SAP Procurement Release Readiness
Frequently Asked Questions

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RELEASE INFORMATION

Q: What is Release Readiness
Release Readiness is a program that facilitates delivery of information to our customers before a release's General Availability (GA). The aim is to ensure that you have awareness of the upcoming releases, have the relevant information and resources to prepare, and understand the value to be achieved with adoption.

Q: When are the SAP Procurement Releases?
There are potentially 12 opportunities for innovation to be released to customers each year. Four quarterly release windows and eight "no-impact" monthly release windows.

The four Quarterly Release windows are planned for the second month of each quarter (February, May, August, and November). The eight Feature Delivery windows are on the remaining available months for the year.

Q: Where can I find the planned release dates?
The calendar of planned release dates can always be found on the Release Readiness page on SAP Ariba Connect.

Q: How are SAP Procurement releases named?
SAP Procurement uses a 2-digit year and 2-digit month (YYMM) label to identify releases. For example, the August 2023 quarterly release would be called 2308 and the September 2023 monthly release as 2309.

Q: What is the difference between a quarterly release and a monthly release?
The primary difference between quarterly and monthly releases is the type of content to be delivered.

- Quarterly releases include features where there is the potential of day one impact to your users or processes. It also includes features that would require adoption at a future date or when you need time to educate/prepare your users.

- Monthly releases are "no impact. You should not need to prepare for, nor take any action for anything delivered monthly.

Q: When are SAP Cloud Integration, managed gateway features released?
Features, for the SAP Cloud Integration, managed gateway are delivered with the quarterly releases in February, May, August, and November. The SAP Integration Suite, managed gateway add-on (the installable add-on component for SAP S/4HANA & SAP ERP systems) is released twice a year in May and November. See the following FAQ for additional details.

Q: Where can I learn more about upcoming releases?
For quarterly releases, release information for SAP Procurement solutions is made available three weeks in advance of General Availability (GA). Information is posted to the Release Readiness for SAP Solutions Community page for all SAP Procurement solutions. In addition, SAP Ariba customers can visit the Release Readiness page on SAP Ariba Connect for all SAP Ariba applications release details.

In you would like to be alerted to coming releases you can follow our Release Readiness SAP Procurement Community bloggers. In addition, if you have the SAP Ariba Applications, you can subscribe to email notifications from your user profile on SAP Ariba Connect by selecting subscriptions.

You can also attend our Quarterly Early Release Series webcasts to learn more about the highlighted features. Registration and links to replays are available on both the Release Readiness for SAP Solutions Community page and SAP Ariba Connect platforms.

Q: How are features enabled in SAP Procurement releases?

Depending on feature complexity and change impact there are three types of feature enablement methods utilized.

- Automatically on – These are features that are automatically enabled and ready for use at GA. These features cannot be turned off.
- Customer configured – These are optional features. These features can be enabled for use at any point in time after GA.
- Mandatory with opt-in – These are features that require adoption by a specific deadline which is aligned to a future mandatory month. Features in this category are often more complex or involve change impact that may necessitate additional time for adoption activities. At the mandatory month, these features will be enabled for all customers.

Q: Will features be available for exploration in my test site before the release date?

Features available before GA in your test site depend on the specific SAP Procurement solutions.
- SAP Ariba Applications – this is not currently supported. Features are delivered to both production and test sites at the time of GA. For features that are customer configured, you can enable them in your test sites before applying them to your production sites.
- SAP Central Invoice Management – starting with the July 2023 release, new features can be made available in your test tenants to allow you to prepare for adoption. This occurs two weeks prior to GA.