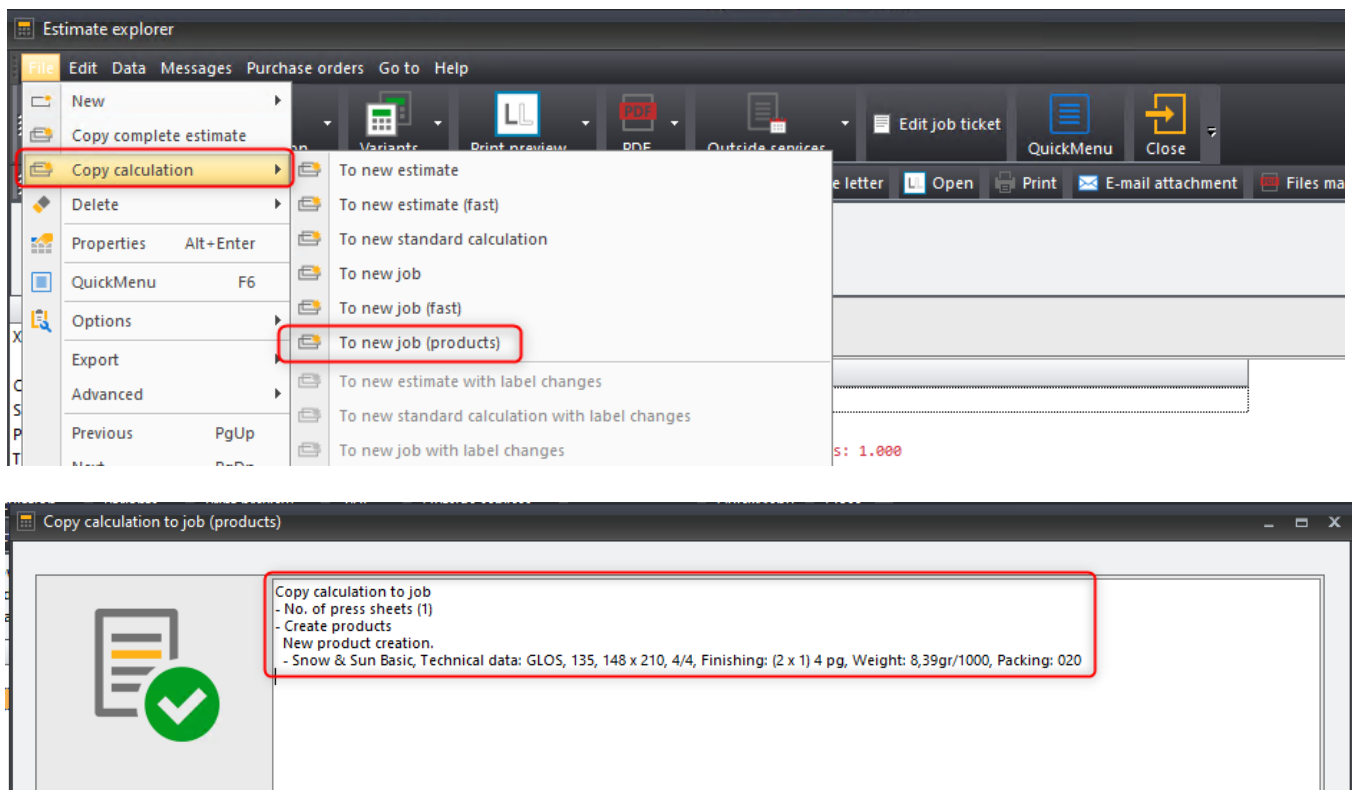
3.2 Create Product during copy to job (Commercial)

The recommended workflow to order products based on an estimation contains several steps:

- The user can create products within the estimation based on the technical specifications. This estimation is specified as a reference calculation for these products. A prepress job may be started for each product.
- In the sales order module, the user needs to create a new sales order for these products.
- The job production feature has to be started for the sales order, based upon the reference estimation. This wizard will create a new production job.

This rather complex workflow is now simplified with this version.

A new feature has been implemented to simplify this workflow. An estimation is copied completely to a new production job and a product will be created on the fly. The estimation will be the reference for the new products. In this wizard, nothing can be altered and no extra data can be added. Product creation is fully automated in that process.



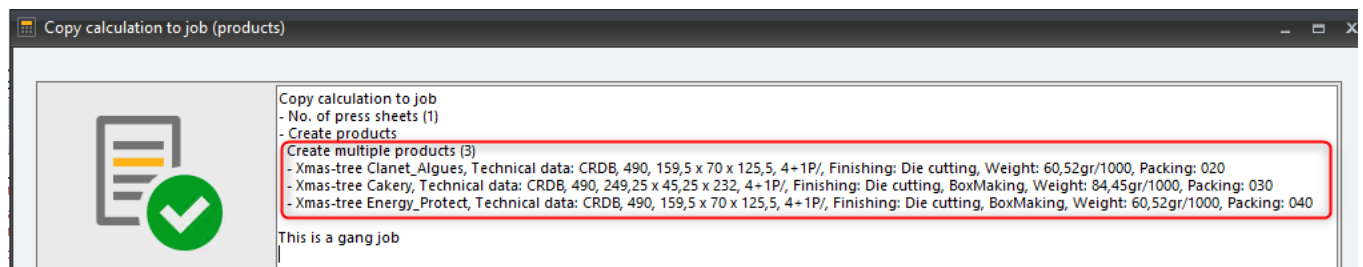
Benefits:

- Reduced touchpoints and more consistent data transfer

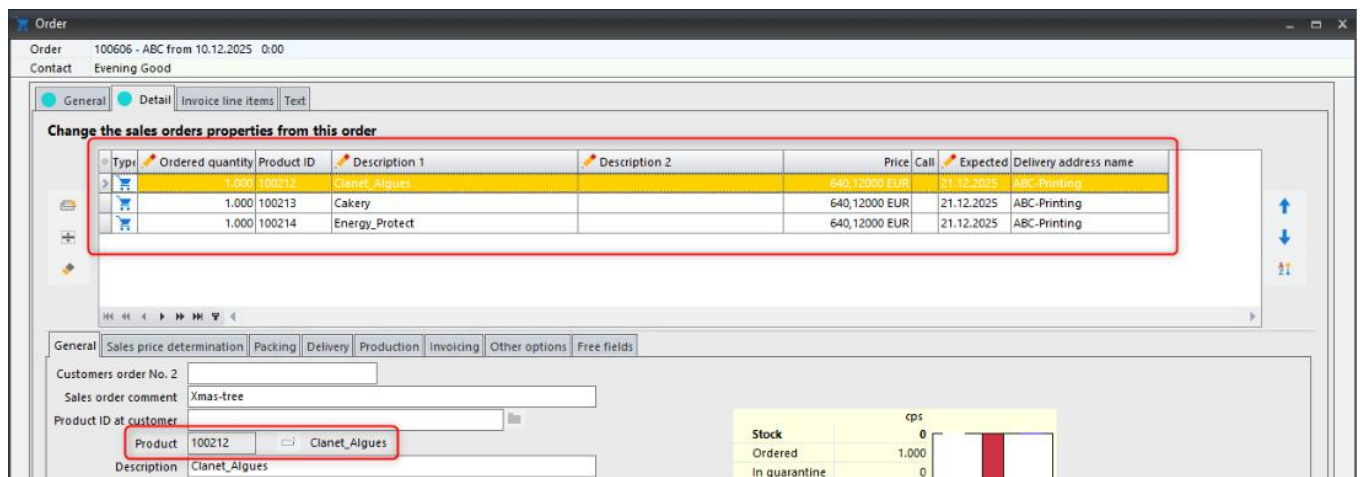
Details on this new feature are also available in the [Prinect Online Help V7.34](#).

3.3 New workflow for Mixed Commercial: Copy estimate with ganging to a job (with product creation)

With the new feature “Copy estimate with ganging to production job with automatic product creation”, complex packaging workflows are significantly simplified and accelerated. Instead of following multiple manual steps, the entire estimation — including the original Prinect Signa Station layout—is transferred directly into a production job. During this process, individual products are automatically created for each version or gang part. The system ensures that all product IDs are generated and consistently linked to the corresponding job components.



At the same time, matching sales orders are created automatically, including quantities and defined packing information. Data consistency is maintained throughout the entire workflow without the need for additional manual input or adjustments. The integration with Prinect Signa Station guarantees that layout-related information is seamlessly updated and synchronized. This results in a faster, more reliable transition from estimation to production.



The feature is particularly suited for one-time jobs, where speed and efficiency are critical. Overall, it reduces complexity, minimizes errors, and significantly improves process efficiency in packaging production workflows.

Benefits:

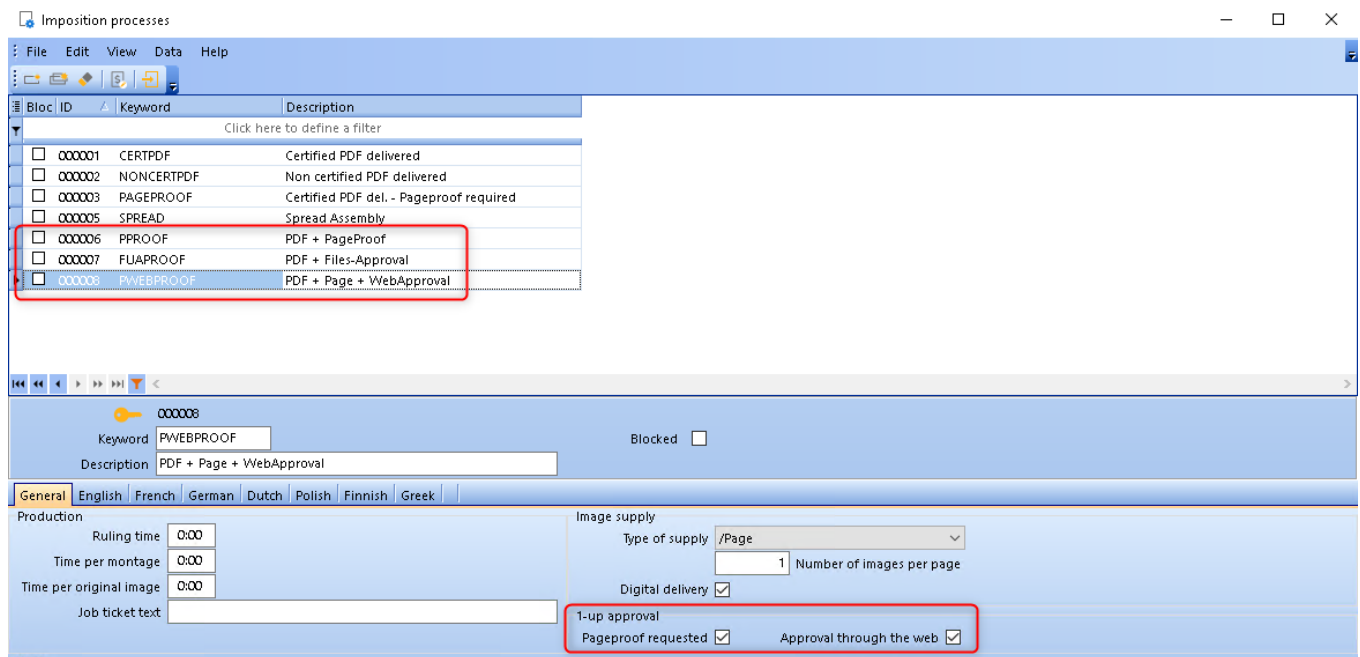
- Significant efficiency gain through workflow simplification
- Improved data consistency and reduced error risk

Details on this new feature are also available in the [Prinect Online Help V7.34](#).

4 Packaging improvements

4.1 Make “Imposition processes” available in product properties and in the prepress job

Products now include a new property called the *Imposition Process ID*, which defines how customer data is delivered after prepress. This property is automatically assigned when products are created from sheetfed estimations and is consistently transferred to the resulting product or product version.



It determines whether outputs such as page proofs or web approvals are required. Multiple predefined imposition processes allow flexible configurations, including combinations of physical proofs and digital approvals. The property is integrated into several system areas, including product properties, reports, and group modifications, ensuring full transparency.

It also influences job sequencing within Production Manager, supporting a more controlled production flow. Although it can be adjusted at different stages, it is recommended to define it already at the estimation level to ensure consistency. Overall, the feature improves control over approval processes and standardizes how production outputs are prepared and validated.

Benefits:

- Standardized and controlled approval workflows
- Increased efficiency and reduced coordination effort

Details on this new feature are also available in the [Prinect Online Help V7.34](#).

5 General improvements for version 7.34 – CERM Online Help

In addition to the above mentioned improvements for the version 7.34 the other software segments / modules of Prinect Business Manager are improved as well. In this Product Information we would like to point out that this document is just a summary of the Prinect Business Manager enhancements with focus on the commercial / mixed commercial part.

Listed below you can find a short excerpt of the “Must reads before installing” version 7.34:

- **Breaking changes for v7.34**
 - Starting with CERM / PBM version 7.34 (from fix 105 onward), **CERM / PBM is no longer compatible with Windows Server 2012**. The software will just not work anymore.
 - **Database version:** Starting from CERM v7.34, **CERM / PBM is supported only on Microsoft SQL Server 2016 or higher**. Older SQL Server versions are no longer supported.
 - **Please be aware:** With Prinect version CR 55.00.14 HEIDELBERG will officially rollout Microsoft SQL Server 2022 automatically.
 - **HTTP/HTTPS - SMTP security update:** CERM has moved to new library for secure communication (From Indy to TMS Sparkle).
 - **For all PBM customers** – for now – nothing changes. The official “move” to HTTPs is postponed and planned for version 7.36. The software services are still running on HTTP. We will keep you updated.

To get an impression of the complete list of enhancements, please use the following link to the CERM Online help:

[General news for Prinect Business Manager version 7.34.](#)