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The "Encoding" field determines the character set used to save the CSV file, directly affecting the compatibility and readability of exported data. The system offers four main options:

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- utf8
- latin1
- ascii
- windows-1252

- **UTF-8 (Unicode Transformation Format - 8 bit):** represents the modern international standard and the recommended choice:
 - Supports all Latin alphabet characters, including accents and special characters (à, è, ì, ò, ù, ç)
 - Handles international symbols, Cyrillic, Greek, Arabic, and Asian characters
 - Ensures correct display in modern software (Excel, LibreOffice, Google Sheets)
 - Preserves the integrity of names, addresses, and descriptions containing accented characters
- **Latin1 (ISO-8859-1):** is an older Western European encoding:
 - Supports Latin alphabet characters with accents used in Western Europe
 - Compatible with legacy systems and older software
 - Slightly reduced file sizes compared to UTF-8
 - Limited in handling non-European characters
- **ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange):** the most basic and limited:
 - Supports only basic English alphabet characters (A-Z, a-z, 0-9)
 - Does not handle accents, special characters, or international symbols
 - Maximum compatibility with very old systems
 - Not recommended for Italian or international content
- **Windows-1252 (CP-1252):** specific to Windows systems:

- ASCII extension that includes Western European characters
- Optimal compatibility with previous versions of Microsoft Excel
- Supports accented characters and some special symbols
- May cause display issues on non-Windows systems

Recommendation: For most use cases, especially in Italian contexts, UTF-8 is recommended for its universality and compatibility with modern software. Use alternative encodings only in specific cases of legacy system compatibility.

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