

[DE] German e-invoicing mandate -NG-7314

Target GA: May 2025

Feature Overview

Introducing: Germany 2025 E-invoicing mandate – Inbound Email Flow

Feature Description

- This feature allows SAP Business Network Buyers to receive the invoices which are not created in SBN via email
- The feature leverages the integration with SAP Document and Reporting Compliance, cloud edition

Key Benefits

- SAP Business Network Buyers with can receive invoices from all their German suppliers via the SAP Business Network
- The existing integration with the respective backend system can be leveraged; country-specific local fields are transferred via the SAP Business Network cXML
- Mapping from the country specific format to the SAP Business Network cXML is provided as part of the feature

Audience:

Buyers

Enablement Model:

Automatically On

Applicable Solutions:

- SAP Business Network Commerce Automation
- SAP Business Network Commerce Automation, foundation option
- SAP Business Network Supply Chain Collaboration

Germany (GER) E-Invoicing Mandate

Official government site: [Bundestag](#)



Timing

- January 2025: All businesses **must** receive electronic invoices compliant with EN-16931 standards. Buyer's consent is required for paper, unstructured PDF or EDI not according to EN-16931.
- January 2027: Companies >800k turnover must issue electronic invoices compliant based EN 16931
- January 2028: All invoices must be issued electronically based on EN 16931 standards.

Key Requirements

- Obligation to issue, send, and receive domestic electronic invoices based on in EN-16931 standard
- Allowed formats are UBL, CII or ZUGFeRD (PDF+CII)
- The invoice transmission method is not regulated

SAP Business Network Support

- SAP Business Network supports X-Rechnung (UBL) as the legal invoice already for B2G.
- B2B customer will be able to enable this feature as required.
- Latest by January 2027 the feature will be automatically enabled for all domestic invoices.
- Customer can use the Peppol flow or the email flow to receive invoices from outside SBN

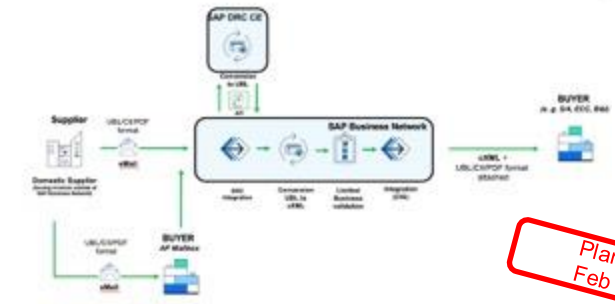
Outbound



Inbound



Email



Planned - Feb 2025

Prerequisites, Restrictions, Cautions

Prerequisites

- SAP Document and Reporting Compliance, cloud edition entitlement

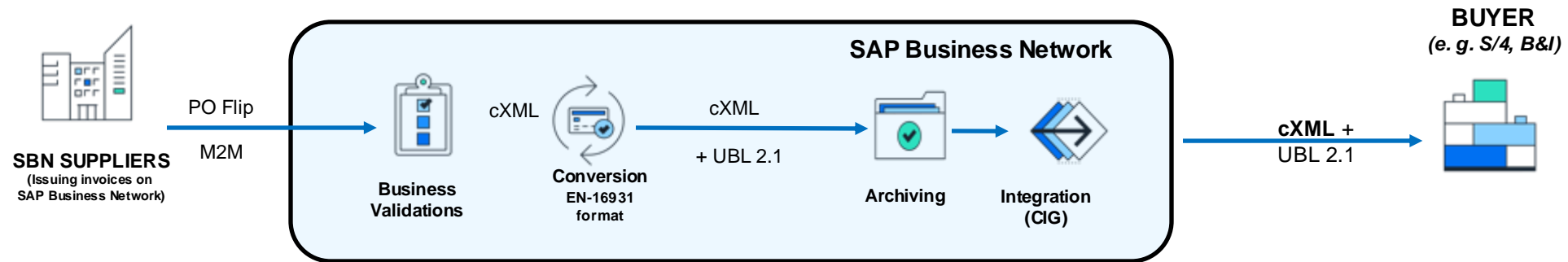
Restrictions

- Certain document types (correction invoices) are transported as header information only
- Usage of External Tax Invoice rules is recommended as standard Business Rules are not supported

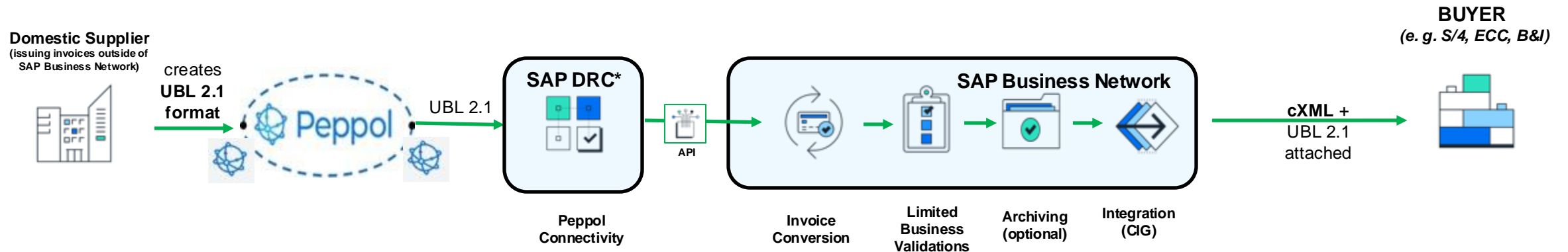
Enablement Steps & Notes

1. The feature is available to all buyer customers of SAP Business Network Commerce Automation, SAP Business Network Commerce Automation, foundation option and SAP Business Network Supply Chain Collaboration
2. SAP Document and Reporting Compliance, cloud edition entitlement is required. Setup is described in the relevant SAP Document and Reporting Compliance help pages.
3. Customer specific configuration to connect the SAP Business Network Buyer account with SAP Document and Reporting Compliance, cloud edition is required – compare following slides

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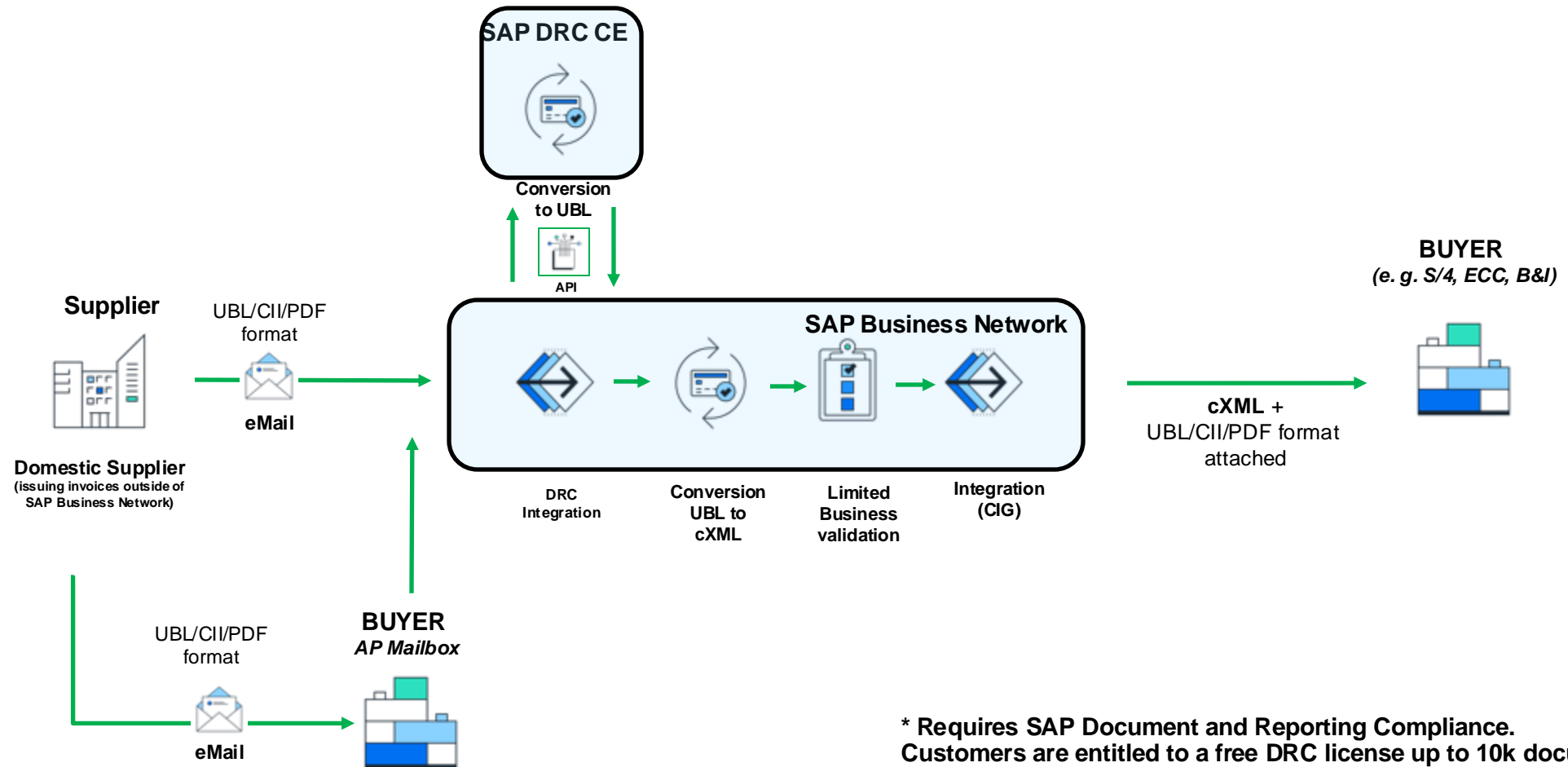


SAP Business Network: Inbound Flow Germany 2025



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Customers are entitled to a free DRC license up to 10k documents p.a.

SAP Business Network: Email Flow

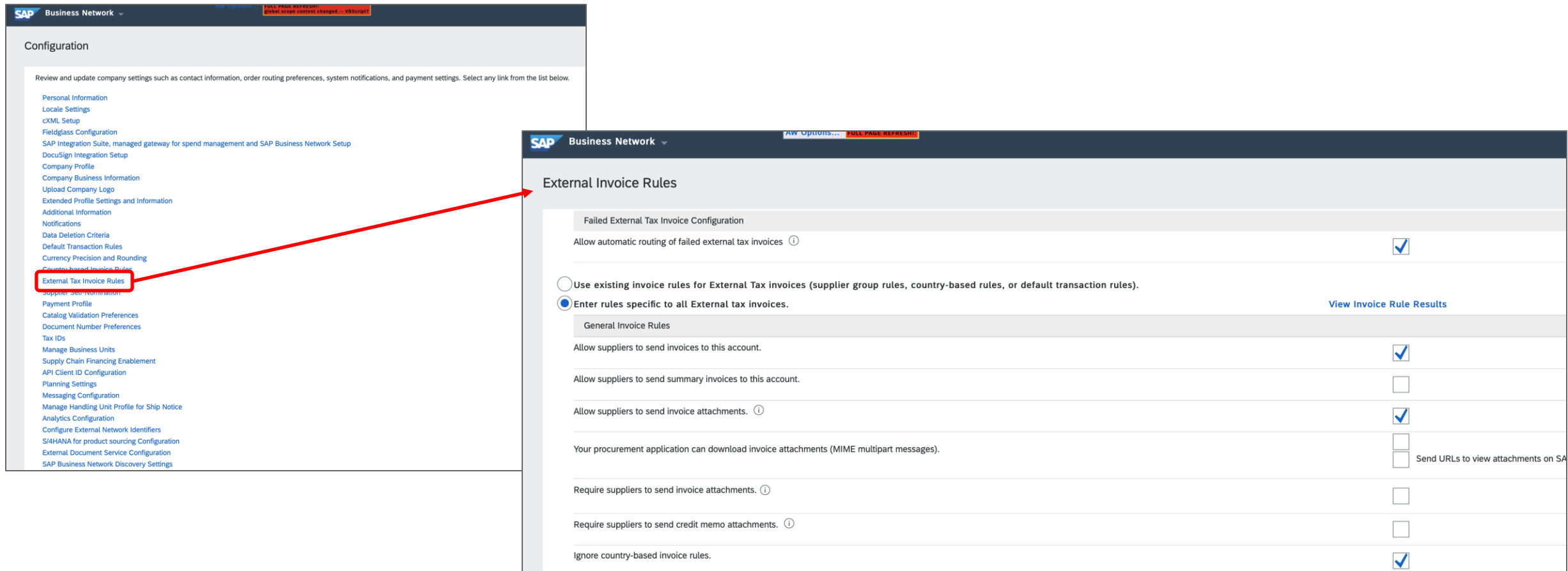


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Customers are advised to manage master data using a vendor upload file to ensure correct linking of invoices to the ERP vendor record

Activation of External Tax Invoice rules

The German invoice inbound flow defined by the Tax Authorities does not allow the rejection of the invoice back to the portal. To make sure incoming (external) German invoices do not fail or get rejected due to Business rules, the activation of the "External Tax Invoice Rules" is recommended.



The image shows two screenshots from the SAP Business Network interface. The left screenshot displays the 'Configuration' page with a list of settings. 'External Tax Invoice Rules' is highlighted with a red box, and a red arrow points from it to the right screenshot. The right screenshot shows the 'External Invoice Rules' configuration page.

Configuration

Review and update company settings such as contact information, order routing preferences, system notifications, and payment settings. Select any link from the list below.

- Personal Information
- Locale Settings
- cXML Setup
- Fieldglass Configuration
- SAP Integration Suite, managed gateway for spend management and SAP Business Network Setup
- DocuSign Integration Setup
- Company Profile
- Company Business Information
- Upload Company Logo
- Extended Profile Settings and Information
- Additional Information
- Notifications
- Data Deletion Criteria
- Default Transaction Rules
- Currency Precision and Rounding
- Country-based Invoice Rules
- External Tax Invoice Rules**
- Supplier Self-Registration
- Payment Profile
- Catalog Validation Preferences
- Document Number Preferences
- Tax IDs
- Manage Business Units
- Supply Chain Financing Enablement
- API Client ID Configuration
- Planning Settings
- Messaging Configuration
- Manage Handling Unit Profile for Ship Notice
- Analytics Configuration
- Configure External Network Identifiers
- S/4HANA for product sourcing Configuration
- External Document Service Configuration
- SAP Business Network Discovery Settings

External Invoice Rules

Failed External Tax Invoice Configuration

Allow automatic routing of failed external tax invoices ^① ☒

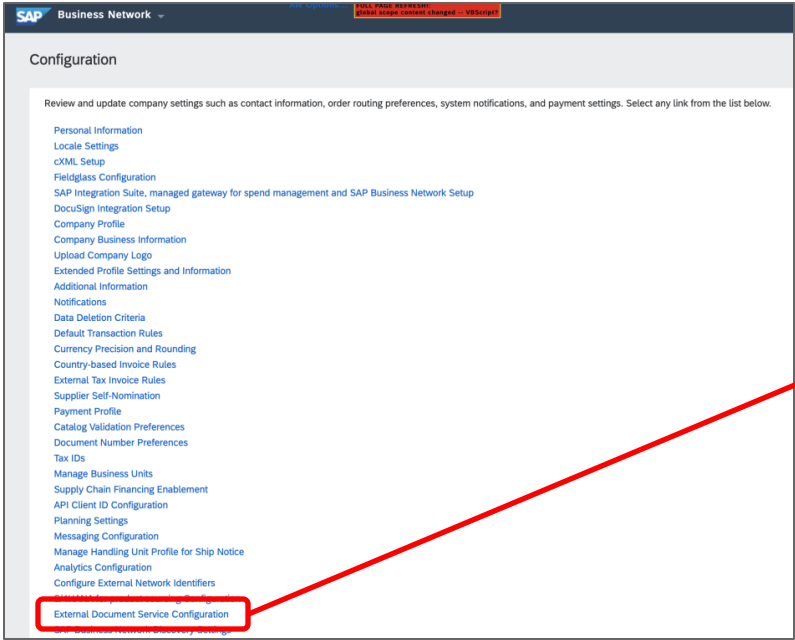
☐ Use existing invoice rules for External Tax invoices (supplier group rules, country-based rules, or default transaction rules).

☒ Enter rules specific to all External tax invoices. [View Invoice Rule Results](#)

General Invoice Rules

Allow suppliers to send invoices to this account.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Allow suppliers to send summary invoices to this account.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allow suppliers to send invoice attachments. ^①	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Your procurement application can download invoice attachments (MIME multipart messages).	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Send URLs to view attachments on SA
Require suppliers to send invoice attachments. ^①	<input type="checkbox"/>
Require suppliers to send credit memo attachments. ^①	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ignore country-based invoice rules.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Configuration of the feature on the SAP Business Network (Admin)



External Document Service Configuration

External Document Service Configuration External System Configuration

Configure external document pull service details.

Country/Region ↑	Service Provider	Tax ID	Start Date	Status
No items				

Create

Create Configuration

Configure system details for specific service providers.

Service Provider Details

Service Provider: SAP Document and Reporting Compliance

Authentication Type: * OAUTH ▾

Authentication ⓘ

Client ID: * 🔑

Client Secret: *

Token URL: *

Save Cancel

Insert the SAP Document and Reporting Compliance, cloud edition provided / maintained credentials for German mapping

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