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This happens when you have enabled "Automatic Stock Control" but did not upload the stock file.

More importantly, ALL Products in your shop must have unique Catalog Number

The screenshot shows the ShopFactory checkout interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: Page 4, Page 5, Page 7, Page 8, Other URL, and Vouchers!. Below these are social media buttons for Facebook Like, Google+1, and Twitter Tweet. The main checkout area has a dark header with 'Subtotal: A\$61.75'. Below this are two sections: '1. Select a shipping destination' with dropdowns for 'Australia' and 'Victoria', and '2. Select a payment method' with radio buttons for American Express, PayPal, Mastercard, Discover, and several 'Bank transfer' options. A checkbox 'I am eligible for tax exemption' is present. On the right, a summary box shows 'GST 10% (inc): A\$5.61' and 'Total: A\$61.75'. At the bottom of this box, a red-bordered error message reads 'Verifying stock levels...' with a loading spinner icon. At the very bottom of the page, there is a disclaimer: 'Clicking on "Secure check out" will connect you to our secure ordering system. You may cancel the secure order process at any time during the ordering process until you click on the "Send Order" button. No details will be passed on to us, until you click on the "Send Order" button.'

- Open your shop in ShopFactory
- At the left tree menu, click on the **LIST of Contents**
- Check all your products have unique catalog number/ item number.
- If your products have OPTIONS and CHOICES, then make sure you also go into the Product dialog -> More... -> Options and Choices and assign unique catalog number for each choice.

Once you have completed the above, tick "Enable automatic updates of stock levels" under Services menu.

<https://shopfactory.deskpro.com/en-GB/kb/articles/en-automatic-realtime-stock-control>

You need to publish the stock file again via **Central** -> Stock Levels dialog.

**NOTE:** Please make sure that your Publish SETUP dialog box contains your correct hosting details. ShopFactory uses the details in the publish setup dialog to connect to your Host.