

## 4.21. Pickfaces and Replenishments setup

In a large, busy warehouse it is sometimes useful to designate some shelf locations as pickfaces. These locations are easily accessible for pickers, usually at floor level or the next level up in the racking. These pickfaces are then replenished from other, harder to reach locations somewhere in the warehouse.

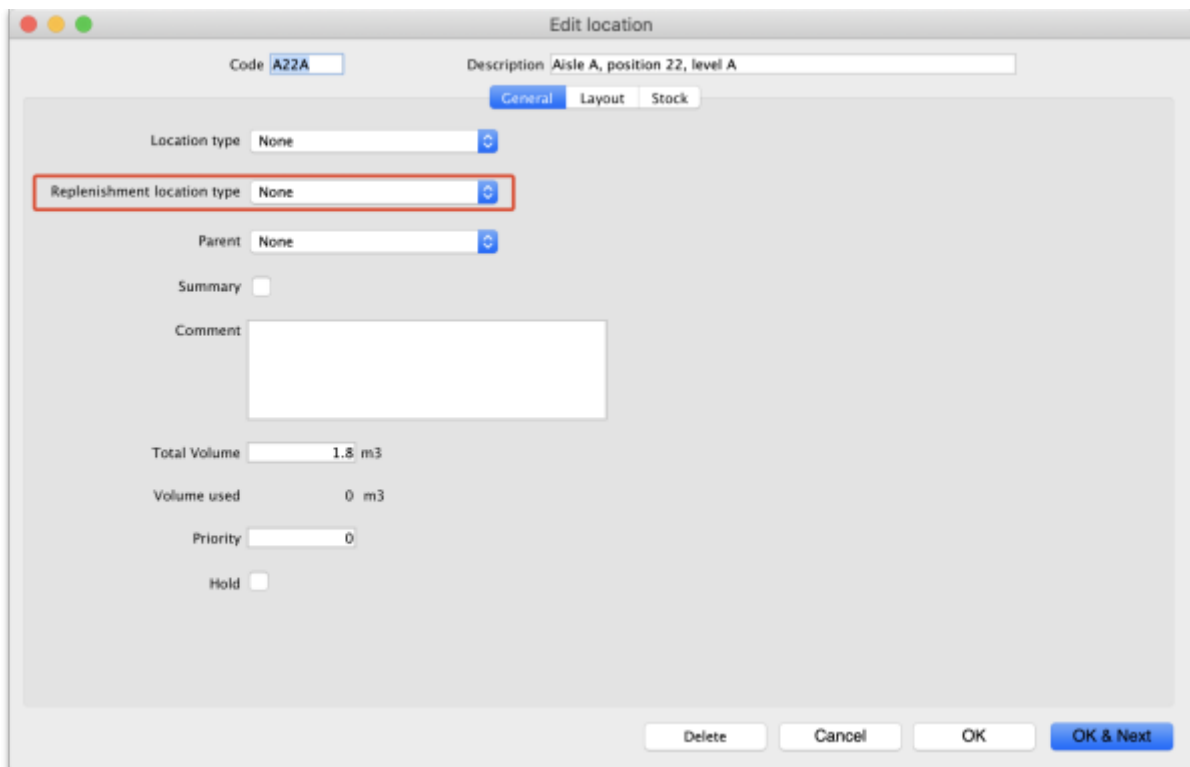
Typically, these replenishments take place at a time when the activity does not get in the way of the busy pickers; at the beginning of the day or lunch time. A forklift driver will fetch the stock from the bulk location and place it in or near the pickface so that others can place it or open the cartons as necessary.

Deciding which locations to replenish when can be hard to keep track of so mSupply has functionality to help and this is what is described in this section. There is quite a lot of setup involved so that's detailed on this page. The next page ([4.23. Pickfaces and Replenishments](#)) describes the actual functionality and how you use it.

### Creating pickface and bulk locations

The first thing you need to do is tell mSupply which locations can be used as pickfaces and which can be used to take bulk stock from to replenish them.

If the location doesn't exist in your system create it, if it does then open it for editing (see [4.06. Stock locations and location types](#) for details). You will see this window:



The screenshot shows the 'Edit location' window. The 'Code' field is 'A22A' and the 'Description' is 'Aisle A, position 22, level A'. There are three tabs: 'General' (selected), 'Layout', and 'Stock'. Under 'General', the 'Location type' is 'None'. The 'Replenishment location type' is also 'None' and is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Below this, the 'Parent' is 'None'. There is a 'Summary' checkbox which is unchecked, and a 'Comment' text area. At the bottom of the form, 'Total Volume' is '1.8 m3', 'Volume used' is '0 m3', 'Priority' is '0', and there is an unchecked 'Hold' checkbox. At the very bottom of the window are four buttons: 'Delete', 'Cancel', 'OK', and 'OK & Next'.

Click on the Replenishment location type drop down list and select the type this location will be:

- **None:** The default for all locations and means that the location won't be selectable as a pickface and won't take part in replenishments.
- **Pickface:** means that this location can be selected as a pickface for an item and can be replenished.
- **Bulk:** means this location stores bulk stock that can be used to replenish pickfaces.

When you have finished assigning the replenishment type click on the *OK* or *OK & Next* button to save the changes. Repeat this process for all the locations that will be used as pickfaces or that will hold bulk stock that can be used to replenish the pickfaces.

Note that mSupply will **only** use stock in locations with a replenishment type of *Bulk* to replenish pickface locations. It is therefore possible to control which stock mSupply will use in replenishments - useful if you have some stock that is reserved for other purposes.

## Assigning pickfaces to items

The next step is to assign pickfaces to items. To do this, find the item you want to set a pickface for and open its details window (see [4.01. About items](#) for details). Then click on the storage tab:

The screenshot shows the 'Item details' window for 'Amoxycillin 500mg Tablets'. The 'Storage' tab is selected in the left sidebar. The 'Default' section shows 'Default shelf location' set to 'None', 'Preferred pack size' 1000, 'Outer pack size' 24000, 'Volume per pack' 0 m3, 'Outer pack volume' 0 m3, and 'Weight per pack' 1 kg. The 'Restricted to' dropdown is set to 'None'. The 'Pickface' section shows 'Pickface location' set to 'A22A', 'Pickface pack size' 1000, 'Trigger replenishment at' 24 packs of 1000 Tablets, and 'Replenish up to' 288 packs of 1000 Tablets. The 'Bulk' section shows 'Bulk shelf location' set to 'a3', 'Trigger replenishment at' 2 packs of 24000 Tablets, and 'Replenish up to' 12 packs of 24000 Tablets. At the bottom are buttons for 'Delete', 'OK & Previous', 'OK & Next', 'Cancel', and 'OK'.

In the *Pickface* section set these fields:

- **Pickface location:**
- **Pickface pack size:**
- **Trigger replenishments at:**
- **Replenish up to:**

In the *Bulk* section set these fields:

- **Bulk shelf location:**
- **Trigger replenishment at:**
- **Replenish up to:**

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