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# SAP Ariba Quarterly Release Update – 2208

## Operational Procurement

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# Agenda

- Background and Objectives
- New Features Releases – Q3 2022
- Key Features Deep Dive

Release Link Q3 2022: <https://connectsupport.ariba.com/sites#item-view&/203998>

# Background & Objectives

- SAP Ariba releases a number of features on a quarterly basis across the Ariba Solution Portfolio.
- In most cases, Ariba Customers are not able to keep track of these releases or understand which of these new features might be useful for addressing their current pain points.
- The objective of this session is to provide a brief synopsis of the Ariba features on a quarterly basis to help Ariba Customers keep up to date with the new features & functionalities released by SAP Ariba.
- In this session we will provide a summary of these features at a high level and deep dive into few key features only. If there is any specific feature that you are interested in deep diving, please reach out to respective Customer Success Partner for the same.



**2208** Feature Releases

#	Q3 2022 – Feature List	Description	Buying & Invoicing	Buying	Catalog	Invoice Mgt	Guided Buying	Feature Enablement
1	<b>Enhancements on Inventory Reservations</b> [CP-19234]	Enables buying organizations to add and send the below info on Inventory Reservation Requests: Requester, Receiver, Ship To, Comments, Attachments	✓	✓				Customer configured
2	<b>Access submit failure records for imported requisitions through APIs</b> [CP-20022]	Provides access to the submit failure records for imported requisitions through APIs such as the Operational Reporting for Procurement APIs	✓	✓				Customer configured
3	<b>Sending the shipping field for line items from requisitions to quick sourcing requests</b> [CP-20183]	Enables sending the shipping field value for the line items from requisitions to quick sourcing requests.	✓	✓				Customer configured
4	<b>Reject logins to certain SAP Ariba Procurement solutions from unsupported browsers</b> [PLAF-4133]	This feature rejects attempts to log in to certain SAP Ariba Procurement solutions from mobile or tablet browsers, which are not supported.	✓	✓		✓	✓	Automatically On

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5	<b>Support for receiving goods in guided buying in the 2NV and 3EN integration scenarios</b> [GB-13490]	This feature enables users to receive goods in guided buying and sends the receipts that are created to SAP S/4HANA or SAP S/4HANA Cloud.					✓	Customer configured
6	<b>Support for personal ship-to addresses</b> [GB-15849]	Users can configure personal addresses so that only shippers, service providers, and guided buying administrators see them, as “private” addresses.					✓	Customer configured
7	<b>Improved accessibility for team buying screens</b> [GB-15880]	Guided buying meets WCAG 2.1 level AA accessibility requirements					✓	Automatically On
8	<b>Comments are now mandatory when denying approval</b> [GB-16549]	When users deny document approval, they must now add comments explaining why they withheld approval.					✓	Automatically On

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9	<b>Enabling taxes in requests sent to SAP S/4HANA or SAP S/4HANA Cloud in the 2NV and 3EN integration scenarios</b> [GB-17569]	This feature enables displaying the tax code and the tax percentage for line items in requests, and sending the tax code to SAP S/4HANA or SAP S/4HANA Cloud.					✓	Customer configured
10	<b>Approve and deny buttons now visible on requisitions</b> [GB-18750]	If the requester is also the 1 <sup>st</sup> approver, the Approve and Deny buttons appear directly on the submitted requisition after the requestor submits it.					✓	Automatically On
11	<b>Self-service transfer of ownership</b> [GB-18843]	This feature introduces a self-service method to transfer the ownership of approvable documents, like purchase requisitions (PR), from one user to another.					✓	Customer configured
12	<b>Improved navigation for search results in guided buying</b> [GB-5215]	There's a redesigned search result page to find items more quickly. Search results are organized into buying channel tabs. If you want to use a particular supplier for an item, you just navigate to the Suppliers tab, for example.					✓	Customer configured

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13	<b>Reusability of line-item forms in guided buying</b> [GB-5252]	Administrators can now create multiple line item tiles that link to the same custom form.					✓	Customer configured
14	<b>Support for third supplier qualification dimension</b> [GB-9516]	This feature enables an additional dimension that customers can use to manage suppliers as a qualification dimension: Company Code, Purchasing Unit or Plant.					✓	Customer configured
15	<b>Supplier Risk in guided buying</b> [GB-9926]	Guided buying users can now mitigate risk when purchasing non-catalog purchases or requesting a quote for an item. A risk exposure graphic shows the level of risk associated to each supplier, which displays as a low, medium, or high risk exposure level.					✓	Customer configured
16	<b>Preferred and qualified supplier search in guided buying based on supplier ACM ID</b> [SM-34113]	Allows administrators to use ACM ID rather than the default ERP vendor ID in preferred and qualified supplier searches so that all child sites in a multi-ERP configuration return consistent results.					✓	Automatically On





**Key Features** **Deep Dive**



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# Feature at a Glance



## Self-service transfer of ownership

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# Feature at a Glance

## Introducing: Self-service transfer of ownership

Ease of implementation  High-touch  
Geographic relevance  Global

### Customer challenge

Employees within an organization often change responsibilities or require another party to manage transactions on their behalf, requiring purchasing and invoicing documents transferred to alternate team members.

Prior to this feature, these scenarios would require intervention from an administrator or other party to perform the document reassignment on the user's behalf. This creates additional effort for users and administrators for requesting changes and responding to these changes with no approval process within the solution and document transfer auditability.

### Solution area

SAP Ariba Buying with guided buying capability  
SAP Ariba Buying and Invoicing with guided buying capability

### Meet that challenge with SAP Ariba

This feature introduces a self-service method to transfer the ownership of approvable documents, like purchase requisitions (PR) and the corresponding follow-on documents, from one user to another leveraging APIs within guided buying to facilitate transfer.

It allows any user in an organization to submit a transfer request, with the required changes, for the selected approvable documents. The submitted request is directed through a predefined approval flow. Ownership of the document will be transferred to the new owner when the request is approved by all the approvers automatically.

### Implementation information

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

### Experience key benefits

- Guided buying users will now have the ability to manage their own document transfer with customer configured approval processes.
- Administrators will no longer need to intervene in all requests to transfer ownership of transactional documents. They will, however, have the ability to audit the process as required.
- A global form template is available to configure the capability, reducing the time to implement this feature while still offering customer specific process configuration.

### Prerequisites and Restrictions

- This feature requires the guided buying capability.
- Enable the SAP Ariba Buying parameter: Application.TransferOwnershipRequest.Enabled.
- This parameter is self-service. You can enable using the Intelligent Configuration Manager interface.
- Enable the guided buying parameter: PARAM\_ENABLE\_TRANSFER\_OF\_OWNERSHIP

# Feature at a Glance

## Introducing: Self-service transfer of ownership

### Detailed feature information

Transferring ownership can be performed by opening the transfer of ownership form and completing the required fields.

- **From User** refers to the user who the approvable documents currently belong
- **To User** refers to the user who will receive ownership of the approvable documents
- **Approvable Type** refers to which type of approvable documents will be transferred. Options for this field are **Purchase Requisition, Invoice and All**.
- **Approvable Status** refers to the status that the approvable documents to be transferred are in.
- **Date Range** refers to the range of creation dates for which approvable documents will be transferred
- **Reason** provides context for approvers for why the transfer is being performed
- **Additional comments** can be added for additional context
- Clicking the **Apply** button uses the above criteria to search for documents requiring transfer

Note that transferring ownership of purchase requisitions will cascade transfer of ownership of purchase orders and receipts associated with the purchase requisition.

Transferring ownership of invoices will also transfer ownership of invoice reconciliations associated with the invoice.

The screenshot shows the SAP Guided Buying interface for the 'Self-Service Transfer of Ownership (TOO)' form. The header includes the SAP logo, 'Guided Buying', and a search bar with the text 'Find goods and services'. Below the header, the title 'Self-Service Transfer of Ownership (TOO)' is displayed, followed by the subtitle 'Transfer documents from one user to another using this self-service form'. There are 'Submit' and 'Cancel' buttons in the top right corner. The main form area contains the following fields:

- Transfer Request: TR290
- Status: Composing
- User Selection section with two columns:
  - From User\*: Gene Halas
  - To User\*: John Ham
  - New Deliver To: John Ham
  - Approvable Type\*: Requisition
  - Approvable Status\*: All
  - Date Range\*: Last One Week
  - Reason For Transfer\*: Employee in extended leave of absence
  - Additional Comments: Picking up Gene's transactions whilst he is on leave
- An 'Apply' button is highlighted with a yellow box at the bottom right of the form area.

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## Introducing: Self-service transfer of ownership

### Document selection and approvals

Once the API has retrieved documents that meet the search criteria, the user can select the desired approvable documents to be included in the transfer.

Upon clicking **Submit** the transfer of ownership will proceed through the approval flow configured in the form.

Once approvers have approved, the transfer of ownership will be processed automatically and documents will be transferred to their new owner.

The transfer can be exported to reflect the same in your ERP solution, utilizing a webservice integration.

Approvable Status \*  
All

Date Range \*  
Last One Week

Reason For Transfer \*  
Employee in extended leave of absence

Additional Comments  
Picking up Gene's transactions whilst he is on leave

Apply

Transfer Documents \*

	Unique Name	Title	Type	Total Cost	Date Requested
✓ 1	PR565	Office Supplies top up	Requisition	\$ 70.95	07/03/2022
✓ 2	PR566	Workshop Materials	Requisition	\$ 908.4375	07/03/2022

2 items selected

Approval

Changes to the form may affect the approval process. Click the refresh icon to see the most current process.

Approval Flow: Chad Noll → Paul Rozelle

Watchers  
> Comments

Submit Cancel



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### Customer challenge

Where personal addresses or “ad-hoc” ship-to addresses have been used in the past, there has been no ability to validate that the address is correct.

This has resulted in incorrect delivery information and presents a risk for any tax validation based on address information.

### Meet that challenge with

#### SAP Ariba

Users can now create and manage their own ship-to addresses outside of the requisition flow, which is useful if they're working from home, a client's office, or a temporary residence. They can select these addresses when they order, and suppliers will ship directly to them.

When an address is entered, guided buying validates it to ensure it's correct, and displays a standardized address that users can select.

Users can configure personal addresses so that only shippers, service providers, and guided buying administrators see them, as “private” addresses.

### Experience key benefits

- Reduce purchase order delivery issues and additional workload for administrators and suppliers.
- Reduce tax compliance workload where addresses are invalid.
- Reduce integration errors between procurement solutions and backend systems.

### Solution area

SAP Ariba Buying guided buying capability  
SAP Ariba Buying and Invoicing guided buying capability

### Implementation information

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

This feature is optional for this release. With the Q1 2302 release, SAP Ariba plans to turn it on for all customers.

### Prerequisites and Restrictions

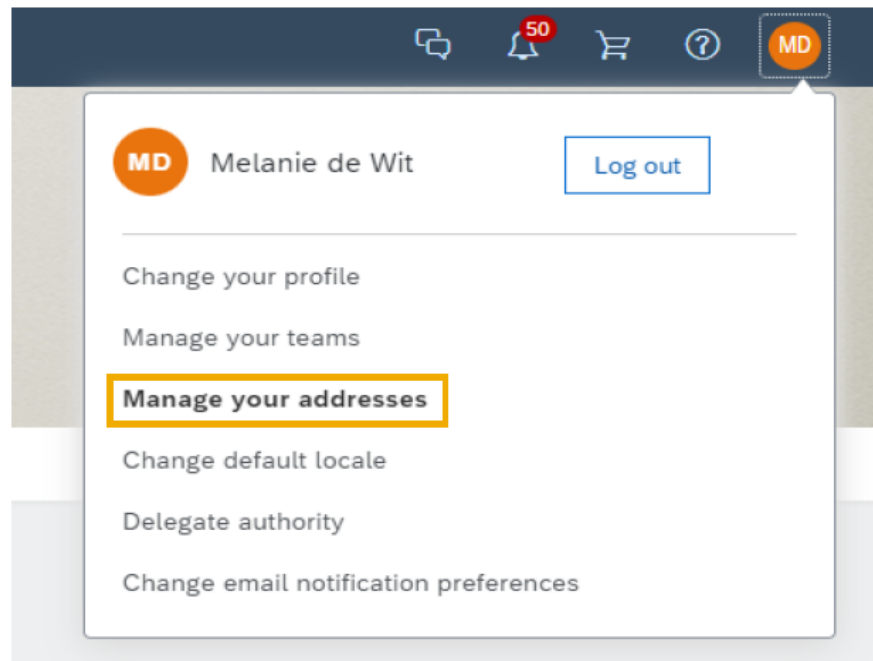
- This feature requires the guided buying capability.
- Enable the SAP Ariba Buying parameter: Application.Procure.AllowAdhocShipToAddress
- Enable the guided buying parameter: PARAM\_ENABLE\_MANAGE\_PERSONAL\_SHIPTO\_ADDRESS and set mandatory/optional fields using PARAM\_REQUIRED\_ADDR\_CONTACT\_FIELDS

# Feature at a Glance

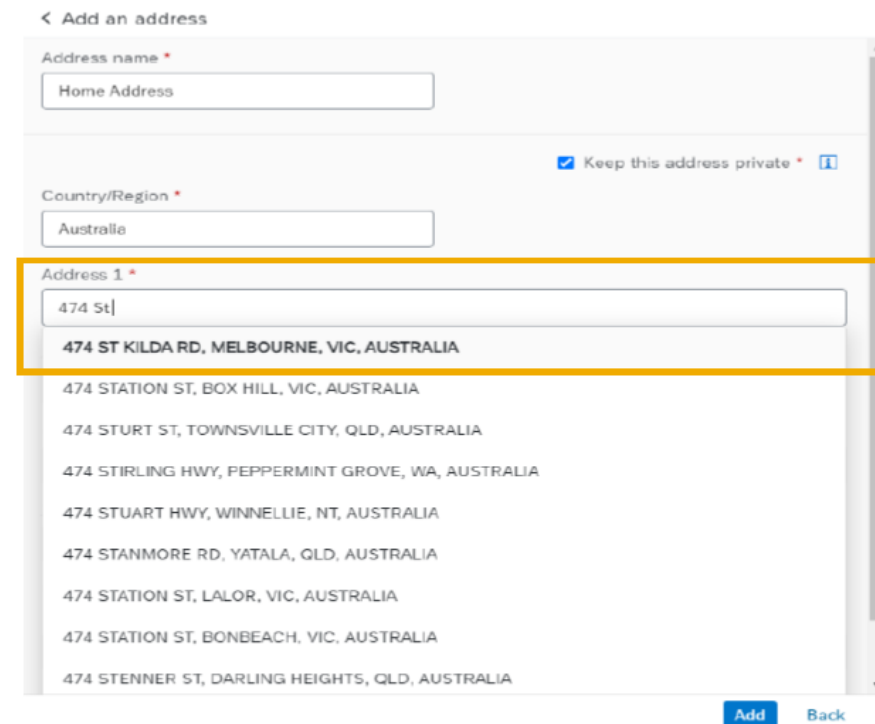
## Introducing: Support for personal ship-to addresses

### Detailed feature information

- Manage your addresses directly from your user profile in **guided buying**.



- Typeahead validates the address as you type (available for selected countries).
- Address can also be directly entered.





# Feature at a Glance

## Introducing: Support for personal ship-to addresses

### Detailed feature information

- Click to hide the address from other guided buying users; they see only the words "Private Address." Only shippers, service providers, and guided buying administrators can see the address.
- Addresses are stored for use in Requisitions and Non-PO invoices (optional).

< Add an address

Address name \*  
Home Address

Keep this address private \* ⓘ

Country/Region \*  
Australia

Address 1 \*  
474 St Kilda Rd

Address 2  
Apt, suite, unit, building, floor, etc.

City/Town \*  
Melbourne

State/Province \*  
VICTORIA

Zip/Postal Code \*  
3004

**Contact information**

Email  
devnull@ariba.com

Phone  
Phone number (with area code)

Add Back

Manage your addresses (1) +

Home Address PRIVATE

474 St Kilda Rd  
Melbourne, VICTORIA 3004  
Australia

Close



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## Improved search in guided buying

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### Customer challenge

To deliver the best possible user experience, casual users require a simple and effective way to search catalog, spot buy, procurement forms, suppliers and other content in guided buying.

### Meet that challenge with SAP Ariba

Guided buying search results have been redesigned to enhance the user experience when accessing different types of content.

The search typeahead now displays recent search information with the relevant buying channel to help users refine their search dynamically. When search results are displayed, the user is presented with links to different buying channels to help segregate content. Catalog content is now displayed with pagination and items in search results contain more information about the item to aid faster content selection and easy comparison.

### Experience key benefits

- Search bar typeahead based on a user's search history helps users refine and access frequently searched content faster.
- Tagging of preferred items and visibility of lead time in search results minimizes required clicks to find the right item.
- Filtering options such as inventory, preferred items and supplier diversity drive visibility and prominence of these items.
- Pagination of catalog search results improves navigation.

### Solution area

SAP Ariba Buying guided buying capability  
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### Implementation information

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

This feature is optional for this release. With the Q1 2302 release, SAP Ariba plans to turn it on for all customers.

### Prerequisites and Restrictions

This feature requires the guided buying capability.

Enable the guided buying parameter: `PARAM_ENABLE_IMPROVED_SEARCH_EXPERIENCE`

# Feature at a Glance

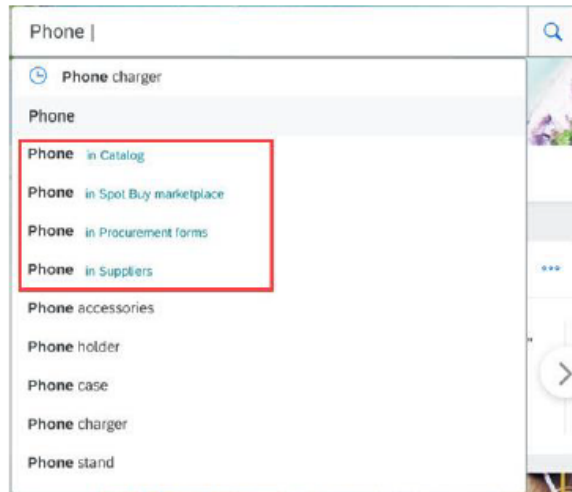
## Introducing: Improved search in guided buying

### Detailed feature information

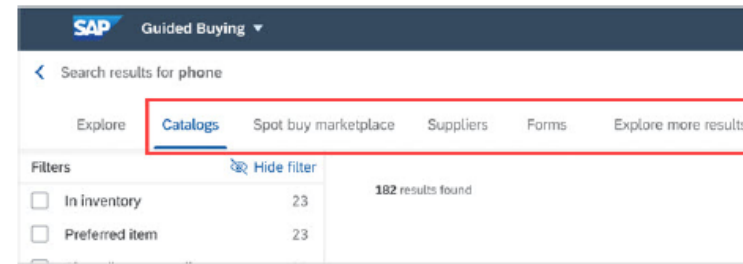
Search bar now displays shopping history:



When a search term is entered links to the buying channels containing the item will be displayed:



When you search for an item tabs for each buy channel containing the item will be displayed at the top of the results page:



More information about the search result is now displayed such as preferred/qualified status, shipping status, corporate social responsibility indicators or hazardous material indicator:



# Feature at a Glance

## Introducing: Improved search in guided buying

### Detailed feature information

When viewing search results, add up to four catalog items to compare:

Compare

Preferred item

Allergen Reduction HVAC  
VWR International - US - EDI - T

\$50.63 USD /each  
Receive in 1 day

Compare

Preferred item

Item #2  
VWR International - US - EDI - T

\$50.63 USD /each  
Receive in 3 days

Compare

Preferred item

Item #3  
VWR International - US - EDI - T

\$50.63 USD /each  
Receive in 2 days

Compare

Preferred item

Item #4  
VWR International - US - EDI - T

\$50.63 USD /each  
Receive in 3 days

Advanced Allergen Re...  
\$50.63 USD /each

Item #2  
\$50.63 USD /each

Item #3  
\$50.63 USD /each

Compare (3/4)  
Clear all

Comparing items allows you to view details for multiple items at once:

Compare Items

Highlight differences

Phone - Unlocked Smartpho...  
Add to cart

Prepaid Smartphone (Lockk...  
Add to cart

battery | Unlocked | Made f...  
Add to cart

Expandable Cordless Phone...  
Add to cart

Preferred item	Preferred item	Preferred item	none	none
Price	\$50.63 USD	\$50.63 USD	\$150.63 USD	\$250.63 USD
Supplier	VWR International - US - EDI - T	ASM International - US - EDI - T	ACME Inc.	ACME Inc.
Part #	TX71002	TX71001	TX71002	TX71002
Availability	1 day	2 days	3 days	3 days
<b>Product details</b>				
Size	64 oz	64 oz	64 oz	64 oz
Hazardous materials	⚠️ ⚠️	⚠️	none	none
Green items	🌱	none	🌱	none

# Feature at a Glance

## Introducing: Improved search in guided buying

### Detailed feature information

The following filters are now available on the search results page:

**In inventory, Preferred item, and Shop diverse supplier:**

Filters Hide filter

<input type="checkbox"/>	In inventory	23
<input type="checkbox"/>	Preferred item	23
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shop diverse supplier	23

**Supplier diversity:**

Supplier diversity ▼

<input type="checkbox"/>	All diverse suppliers	123
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black-owned business	23
<input type="checkbox"/>	LatinX business	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Women-owned business	23
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diversity factor A	2

[See all](#)

**Hazardous material:**

Hazardous material ▼

<input type="checkbox"/>	All hazardous materials	123
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Flammable	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Compressed Gas	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Corrosive	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Harmful	2

[See all](#)

**Keywords:**

Keywords ▼

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<input type="checkbox"/>	iPhone	20
<input type="checkbox"/>	Samsung	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Google	6
<input type="checkbox"/>	SIM card	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Panasonic	4

[See all](#)

**Price:**

Price ▼



# Q&A

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