Release Summary

2402 SAP Business Network Release

SAP Business Network Release Readiness
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Audience:

Supplier

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

SAP Business Network

Allow Suppliers to Add Carbon Emission Data Related to the Network Catalog Products
[BNCAT-2027]

Description:

Suppliers with an administrator or a product manager role can add carbon emission data related to the network catalog products. The carbon emission data of the network catalog product is added using the product detail template.

Customer Benefit:

Information on product level carbon footprint will provide transparency to conscious buyers .

Feature Resources: What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview   Demo

Audience:

Buyer

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

SAP Business Network

Renamed Items to Confirm and Items to Ship Workbench Tiles
[BCS3-1629]

Description:

The Items to Confirm and Items to Ship tiles have been renamed as Item Confirmation Status and Item Shipment status respectively.

Customer Benefit:

Buyer facing tiles now align with the persona.

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Audience:

Buyer and Supplier

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

SAP Business Network

Support Bulk Actions on Network Catalog Products
[BNCAT-2191]

Description:

Suppliers with a product approver role or an administrator role can reject multiple products that are sent for approval. The products selected for rejection must have the same rejection reason. Also, suppliers with a product manager role or an administrator role can move multiple products from the online version to the staged version of the network catalog.

Customer Benefit:

Additional bulk action functionality will lead to better user experience for the supplier using network catalog.

Feature Resources: [What's New in SAP Ariba](#)

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Buyer and Supplier

Feature Enablement:

Customer Configured

Solutions:

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Peppol Integration for Japan
[NG-5329]

Description:

SAP Business Network now extends Peppol integration for Japan. This feature enables buyers to receive external documents in UBL format from non-SAP Business Network suppliers through the Peppol service. Both the supplier and buyer must be registered users of Peppol.

Customer Benefit:

The feature provides buyers a Peppol connection through the SAP Business Network using the SAP Peppol access point. It allows buyers to receive electronic invoices from their suppliers already using Peppol to transfer electronic invoices. Buyers can leverage the Ariba Network to fulfil Peppol mandates and lower supplier adoption barriers.

Feature Resources: What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview

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Feature Enablement:

Customer Configured

Solutions:

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Support for Nondomestic Suppliers to generate X-Rechnung invoices for Germany [NG-5711]

Description:

SAP Business Network now supports generation of X-rechnung invoices for suppliers outside of Germany that wish to conduct business transactions with buyers in Germany. When a nondomestic supplier creates an invoice in SAP Business Network, the system generates the X-Rechnung invoice. SAP Business Network then sends the created invoice along with the X-Rechnung invoice to the relevant buyer.

Customer Benefit:

This feature allows international suppliers on the SBN to issue X-Rechnung to German (public) buyers.

Feature Resources: What's New in SAP Ariba

Audience:

Supplier

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

SAP Business Network

Self-Service Account Deletion
[NP-36683]

Description:

This feature allows users to submit account deletion request after clearing their outstanding payments from company account and associated account(s).

Customer Benefit:

The current process of a supplier account deletion requires support team to take the request from customers and initiate expiry and subsequent deletion of supplier account. This resulted in human dependency and introduced delays in account deletion. With the feature of self-service deletion, the suppliers will be able to delete their account on their own. This gives autonomy to the suppliers with respect to control on their account and increase transparency in the process.

Feature Resources: What's New in SAP Ariba

Audience:

Supplier

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

SAP Business Network

Support for Document Annotation Within the Guided Onboarding Page of Intelligent Invoice Conversion
[NP-38184]

Description:

As part of the Intelligent invoice conversion onboarding, the template activation step is the most important and currently this has a few user actions to activate the template and the Annotation Document user interface also opens as a new application interface outside the onboarding.

To improve this user experience the template activation step has been further simplified and the document user interface now is within the guided onboarding.

These are user interaction improvements being made to simplify the onboarding experience further.

Customer Benefit:

Faster and easier onboarding by making the template activation simpler and intuitive for the supplier admin.

Document annotation user interface is automatically shown and supplier admin can seamlessly move between the files to annotate them.

Redundant listing of files and additional user actions that were present earlier have been removed.

Feature Resources: [What's New in SAP Ariba](#)   [Feature Overview](#)

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Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

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Listing Tiles for IIC and PDF Invoice-Based Invoice Conversion on the Workbench
[NP-38457]

Description:

The current PDF invoice tiles represent the listing of the invoices converted from PDF files only but with the new Intelligent invoice conversion, these tiles have to be extended to image files that represent scanned paper invoices too.

To make it consistent and keeping the future to support any invoice format, the current tiles will be changed to Invoice conversion tiles.

This will be available to both the current PDF Invoice partner solution and for the new Intelligent invoice conversion.

Customer Benefit:

Easy to understand tiles on the workbench that represent listing of SAP Business network invoices that have been converted from PDF and other formats.

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Audience:

Supplier

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

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Support for Updating Invoice Conversion Templates with Additional Fields [NP-38480]

Description:

The intelligent invoice conversion templates are used to annotate available fields for extraction and once activated, these templates can be used to process PDF and scanned paper invoices. Currently only a minimal set of fields are available for extraction that can be annotated by the supplier.

To provide support for additional invoice data extraction from these invoices, this feature provides a mechanism by which additional fields are made available for extraction incrementally and the suppliers can update their template to consume these fields as per their business needs.

Customer Benefit:

Seamless support for incremental invoice capabilities like Direct material, Services and Summary invoices or Credit memos as and when the relevant invoice fields are made available for extraction.

Easy update of the template to consume these additional fields.

Ensures existing annotations continue to be available.

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Buyer

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

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External Marketplace Integration for Public Sector
[PAY-13779]

Description:

You can use SAP Ariba APIs to post RFx events on portals and web sites outside the usual discovery area.

Customer Benefit:

Allow guided sourcing to have support for the external marketplace postings

Feature Resources: What's New in SAP Ariba

Audience:

Supplier

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

SAP Business Network

Respond To Sourcing Linked Postings
[PAY-13780]

Description:

Enabling suppliers to respond to postings created by guided sourcing customers.

Customer Benefit:

Existing suppliers will be able to respond to sourcing leads, in the trading partner portal.

Feature Resources: What's New in SAP Ariba

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Solutions:

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Catalog Matching
[PAY-17147]

Description:

This is one of the first initiatives to expand the discovery matching from profile to catalogue. In the future, we will include the keyword/transaction data.

Customer Benefit:

Whenever a buyer is creating a discovery posting, our system should also match the suppliers who have uploaded catalog for the same UNSPSC commodity and match/notify those catalog suppliers.

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SAP Ariba Sourcing

SAP Ariba Supplier Lifecycle and Performance

New SAP Business Network Registration Flow for SAP Ariba Supplier Lifecycle and Performance and SAP Ariba Sourcing Suppliers
[NS-23667]

Description:

This feature brings an updated network registration experience for responding to supplier management questionnaires and sourcing events.

Customer Benefit:

This feature brings modernized and streamlined user experience to suppliers registering to participate in sourcing event or complete qualification process. Implemented changes will allow for faster registration and reduce the effort on buyer side as most common issues from legacy experience were addressed.

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Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

SAP Business Network for Supply Chain

Supplier Email Notifications for Buyer Planning Collaboration Updates [CSC-39638]

Description:

This feature adds supplier email notifications when buyers make planning collaboration updates. These notifications help suppliers be more responsive to their buyers. Prior to this feature, suppliers could only find out about the planning collaboration updates that their buyers made by checking in SAP Business Network.

Customer Benefit:

Faster collaboration between trading partners and increased ease of use.

Feature Resources: What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview   Demo

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Audience:

Supplier

Feature Enablement:

Customer Configured

Solutions:

SAP Business Network

Analytics on Purchase Order Items
[BCS3-2493]

Description:

With this feature, SAP Business Network offers data analytics on your purchase orders and purchased items to help you better understand your customers and business. The information is presented in the Purchase Order Items view of the new Analytics dashboard in the SAP Business Network user interface for suppliers.

Customer Benefit:

Suppliers will have easier access to relevant insights about their Purchase order details such as material number, ship location as well as Order amount and quantity. They will be able to analyze and access the trends, status and know their customer's buying patterns and area of business better hence be able to extract more value out of the SAP Business Network.

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Supplier

Feature Enablement:

Customer Configured

Solutions:

SAP Business Network

Invoices Analytics for Suppliers [BCS3-2488]

Description:

With this feature, SAP Business Network offers data analytics on your invoices to help you better understand your customers and business. The information is presented in the Invoices Overview view of the new Analytics dashboard in the SAP Business Network user interface for suppliers.

Customer Benefit:

Suppliers will have easier access to relevant insights about their invoices on business network. They will be able to analyze and access the trends, status and know their customers and area of business better hence be able to extract more value out of the Business Network.

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Audience:

Supplier

Feature Enablement:

Customer Configured

Solutions:

SAP Business Network

Purchase Orders Analytics for Suppliers [BCS3-2478]

Description:

With this feature, SAP Business Network offers data analytics on your purchase orders to help you better understand your customers and business. The information is presented in the Purchase Orders Overview view of the new Analytics dashboard in the SAP Business Network user interface for suppliers.

Customer Benefit:

Suppliers can gain knowledge about their business on the SAP Business Network. They can learn the main metrics and trends from their own order transactions data.

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Audience:

Buyer

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

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SAP Ariba APIs

SAP Ariba Developer Portal

Trading Partner Profile Certification API to Retrieve Certification Details and Download Certification Files from Supplier Profiles
[SA-47743]

Description:

The Trading Partner Profile Certification API enables you to retrieve details of supplier certifications and download certification files from supplier profiles.

Customer Benefit:

The Trading Partner Profile Certification API enables you to retrieve details of supplier certifications and download certification files from supplier profiles.

Feature Resources: What's New in SAP Ariba

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Audience:

Buyer

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

SAP Business Network for Supply Chain

Versioning and Deleting Customization Projects
[CSC-39004]

Description:

With this feature, buyers can now create a new version of a customization project and delete an unpublished customization project.

Customer Benefit:

This feature will allow customers to update their already published projects by creating a new version and delete those that are not going to be published.

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Buyer and Supplier

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

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Quality Collaboration Changes [CSC-40349]

Description:

This feature makes enhancements to quality inspections and quality notifications. For quality inspections, these enhancements include a new field for suppliers to input comments about their results, improved filters, and others. For quality notifications, the user details for the supplier who made the updates are added when the supplier submits a quality notification in SAP Business Network.

Customer Benefit:

Stability and better usability when working with quality inspections and quality notifications. Increasing user experience when searching for inspections.

Feature Resources: What's New in SAP Ariba

Audience:

Supplier

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

SAP Business Network

Improved Task Experience for Suppliers [NS-24298]

Description:

This feature updates existing supplier task management tab with new more intuitive wording and hidden buyer tasks section.

Customer Benefit:

Improved turn around time for task completion.

Feature Resources: What's New in SAP Ariba

Audience:

Supplier

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

SAP Business Network

Retrieve EcoVadis Ratings with EVID [SA-39830]

Description:

With this feature, Suppliers need to provide their EVID which is EcoVadis specific to retrieve their ratings from EcoVadis. Previously imported ratings will not be affected.

Customer Benefit:

Supplier is not dependent on DUNS number anymore to import their ratings.

Feature Resources: [What's New in SAP Ariba](#)