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Release Summary

2311 SAP Business Network Release

SAP Business Network Release Readiness
October 2023

SAP Business Network

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Audience:

Buyer

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

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Redirect Designated Users to Target IdP after User Discovery on SAP Business Network Login [BNC-220]

Description:

This feature makes the SSO (single sign-on) option available for authorized users when logging into SAP Business Network through the SAP Business Network login page.

Customer Benefit:

All login options are available in one place; Users with SSO enabled accounts must not access a dedicated SSO URL for logging into SAP Business Network.

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Network Catalog Management and Product Discovery [BNCAT-363]

Description:

Network Catalog solution enables you to easily maintain a master catalog of all products. All the buyers on SAP Business Network can easily search and view these products and send a request for quotation irrespective of the trading relationship between buyer and supplier which results in possible new business for buyers and suppliers.

Customer Benefit:

Network catalog solution allows Suppliers to easily maintain a master catalog of all products. All the buyers on SAP Business Network can easily search and view these products and send a request for information which results in possible new business for buyers and suppliers. Benefits for Buyers: Buyers can access network catalog products using the product search solution on SAP Business Network trading partner portal homepage giving them various options of competent procurement sources. Benefits for Suppliers: Suppliers get to discover new buyers for their products and hence open up new business opportunities through the network.

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Customer Configured

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Default Packaging Instruction Enhancements for Handling Units [CSC-37434]

Description:

This feature provides more options to suppliers for packaging instructions for handling units.

Customer Benefit:

Consistent handling of quantities through the shipping process, including handling unit packaging, is critical for process compliance and traceability.

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Item Reconfirmation in the Supplier Workbench [CSC-15549]

Description:

This feature lets suppliers use the Items to confirm list to revise eligible confirmed line items and reconfirm them. This feature also adds columns for shipped and received quantities to the Items to confirm tile and the Order Confirmation template for Upload/Download.

Customer Benefit:

Suppliers generally confirm a purchase order shortly after receiving it, based on the theoretical capacity. If later the supplier experiences a production delay, the supplier could use the Items to confirm list page to update confirmations in a more efficient way.



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Quality Inspection Results Template for Upload/Download and Displaying Attachments Sent by Buyers [CSC-23132]

Description:

This feature adds the Quality Inspection Results template for Upload/Download. Suppliers can use this template to streamline entering inspection results for inspection requests. This feature also enables buyers and suppliers to view attachments that buyers send with inspection requests in SAP Business Network.

Customer Benefit:

Better experience when customers handle multiple inspections or inspections with several characteristics because users will access to a new template for uploading results massively, saving time for another task for them.

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Ignore auto-reply processing in order status [CSC-23195]

Description:

SAP Business Network will not change the order status based on email auto-reply processing.

Customer Benefit:

Buyer organizations will not need to process the failure notification of email order due to email auto-reply. Buyer and supplier organizations will not need to investigate the failure and reprocess the order due to email auto-reply.



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Order Confirmation Deviation Approval Rule for Scheduling Agreements and Scheduling Agreement Releases [CSC-28869]

Description:

This feature introduces a rule that configures deviation approval in order confirmations for only scheduling agreements and scheduling agreement releases. The existing rule to configure order confirmation deviation approval is changed to apply only to purchase orders.

Customer Benefit:

Buyer has more flexibility to configure the order confirmation deviation approval process. It can be enabled for regular purchase orders only, for scheduling agreement and scheduling agreement releases only, or for the three types of documents.

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Changes to Open Orders Reports [CSC-29992]

Description:

This feature changes the Open Orders report file format from CSV to Excel. The feature also adds columns and criteria, enhances some existing criteria, includes information about rejected purchase orders, and increases the number of rows returned.

Customer Benefit:

Using the Excel format for the report provides better visibility to the information. Providing new columns and filters helps cover additional customer needs. Having the capability to select specific order statuses allows users to further specify what they want to extract in the report.



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Enable Email Notifications for SAP Business Network for Supply Chain Features [CSC-32329]

Description:

This feature enables email notifications for the SAP Business Network for Supply Chain features so that the supplier is updated about the current status of the different SCC documents in the SAP Business Network.

Customer Benefit:

This capability will allow email notification to be sent to Suppliers for inventory updates, consignment movements, consignment settlements or Invoice against Consignments.



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Customized Order Confirmation template for Upload/Download [CSC-34744]

Description:

This feature enables buyer administrators to create a customization project for the Order Confirmation Excel template that is used by the Upload/Download feature.

Customer Benefit:

The generation of Order Confirmation through a mass upload is getting simpler for suppliers since only a subset of required fields by the customer can be presented for the document creation.

Also, SAP Business Network is providing flexibility to customers by allowing them to include additional custom values in the Order Confirmation Excel template so suppliers can provide the corresponding information.

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Added Specifications for Upload/Download Planning Jobs [CSC-36735]

Description:

This feature adds new functionality when creating Upload/Download jobs for planning processes. You can now choose to exclude planning records without time-series planning data from the download. You can also explicitly specify the time window for the download.

Customer Benefit:

Customers will gain efficiency in handling of Planning collaboration mass uploads.

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Advanced Packaging Enhancement to Support Decimals [CSC-33375]

Description:

This feature supports decimal points for packed and shipped quantity for handling unit packaging.

Customer Benefit:

Consistent handling of quantities through the shipping process including handling unit packaging.

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Supporting Brazilian invoice CTe 4.0 for Brazil [NG-6294]

Description:

The Brazilian tax authority known as Secretaria da Fazenda (SEFAZ), mandates usage of invoice of type CTe version 4.00, effective June 2023. Due to this legal change, SAP Business Network now supports suppliers and buyers with CTe invoices version 4.00.

Customer Benefit:

Comply with the CTe invoice requirements as well as maintain smooth and uninterrupted business operations, avoiding disruptions, downtime, or even legal actions that negatively affect business continuity.

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Solutions:

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E-Invoicing in Poland for inbound invoices [NG-5321]

Description:

SAP Business Network now supports electronic tax invoicing in Poland for inbound invoices (invoices created by suppliers in a system outside SAP Business Network). Buyers can now receive the inbound invoices directly from the tax authority portal of Poland known as Krajowy System e-Faktur (KSeF). These invoices are then processed in SAP Business Network for further business transactions. SAP Business Network uses SAP Document and Reporting Compliance, cloud edition to get the required invoices from the KSeF portal. The system then converts the invoice from VAT format to the system readable cXML format.

Customer Benefit:

This will enable Buyers to pull the reported Ksef invoices by their suppliers to local govt authorities.

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Integration of Open API to receive external invoices [NG-1396]

Description:

An Open Application Programming Interface (API) called `externaltaxdocservice` is introduced to enable suppliers to have a new standard and secure way to post external tax documents to SAP Business Network.

Buyers can now receive the external tax documents directly in SAP Business Network from supplier's backend system or third-party application or SAP partners like Document Reporting and Compliance. Suppliers can integrate and use the `externaltaxdocservice` API to customize their backend system with additional metadata updates.

Customer Benefit:

An Open API is required to receive external tax invoices from customers, governments, or certified/authorized providers.

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Items to Service Tile in Supplier Workbench [NP-30077]

Description:

This feature simplifies supplier creation of service entry sheets. Now suppliers can use the Items to service tile to quickly select the service line items and create the service sheet

Customer Benefit:

After buyers create service purchase orders, suppliers create service sheets containing all the service line items from the service purchase orders that they want to fulfill. Prior to this feature, suppliers needed to unselect these line items that would not be part of the service sheet line-by-line, which was time consuming when the purchase order was large. Now suppliers can use the Items to service tile to quickly select line items and create the service sheet.

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Intelligent Invoice Conversion for SAP Business Network [NP-32948]

Description:

Intelligent invoice conversion is a self-service PDF and Scanned paper invoice conversion service for suppliers on SAP Business Network.

Customer Benefit:

Intelligent invoice conversion provides a new channel for invoice automation with a guided self-service onboarding to suppliers on the SAP Business Network using intelligent extraction, digitization of invoices, data enrichment and invoice validation against business rules thus reducing any invoice errors, reduced time for reconciliation and faster payments.

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Create Summary Invoices in SAP Business Network [NP-33199]

Description:

This feature enables suppliers to create a summary invoice based on multiple purchase orders and ship notices by using the Orders to summary invoice tile.

Customer Benefit:

Reducing the number of invoices to create and manage for suppliers and reducing the number of invoices to approve and pay for buyers.



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Customer configured

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Ship Notices to Invoice in Supplier Transaction Workbench [NP-34482]

Description:

This feature enables suppliers to create invoices for ship notices that are ready to invoice by using the Ship notices to invoice tile

Customer Benefit:

Suppliers can directly select multiple ship notices to invoice without first selecting the orders for the ship notices that the supplier wishes to invoice.



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Suspend system access to SAP Business Network while Business Partner Screening in In-progress [NS-18055]

Description:

This feature temporarily suspends your SAP Business Network account if your account is being reviewed as per SAP's Export Control and Sanction Policy.

Customer Benefit:

SAP Business Network account user will have access only after verified/screened against the SAP's Export Control and Sanction Policy



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Allow Orders to Suspended Suppliers [PAY-16230]

Description:

This feature allows buyers to send purchase orders to suspended suppliers. Suspended suppliers can receive orders and respond with order confirmation and advance ship notice.

Customer Benefit:

Currently a supplier account is suspended for non-payment of their Ariba Network fees, they can no longer receive orders from their buyers. The order fails on the buyer's side. When the supplier settles their account and the suspension is removed, buyers must recreate/resend the order. This creates a lot of re-work for the buyer.

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Relationship Rejection Alert [PAY-16231]

Description:

This feature allows suppliers to reject trading relationships only after clearing all the outstanding dues.

Customer Benefit:

This feature enables suppliers to reject trading relationships only after payment of outstanding dues.

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Solutions:

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Additional Postal Code Validation on Registration Form and Profile Update [PAY- 16468]

Description:

This feature extends postal code validation to another 21 new countries.

Customer Benefit:

Ensures more validation on the address field which would make the billing process more accurate.

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Solutions:

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Allowing Early Payment Offers through Taulia Payables Solutions [PAY-9301]

Description:

Taulia, a leading provider of working capital management solutions, is now a part of the SAP solution portfolio. Taulia's buyer-led payable solutions are now available to SAP Business Network users.

Customer Benefit:

Buyers and supplier have access to liquidity helps companies to bolster continuity, meet debt obligations and avoid interruptions to long-term capital investments.

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Solutions:

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Netherlands Antilles (ANT) not available on Country/Region dropdown of SAP Business Network Registration Form [PAY-16469]

Description:

Netherlands Antilles is no longer supported on AN for registration as it is dissolved back in 2010. This change is to update the country list to reflect the current legal and economic situation.

Customer Benefit:

Better quality of Supplier Data for Billing.



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Solutions:

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New Company Profile Editor Experience [SA-38798]

Description:

The legacy Company Profile is deprecated and replaced by the trading partner Marketing Profile, now named Company Profile. Elements present in the legacy profile have been added to the new profile to maintain parity.

Customer Benefit:

Provide an entry point for trading partners that want to:

- Edit their company profiles
- Resolve usage of marketing and company profile terminology on SBN
- Move content that is relevant to profile (marketing) to a new editor UX
- Keep the rest of the content available in the old editor UX, and link it through the new editor for easier access



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Requesting Certifications from Suppliers' Company Profiles [SA-41728]

Description:

This feature enables buyers to proactively request desired certifications from suppliers through trading partner profiles. Suppliers can then upload the required certifications or update existing ones to enhance transparency and build trust with buyers.

Customer Benefit:

The ability to request updated data fosters better communication and collaboration with suppliers. It can lead to more transparent and productive relationships as suppliers understand the importance of providing accurate and current information.

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Deloitte-Evaluated Supplier Self-Assessment Questionnaire on Human Rights [SA-41070]

Description:

This feature introduces the latest iteration of our supplier self-assessment questionnaire on human rights. This upgraded version has undergone a thorough evaluation process by Deloitte to align with the requirements of the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act (LkSG), adding an additional layer of credibility to the assessment.

Customer Benefit:

Deloitte's feedback on Human rights assessments has added additional credibility, along with the demonstration of compliance with industry standards, regulations and best practices.

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View Saved Suppliers on SAP Business Network [SA-40449]

Description:

The option to display saved suppliers is available on Trading Partner Portal.

Customer Benefit:

Helps buyers to have a consolidated view of saved list of suppliers for better follow-up.

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Supplier

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

SAP Business Network

Support for 2-Step Login for SAP Business Network Suppliers [SA-31639]

Description:

The SAP Business Network supplier login page has been updated to a 2-step login process. Similar to the buyer login process, suppliers are required to enter a username and password in two steps.

Customer Benefit:

It opens the IdP (identity provider) discovery and redirection capability for supporting future features.

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Automatically On

Solutions:

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Buyer Announcements for Trading Partner Communication [SA-33620]

Description:

This feature empowers buyers to communicate important information, changes, or news to suppliers by publishing announcements on SAP Business Network.

Customer Benefit:

Provides easy and modern content authoring tool for the buyers to effectively communicate. Buyers can track the number of suppliers who have read the announcement and increase responsiveness of suppliers.



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Certification Display Integration [SA-38417]

Description:

This feature enables suppliers to showcase their certifications more effectively by automatically displaying the certifications they have uploaded to their assessment questionnaires on their profiles.

Customer Benefit:

Displaying certificates on your profile that were updated during assessments streamlines the process and saves time. consistent.



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Improved Certifications on Trading Partner Profiles [SA-44511]

Description:

This feature provides suppliers with a new way of managing certifications within their SAP Business Network Company Profile while enhancing buyers' trading partner search experience.

Customer Benefit:

Streamline the process of documenting, showcasing and managing a wide range of certifications and credentials centrally. It gives suppliers a competitive advantage by allowing them to expand their business to those who value certification diversity. User-friendly experience ensures suppliers can easily keep their credentials current reducing administrative burden and encourage timely updates.

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Solutions:

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Assessments on Company Profiles [SA-45870]

Description:

Suppliers can now display completed assessments related to their products, services, or other aspects of their business on their SAP Business Network Company Profile. Buyers can request access to these assessments directly from a supplier's profile, even if they do not have a trading or sourcing relationship with the supplier.

Customer Benefit:

Suppliers can showcase their completed assessments on the profile, saving you time on the most frequently asked assessments. The second part of the feature allows buyers to request any updates to the assessments from the buyers and keeps the information up-to-date on the profile.



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Buyer

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Customer configured

Solutions:

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Taulia Solutions Integration with SAP ERP or SAP S/4HANA using SAP Integration Suite, Managed Gateway for Spend Management and SAP Business Network [IG-40204]

Description:

The integration enables buying organizations on SAP ERP or SAP S/4HANA to integrate with Taulia portfolio of working capital management solutions using SAP Integration Suite, managed gateway for spend management and SAP Business Network. Buyers can enable flexible early payment and payment options for their suppliers such as:

- Taulia Dynamic Discounting
- Taulia Supply Chain Finance
 - Taulia Virtual Cards

Customer Benefit:

Customer can gain much value from the Taulia Integration for the Managed Gateway.

- By leveraging Taulia Dynamic Discounting, customers can increase discount captured and provide supply chain health by giving suppliers the ability to get paid early.
- By leveraging Taulia Supply Chain Financing, customers can improve their cash flow and working capital strategies. In addition, they would also provide supply chain health by allowing suppliers to get paid early at a cheaper cost than getting financing on their own.
- By leveraging Taulia Virtual Cards, customers can improve their working capital and increase rebates earned.
- Overall, the integration allows a customer to quickly scale the adoption of their Taulia Working Capital product and surpass their goals and KPIs. Customer can combine multiple Taulia products to give flexibility and build Working Capital resilience for themselves and their supply chain.

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SAP Business Network

Support for Sending Attachments with Supplier Bids and Buyer Awards from SAP Business Network Discovery to the SAP ERP System [IG-44085]

Description:

This feature supports sending supplier bid and buyer award attachments sent with quote message documents from SAP Business Network Discovery to the SAP ERP system through SAP Integration Suite, managed gateway for spend management and SAP Business Network.

Customer Benefit:

Support attachments provide a clear and concise way to communicate important information related to the quote. Now, as part of this feature, suppliers can send attachments while responding to an RFQ posting, that is, a supplier bid. Also, buyers can send attachments while awarding the supplier.

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