



SAP Ariba 

Feature at a Glance

Support for third supplier qualification dimension

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Ease of implementation  High-touch
Geographic relevance  Global

Introducing: Support for third supplier qualification dimension

Customer challenge

Previously, guided buying used only the user's commodity code and region (country) to qualify the list of available suppliers for non-catalog requisitions and RFQs. Customers often require additional means to qualify or mark preferred suppliers for use in guided buying.

Meet that challenge with SAP Ariba

This feature enables an additional dimension that customers can use to manage suppliers as a qualification dimension within SAP Ariba Supplier Management solutions or SAP Ariba Supplier Lifecycle and Performance when displaying suppliers. This additional dimension can be **Company Code**, **Purchasing Unit** or **Plant**. This enables filtering the display of suppliers in the non-catalog page, line-item forms, RFQ forms, and supplier carousels based on the value assigned to the supplier, compared to the user's profile information.

Experience key benefits

This feature will help customers qualify the suppliers used in guided buying with an additional dimension to provide filtering capability based on a third variable based on the customer's requirements.

Solution area

SAP Ariba Buying with guided buying capability
SAP Ariba Buying and Invoicing with guided buying capability
SAP Ariba Supplier Management solutions or SAP Ariba Supplier Lifecycle and Performance

Implementation information

This feature is automatically on for all customers with the applicable solutions but requires **customer configuration**.

Prerequisites and Restrictions

- This feature requires the guided buying capability.
- Ensure that the Department Dimension is enabled for SAP Ariba Supplier Management solutions or SAP Ariba Supplier Lifecycle and Performance (SM-34253: Ability to enable Department as third dimension in supplier management)
- Enable the guided buying parameter: SLP_THIRD_DIMENSION_FIELD with value companyCode, pu, or plant