2505 SAP Business Network Release Summary

Release Readiness Team

SAP Business Network

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Feature Area:

Enablement details, prerequisites, restrictions, and other considerations for features included in this document are available in the from the 2505 release What's New guide on the SAP Help Portal.

Support of Serial number info in ASN Excel Upload template
[CSC-29963]

Description

This feature enhances the mass entry functionality for serial numbers and asset tags per line item in the Ship Notice Upload/Download Excel template to improve the experience for suppliers in the portal.

Customer Benefit

This implementation is enhancing the user experience for the mass entry functionality for serial numbers and asset tags per line item in the Ship Notice Upload/Download Excel template.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Supplier	Automatically On	SAP Business Network for Supply Chain

What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview   Demo

Support for Buyers and Suppliers to Search for Confirmed Delivery Dates in the Items to Ship Tile
[CSC-32456]

Description

This feature provides SAP Business Network for Supply Chain suppliers and buyers visibility about the confirmed quantity and delivery date of the Order line items in the "Items to Ship" workbench tile.

Customer Benefit

Suppliers can easily find the correct items that need to be shipped in the selected confirmed delivery date which makes the Ship Notice creation process more efficient.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer and Supplier	Automatically On	SAP Business Network for Supply Chain

What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview

Blocking Line Items and Changes to Closing Line Items in Purchase Orders
[CSC-41391]

Description

This feature adds blocking of line items and improves closing of line items in purchase orders in SAP Business Network.

For both blocked and closed line items, suppliers are prevented from creating any subsequent documents (order confirmation and ship notice).

Customer Benefit

This implementation provides flexibility and parity behavior between the backend buyer system and SAP Business Network for block and close Purchase order actions.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer and Supplier	Automatically On	SAP Business Network for Supply Chain

What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview

Download PDF support for Ship Notices in Workbench tile [CSC-45606]

Description

This feature enables buyers and suppliers to download the Ship Notice custom PDF directly from the new Ship Notice Workbench tile. Also, buyers can now download the PDF from the Ship Notice Detail page.

Customer Benefit

Enhanced usability for buyers and suppliers by providing an easy way to download the Ship Notice custom labels.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer and Supplier	Customer Configured	SAP Business Network for Supply Chain

What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview

Enhancements to the Open Orders Reports for SAP Business Network for Supply Chain
[CSC-48032]

Description

SAP Business Network for Supply Chain buyers and suppliers can now view the schedule line-level and item-level information for open orders reports.

Customer Benefit

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.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer and Supplier	Automatically On	SAP Business Network for Supply Chain

What's New in SAP Ariba

Support to Define an Estimated Delivery Date at the Header Level for Suppliers with Order Confirmation Approval [CSC-48043]

Description

This feature allows suppliers with order confirmation approvals in SAP Business Network for Supply Chain to define an Estimated Delivery Date for all lines in their order confirmations.

The Estimated Delivery Date can be entered at the header level and automatically applied to all lines if it differs from the requested Delivery Date in the original purchase order.

Customer Benefit

Simplify order processing by enabling suppliers to set a single Estimated Delivery Date for all order lines, even when tolerances and approvals are involved. This reduces processing time and enhances workflow efficiency.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Supplier	Automatically On	SAP Business Network for Supply Chain

What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview

**Enhancement to Retain Order Confirmations for Purchase Orders with Schedule Lines
[CSC-49945]**

Description

Buyers can now retain their order confirmations when they match the supplier's confirmation even if the item has changed. Therefore, the supplier does not need to reconfirm fulfilled items with conditions set at the schedule line level.

Customer Benefit

Keeping the original order confirmation when it matches the supplier's ensures accuracy and reduces errors from manual changes or miscommunication.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer and Supplier	Customer Configured	SAP Business Network for Supply Chain

What's New in SAP Ariba

Support for Approval of Order Confirmation Deviations for a Single Purchase Order
[CSC-52943]

Description

Buyers now can approve all line items from a single purchase order in the Order confirmation approval alerts page of the Supply Chain Monitor tab.

Customer Benefit

Allow customers to approve all line items from a single purchase order on the Order Confirmation Approval Alerts page of the Supply Chain Monitor. Key advantages include:

1. Grouped by Purchase Order: Buyers can approve items by purchase order, streamlining the process.

2. Selection of Multiple Items: Buyers can select and approve more than 15 rows at once, improving efficiency.

3. Pagination Support: With up to 50 items per page, managing large orders becomes easier and quicker.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer	Automatically On	SAP Business Network for Supply Chain

What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview

Virtual Card Payment Information in Purchase Orders
[BCS3-5507]

Description

Taulia's virtual card payment solution allows buyers and suppliers to maximize cash flow, minimize payment uncertainty, and reduce the cost of business. Virtual cards reduce risks associated with physical credit cards and wire transfers, while allowing suppliers to save time and money on payment administration, reconciliation, and compliance. SAP Business Network purchase orders can now display information related to Taulia virtual card payments.

Customer Benefit

The introduction of vCards allows customers to have better control and a streamlined process, along with reduction in manual efforts in the Charges Reconciliation process.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer and Supplier	Automatically On	SAP Business Network for Procurement

What's New in SAP Ariba

Allow collaborative requisitions to suspended suppliers
[BCS3-6566]

Description

Currently, if a supplier account is suspended for non-payment of their SAP Business Network fees or for having incorrect tax ID information, they can no longer receive collaborative requisitions from their buyers. With this change, buyers are able to send collaborative requisitions to all suppliers, even if they are suspended.

Customer Benefit

Buyer customers will continue to be able to purchase from suspended suppliers. Hence, when a supplier doesn't pay their fees, it doesn't impact the buyer and their ability to use the Procurement and Business Network solutions they purchased.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer and Supplier	Automatically On	SAP Business Network for Procurement

What's New in SAP Ariba

Allow contract request for suspended suppliers
[BCS3-6567]

Description

Currently, buyers can't create or update a contract request that references a suspended supplier account (the account could be suspended for non-payment of their SAP Business Network fees or for having incorrect tax ID information). With this change, buyers are able to update these contract requests even if the supplier that is referenced is suspended.

Customer Benefit

The main benefit is that buyer customers will continue to be able to purchase from suspended suppliers. Hence, when a supplier doesn't pay their fees, it doesn't impact the buyer and their ability to use the Procurement and Business Network solutions they purchased.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer and Supplier	Automatically On	SAP Business Network for Procurement

What's New in SAP Ariba

Remove access to legacy buyer interface
[NEXTGEN-14211]

Description

SAP Business Network will no longer provide the Back to Classic option in the Buyer portal user interface.

Customer Benefit

The classic view was originally offered to help users transition after we introduced the new Trading Partner Portal dashboard. Option was removed since customers are familiar with the new View

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer	Automatically On	SAP Business Network for Procurement

What's New in SAP Ariba

Audit Log Management on SAP Business Network
[NEXTGEN-19995]

Description

The SAP Business Network audit service, logs selected user and administration actions performed in SAP Business Network applications. It also logs user interface audit actions like create, download, purge, or delete audit reports.

Customer Benefit

Users can efficiently create, download, and delete audit reports by retrieving audit events from BTP, ensuring seamless tracking and compliance.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer and Supplier	Automatically On	SAP Business Network for Procurement

What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview

Support for PINT Invoices for Australia and New Zealand [NG-7287]

Description

SAP Business Network now supports Peppol International (PINT) Specifications for Australia & New Zealand for inbound flow of invoices.

Customer Benefit

This feature supports PINT format for AU and NZ countries.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer	Automatically On	SAP Business Network for Procurement

What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview

E-Invoicing in Germany for External Invoices
[NG-7314]

Description

This feature allows non-SAP Business Network suppliers to send external invoices (invoice created in supplier's system) to buyers in Germany through email.

Customer Benefit

Germany is introducing an E-invoicing mandate (buyers must be able to receive supplier invoices created based on EN16931). This feature shall support SBN buyers to receive such invoices if created outside the SBN.

CIG support for Cross Industry Invoice (CII) as one of two supported X-Rechnung syntaxes.

Support of ZUGFeRD hybrid invoices (contains CII structured invoice).

Support for UBL as one of the two supported X-Rechnung syntaxes.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer and Supplier	Automatically On	SAP Business Network for Procurement

What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview

Enhanced Temporary Account Support for Suppliers
[NP-54069]

Description

This feature enables suppliers to create a temporary SAP Business Network account with limited capabilities.

Customer Benefit

Suppliers/ Trading Partner are allowed to register new public account (which is needed to participate in Networked Collaboration events) but existing BN accounts that claimed unique identifiers are assured that the new account is not used for any other further (unwanted) activity till company internal review has happened to decide if the temp account should merged into an existing account. This is fundamental for a clean Business Network directory.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer and Supplier	Automatically On	SAP Business Network for Procurement

What's New in SAP Ariba

SAP Ariba Buying Integration with SAP Business Network and
SAP Fieldglass Suppliers
[NP-47684**]**

Description

SAP Business Network integrates with SAP Fieldglass by onboarding SAP Fieldglass suppliers onto SAP Business Network and vice versa. Suppliers can switch between applications using single sign-on (SSO).

A new relationship type "Services" has been introduced to SAP Business Network to help Buyers to establish collaboration with Supplier for Services procurement via SAP Fieldglass. Suppliers can use SAP Business Network to view service orders.

Customer Benefit

Streamlined Workflow

Reduced Login Hassle

Improved User Productivity

Suppliers can use the best of SBN and FG capabilities.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer and Supplier	Customer Configured	SAP Business Network for Procurement

What's New in SAP Ariba

Onboarding Automation on SAP Business Network
[NS-30504]

Description

Buyers can now intuitively import vendors, define a segmentation criteria, invite and onboarding supplier, monitor their progress towards transaction readiness in a single experience.

Additionally, they can utilize the network matching suggestions to send relationship requests directly to a supplier account to reduce time to onboard.

See exceptions and failures directly in the system and see next actions to resolve.

Note: This feature is available for SAP Business Network Commerce Automation customers only. Limitations apply. Check the Feature Overview deck or What's New guide for details.

Customer Benefit

Self service focused experience to prepare/load vendor data, use segmentation criteria to automatically bucket vendors into clusters (waves), that allow for quick invite and ongoing monitoring

Reduce manual effort by automated processes for segmenting vendors based on onboarding criteria.

Enhance clear visibility and thorough checks detecting duplicate vendors, wrong contact information that can be addressed.

Improve tracking and communication with a centralized platform.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer	Automatically On	SAP Business Network for Procurement

What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview   Demo 1

Demo 2

Demo 3

Postal Code Support for Mauritius
[SA-54381]

Description

In the Company Profile of suppliers, the Postal Code field is now available when Mauritius is selected in the Country/Region field. Users can enter a five-digit postal code in this field.

Customer Benefit

Previously, when Mauritius was selected as the country, the Postal Code field was not available for suppliers editing their company information. With this update, the field is now enabled.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Supplier	Automatically On	SAP Business Network for Procurement

What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview

Accessing Supplier's Catalog from Company Profile
[BNCAT-3721]

Description

Supplier company profiles on SAP Business Network now feature a navigation link to the supplier's network catalog. This allows potential buyers to access detailed product and service information, including pricing and specifications, directly from the supplier's profile. This feature helps suppliers promote their catalog offerings and enables buyers to make informed purchasing decisions.

Customer Benefit

Allows buyers to quickly see a suppliers offering via their profile and then proceed to issue RFI in case of questions leading hopefully to better leads and outcomes for suppliers

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer and Supplier	Automatically On	SAP Business Network

What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview

Support Ship Notice for STO with B2B - X12 943 4010 Out [SBNI-881]

Description

This feature addresses the integration requirement for the Stock Transport Order (STO) scenario. Currently, when an OEM performs a goods issue, a Component Ship Notice (CSN) is generated and available in the Portal UI. However, Contract Manufacturers (CMs) expect the CSN to be received as an EDI 943 document. This enhancement ensures that the system automatically generates and sends an EDI 943 document to the CM whenever a CSN is created for an STO scenario.

Customer Benefit

Supplier can receive component shipment via EDI X12 943. In the past only Portal access was possible.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Supplier	Customer Configured	SAP Business Network Integration

What's New in SAP Ariba

Support Cancellation of Multi-order Advanced Ship Notice [SBNI-1247]

Description

This feature addresses the issue of cancelled ASNs (Advanced Ship Notices) in SBN failing to cancel or delete all corresponding IBDs (Inbound Deliveries) in ERP for multi-order ASNs. Currently, the system allows unidirectional transactions, requiring buyers to manually delete IBDs in ERP, leading to inefficiencies and potential inconsistencies. The enhancement ensures that when a multi-order ASN is cancelled in SBN, all related IBDs in ERP are automatically cancelled, streamlining the process and maintaining synchronization between SBN and ERP.

Customer Benefit

It eliminates the need for buyers to manually delete Inbound Deliveries (IBDs), saving time and reducing administrative burden. By minimizing the risk of human errors in identifying and removing the correct IBDs, the feature ensures accurate and consistent data synchronization between SBN and ERP systems.It simplifies the ASN cancellation process initiated by suppliers, fostering better collaboration between suppliers and buyers.

Integration for IG-53661 Support Cancellation of Multi-order Advanced Ship Notice.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer and Supplier	Automatically On	SAP Business Network Integration

What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview

Support Block Purchase Order Line Items
[SBNI-1393]

Description

This feature adds blocking of line items in purchase orders for SAP Business Network.

Customer Benefit

This implementation provides flexibility and parity behavior between the backend buyer system and SAP Business Network for block Purchase order actions.

Integration for CSC-41391, IG-51123 Blocking Line Items and Changes to Closing Line Items in Purchase Orders.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer and Supplier	Automatically On	SAP Business Network Integration
		SAP Business Network for Supply Chain

What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview

Support Close Purchase Order Lines
[SBNI-1476]

Description

This feature improves closing of line items in purchase orders.

Customer Benefit

This implementation provides flexibility and parity behavior between the backend buyer system and SAP Business Network for close Purchase order actions.

Integration for CSC-41391, IG-51322 Blocking Line Items and Changes to Closing Line Items in Purchase Orders.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer and Supplier	Automatically On	SAP Business Network Integration SAP Business Network for Supply Chain

What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview   Demo

Invoice Status Portal Integration for Suppliers
[SBNI-1633]

Description

Enable seamless supplier access to invoice statuses by allowing buyers to send an Invoice Status Portal (ISP) invite when an ERPCC invoice is sent. This ensures suppliers can register and track invoice progress without prior ISP registration.

Customer Benefit

Reduces buyer workload in manually addressing supplier queries by providing a self-service platform, improving transparency and efficiency in invoice status tracking.

Integration for IG-53099 Invoice Status Portal Integration for Suppliers.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer and Supplier	Customer Configured	SAP Business Network Intgration

What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview

Support for multi-tier quality inspection
[SBNI-1928]

Description

Using this feature, buyers on SAP Business Network integrated with SAP ERP using SAP Managed Integration Gateway can send multi-tier quality inspections to suppliers. This feature supports copy partner functions for quality inspection.

Customer Benefit

Enable relevant parties to have visibility of outstanding orders and shipments from component suppliers.

Real time update improves transaction efficiency and minimizes lag time in the supply chain.

Audience	Enablement	Solutions
Buyer	Automatically On	SAP Business Netowrk Integration SAP Business Network for Supply Chain

What's New in SAP Ariba   Feature Overview