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## New Country Reference Handling

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### Overview

Previously, every country code needed to be specified explicitly using the Country Reference setup:

The screenshot shows a 'Country References' window with a table and a 'Country Reference Editor' dialog box.

Country	Country ...	Is Inactive	Car...	Created On	Carrier ID	Changed On
United S		<input type="checkbox"/>		08/20/2014 05:09 PM	0	08/20/2014 05:18 PM

The 'Country Reference Editor' dialog box is open, showing the 'Country Reference Properties' section. It includes fields for 'Country', 'Country Code', and 'Carrier ID'. A dropdown menu for 'Carrier ID' is open, showing a list of carriers with 'ups-GR' selected and 'Carrier ID' 1.

Since all carriers use a standard 2-3 character country code mapping, this was an unnecessary burden to end users.

### New Handling

All possible countries are now defaulted in with 2-3 character country codes. Instead of specifying a country code directly, a non-standard Country is added against a Mapped Country, which is then used by carriers to grab a 2 or 3 character country code.

The screenshot shows the 'Country Reference Editor' dialog box with the 'Country Reference Properties' section. The 'Country' field is set to 'United S'. The 'Mapped Country' field is set to 'UNITED STATES'. A dropdown menu for 'Mapped Country' is open, showing a list of countries with 'UNITED KINGDOM' selected.

In addition to the cleaned up mapping, every country code (2 or 3 characters) and every spelled out country will automatically map to the appropriate country code from a shipping address.