



SAP Ariba Procure-to-Pay

2608 Early Release Series

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cXML DTD

With the 2305 Release for SAP Procurement and SAP Business Network, a new cXML version will be introduced.

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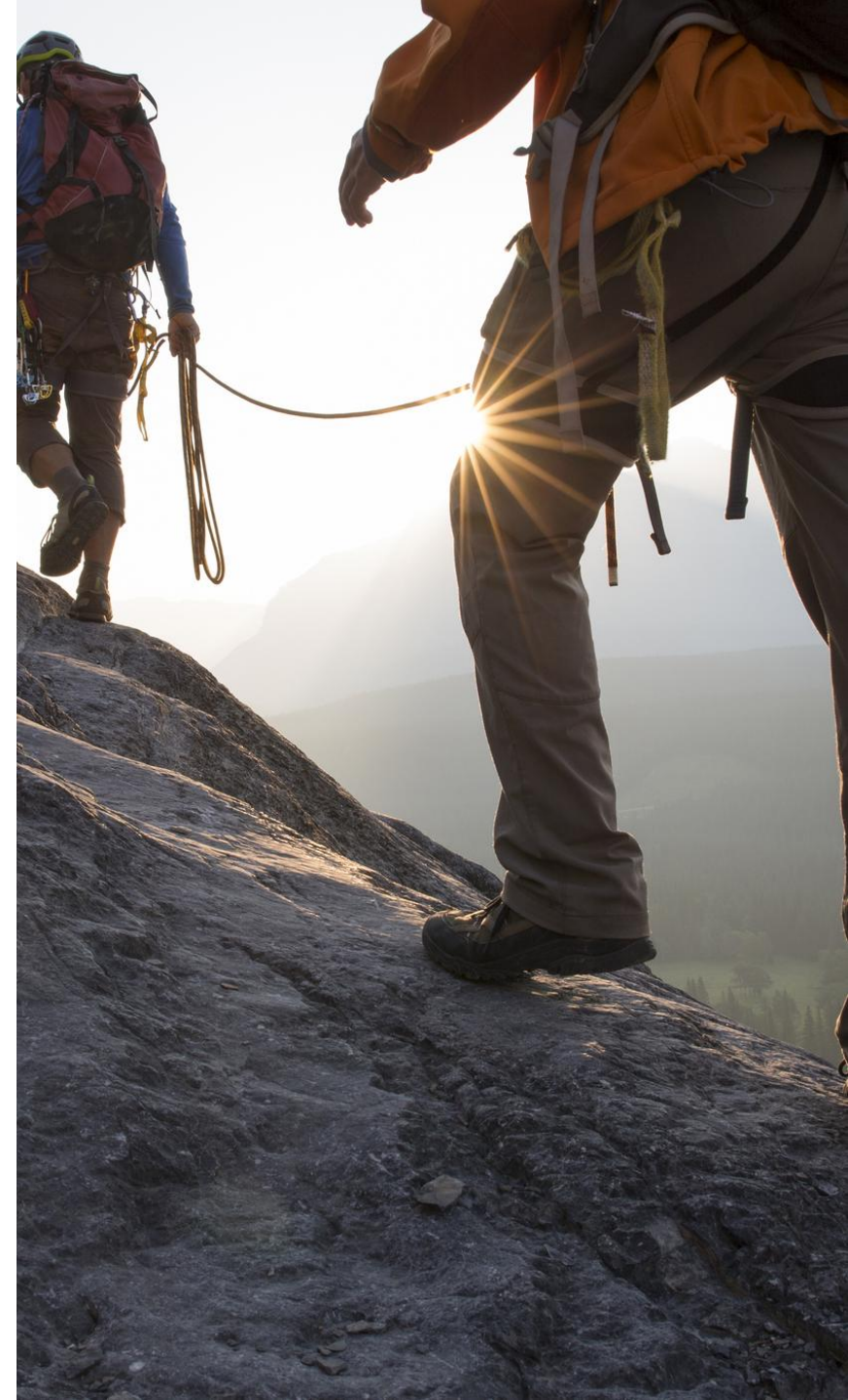
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SAP Ariba Procure-to-Order

This user-friendly, cloud-based solution can help you make procurement faster, reduce errors, boost productivity, and cut costs for a rapid ROI.





Procure-to-Order Planned Key Features

Core Procurement Updates

- 1 Item Currency as the Primary Criterion for Contract Auto-selection [\[ACC-342\]](#)
- 2 Support for Including Attachments in Requisition Approval Emails [\[PROC-1115\]](#)
- 3 Procurement Transfer of Ownership API for Purchase Requisitions with Associated Purchase Orders and Receipts [\[PROC-1129\]](#)

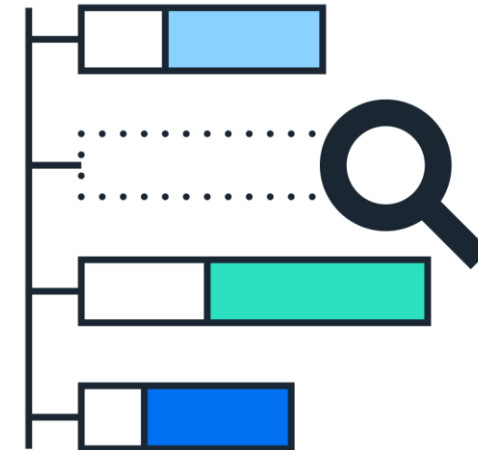
1 Item Currency as the Primary Criterion for Contract Auto-selection [\[ACC-342\]](#)

This feature enables line-item currency as the primary criterion for Contract Auto-selection.

Automatically selects contracts that match the requisition line-item currency first.

If multiple contracts exist in the same currency, the system selects the best-priced contract.

Helps improve contract compliance, reduce manual effort, and minimize currency conversion and exchange rate risks.



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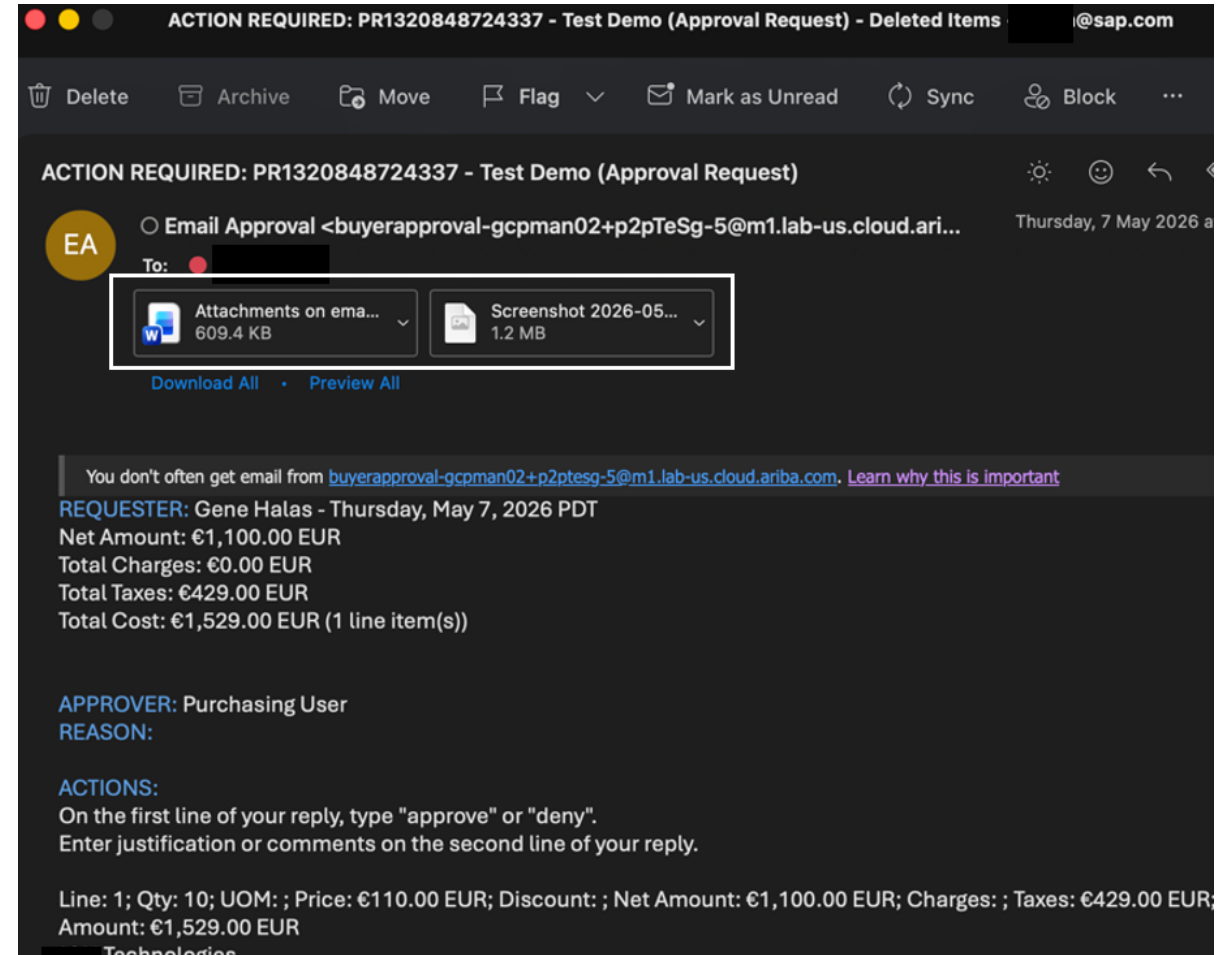
Turn on the self-service parameter: 'Use item currency as a criterion for contract autoselection'

2 Support for Including Attachments in Requisition Approval Emails [\[PROC-1115\]](#)

This feature enables requisition attachments to be included directly in approval email notifications.

Approvers can review header and line-level attachments, such as quotes, specifications, and statements of work, without logging in to SAP Ariba.

Helps streamline the approval process and reduce approval turnaround times, particularly for mobile and non-desk-based approvers.



How to enable:

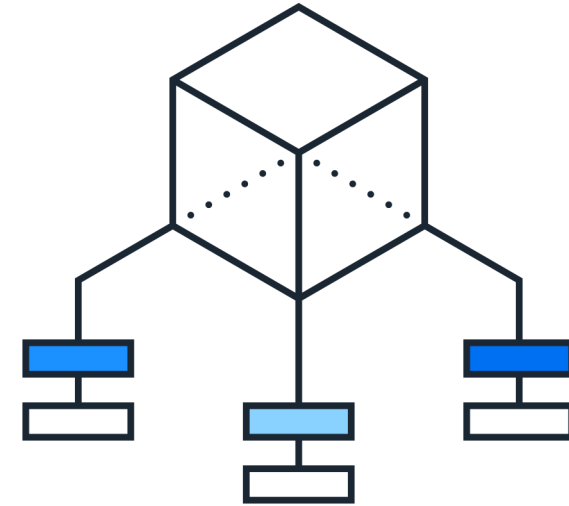
Turn on the self-service parameter: 'Include attachments in requisition approval email notifications'

3 Procurement Transfer of Ownership API for Purchase Requisitions with Associated Purchase Orders and Receipts [PROC-1129]

This feature enables the transfer of ownership for purchase requisitions, purchase orders, and related receipts from one user to another using a new SAP Ariba API.

Helps maintain business continuity when employees leave the organization or move to new roles.

Efficiently reassign document ownership at scale to prevent documents from becoming tied to inactive users.



How to enable:

Turn on the parameters:

1. Application.Procure.OpenApiForTooEnabled
2. Application.TransferOwnershipRequest.Enabled

Access to the SAP Ariba Developer Portal will be required (this enhancement is relevant for technical and system admin roles)



Procure-to-Order Planned Key Features

Guided Buying Updates

1

Support for Default Description on Non-Catalog Requests [\[GUIDEB-1339\]](#)

2

Improved Search for Purchase Requisitions in Your Approvals [\[GUIDEB-1343\]](#)

3

Allow Unformatted Phone Numbers in Personal Addresses [\[GUIDEB-1261\]](#)

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Enhanced Supplier Search on Request for Quotes in Guided Buying [\[GUIDEB-1194\]](#)

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Display Purchase Order Number in Guided Buying in SAP S/4HANA in the 2NV and 3EN Integration Scenarios [\[GUIDEB-1312\]](#)



Procure-to-Order Planned Key Features

Guided Buying Updates

6 Restrict On-Behalf-Of Plant Chooser to User's Company Code [\[GUIDEB-1350\]](#)

7 Control Editing Permissions on Purchase Orders [\[GUIDEB-1352\]](#)

1 Support for Default Description on Non-Catalog Requests

[GUIDEB-1339]

This feature enables organizations to add a fully configurable default placeholder description to non-catalog request forms, helping users to provide the information needed when submitting requests.

Displays a default description on non-catalog requests to guide users on what information to include.

Helps reduce approval delays and rejections caused by missing or unclear request descriptions.

Improves request quality while still allowing users to edit the description before submission.



Restriction: This feature doesn't support translated descriptions based on your location



How to enable: Turn on the Guided Buying parameter: PARAM_NON_CATALOG_DEFAULT_DESCRIPTION.

2 Improved Search for Purchase Requisitions in Your Approvals [GUIDEB-1343]

This feature introduces a new Requisitions tab within Your Approvals, providing enhanced search and filtering capabilities for pending requisitions.

Makes it easier to find requisitions awaiting approval using filters such as Requisition ID, title, supplier, requester, request type, and last updated date.

Helps approvers manage high approval volumes more efficiently.



How to enable:

Turn on the Guided Buying parameter: PARAM_ENABLE_APPROVAL_FILTERS

When enabled, requisitions awaiting approval will appear in the **new Requisitions tab** instead of the traditional To Approve tab.

3 Allow Unformatted Phone Numbers in Personal Addresses

[GUIDEB-1261]

This feature enables Guided Buying to support unformatted telephone numbers in personal addresses, allowing SAP Business Network to include them in purchase order ship-to details for some countries.

Ensures telephone numbers can be passed through to suppliers, regardless of country-specific formatting requirements.

Improves the accuracy and completeness of ship-to information on purchase orders.



How to enable:

Turn on the Guided Buying parameter: PARAM_DISABLE_PHONE_FORMAT_VALIDATION
Additional consideration: The parameter is disabled by default (false), when enabled, country-specific phone number format validation is no longer enforced for personal addresses.

< Edit address

Name *

Home

☐ Keep this address private * ⓘ

Country/Region *

United States ▼

Address 1 *

123 Main St

Address 2

Apt, suite, unit, building, floor, etc.

City/Town * State/Province *

Anchorage ALASKA × ▼

Zip/Postal Code *

99501

Contact information

Email Phone

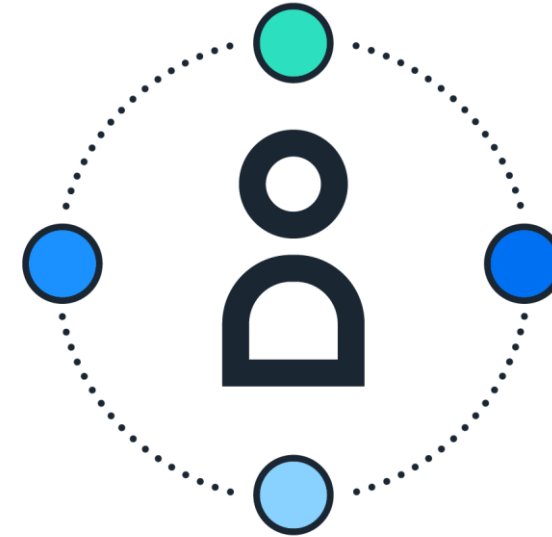
tom@bigbuyer.com 9074445555

Save Back

4 Enhanced Supplier Search on Request for Quotes in Guided Buying [\[GUIDEB-1194\]](#)

This feature expands RFQ supplier search in Guided Buying with a new View All Suppliers option, giving users access to a broader supplier base beyond qualified or preferred suppliers.

Enables users to search and invite a wider range of suppliers when creating RFQs Increasing sourcing flexibility, competition, and opportunities to identify the best supplier for the requirement.



How to enable:

Turn on the parameters:

1. PARAM_ENABLE_ENHANCED_SUPPLIER_SEARCH
2. PARAM_ENABLE_VIEW_ALL_SUPPLIERS_IN_RFQ

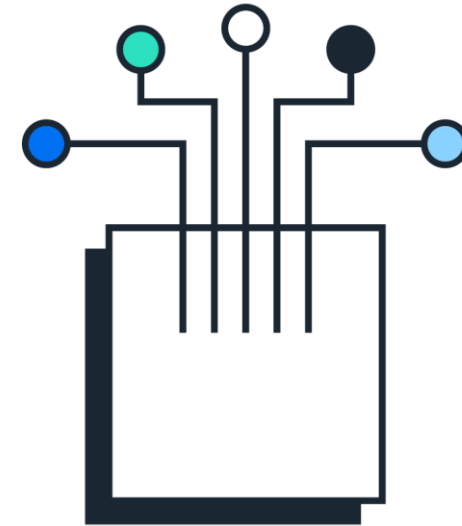
Additional consideration: This is an optional capability. Organisations can choose whether to allow access to all suppliers or continue restricting RFQs to qualified and preferred suppliers only.

5 Display Purchase Order Number in Guided Buying in SAP S/4HANA in the 2NV and 3EN Integration Scenarios [\[GUIDEB-1312\]](#)

This feature enables users in SAP S/4HANA integrated Guided Buying environments (2NV and 3EN) to search for requisitions and purchase orders using either the SAP PO Number or the EP ID.

Improves document traceability by displaying and referencing the SAP PO Number across key Guided Buying screens.

Makes it easier for users to find and track purchase orders using the number most commonly referenced by procurement and finance teams.



How to enable: Turn on the relevant parameter in the Intelligent Configuration Manager.

UI Changes: When enabled, the SAP PO Number is displayed in place of the EP ID in many areas of Guided Buying, including Your Requests, Purchase Orders, To Receive, and Find an Order search results.

6 Restrict On-Behalf-Of Plant Chooser to User's Company Code [GUIDEB-1350]

This feature enhances Request by Plant in Guided Buying by automatically filtering the plant list to show only plants associated with the user's company code.

Helps prevent users from selecting plants outside their company code.

Improves purchasing accuracy and reduces the risk of incorrect plant assignments.

Plant	Description	Company Code	City	Country/Region	Postal Code	Street
0001	Werk 0001	0001	Walldorf	DE	69190	Neurottstrass 16
0002	Plant for Ariba Bangalore	3000	NEW YORK 31	US	1000132	691 Broadway
0003	Plant for Ariba Bangalore	3000	NEW YORK 31	US	1000132	691 Broadway
0099	Fa. Werk für LO-Customizing-Ku	1000	Walldorf	DE	69185	Neurottstr.16
1000	Werk Hamburg	1000	Hamburg	DE	22299	Alsterdorferstr. 13



How to enable:

Turn on the Guided Buying parameter: PARAM_ENABLE_PLANT_PORG_RESTRICTION_BY_COMPANY_CODE
Additional consideration: Users who purchase on behalf of other users, company codes, purchasing units, or plants **must have Team Buying disabled**. If required, administrators can disable Team Buying using PARAM_ENABLE_TEAM_BUYING.

7 Control Editing Permissions on Purchase Orders [\[GUIDEB-1352\]](#)

This feature enables organizations to prevent requisitioners from changing, cancelling, or deleting purchase orders after they have reached Ordered status.

Removes the Cancel Request, Change Request, and Delete options for the original requester once an order has been placed.

Helps strengthen procurement controls and reduce accidental changes to submitted orders.

Minimizes disruption to suppliers

Field of Thanks
 Request details / PR5279

Ordered

Ship to	Charge to	Total Cost
14021 Noel Road DALLAS, TX 75204 United States	Cost Center (0000001000 (Corporate Services))	€40.2 EUR
Net Amount		\$40.490 USD
Taxes		+ €2.4 EUR

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1-800-flowers.com (Manual - Catalog FT)

Line Number	Quantity	Net Price	Net Amount
#1	1 each	\$40.490 USD	\$40.490 USD
Gross Amount			\$43.021 USD

[EP1158](#)
View

No change/cancel option available only 'view' PO



How to enable:

Turn on the Guided Buying parameter:
 PARAM_ENABLE_RESTRICTION_OF_CANCELLATION



Invoicing

Planned Key Features

SAP Ariba Invoicing Updates

1

Activity Log Includes Automatic Changes
[\[CIM-1559\]](#)

2

Support for Editing Invoices during Invoice
Approval Workflow [\[CIM-3051\]](#)

3

Editing Account Assignments of Posting Items with
Reference Objects [\[CIM-3220\]](#)

4

Enhancement of Invoice Rejection Email to Support
CC (Carbon Copy) Use [\[CIM-3438\]](#)

5

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Invoicing Planned Key Features

SAP Ariba Invoicing Updates

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Invoicing Planned Key Features

SAP Ariba Invoicing Updates

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Invoicing Planned Key Features

SAP Ariba Invoicing Updates

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18 Exception Handling during Invoice Approval Workflows [\[CIM-3650\]](#)

19 Custom Fields for Tax Calculations by External Tax Engines [\[ITAP-190\]](#)

20 Changing the Default Navigation for Purchase Order References [\[CIM-3664\]](#)

SAP Ariba Invoicing Updates

21 Enhancement to External Determination of Agents API [[CIM-3667](#)]

22 Approve Invoices Directly from the Invoice List Page [[CIM-3683](#)]

23 Auto Approval from External Determination of Agents API [[CIM-3688](#)]



Invoicing
Planned Key Features

1 Activity Log Includes Automatic Changes [\[CIM-1559\]](#)

The activity log in the **Manage Supplier Invoices Centrally** app now captures automatic system changes alongside manual updates.

When something changes in an invoice, users need to know what has changed and why. This visibility is critical for several reasons including:

- **Audit readiness:** You have a complete record of every modification—manual and automatic—making compliance reporting easier
- **Troubleshooting:** When an invoice behaves unexpectedly, your team can quickly trace the chain of events to understand what triggered it.

The following types of changes are now displayed in the activity log:

Activity	Description
Invoice creation	You can see the date and time when invoices were created in the system.
Automatic invoice submissions	You can see when invoices have been automatically submitted by the system.
Invoice status changes	You can see information about invoice status changes.
Submission outcomes	You can see whether an invoice was successfully submitted to the connected system, and see the corresponding error message sent by the connected system if something went wrong.

2 Support for Editing Invoices during Invoice Approval Workflow

[CIM-3051]

With this release, we are introducing a new capability designed to simplify the editing of invoices during Invoice Approval Workflow and reduce delays.

This new feature allows invoice approvers to edit eligible invoice fields directly from the approval task in My Inbox.

This means approvers no longer need to reject an invoice just to correct a minor issue. Instead, they can make permitted updates as part of the approval process and continue moving the invoice forward.

Invoice teams are often measured on accuracy, compliance, and cycle time. This feature supports those goals by helping approvers address minor corrections at the right point in the process.

Benefit	Business Value
Faster invoice processing	Approvers can resolve minor issues immediately, helping reduce overall invoice cycle time.
Less rework	Teams can avoid rejecting and resubmitting invoices when only simple corrections are needed.
Improved user experience	Approvers can complete more of their work in one place, directly from My Inbox.
More efficient approvals	Invoices can continue through the workflow without unnecessary interruptions.
Better support for timely payments	Faster approvals can help organizations improve payment processing and reduce delays.

3 Editing Account Assignments of Posting Items with Reference Objects [\[CIM-3220\]](#)

With this new capability, users can now edit key fields directly in the account assignments of posting items with reference objects. This gives invoice processors more flexibility to make needed updates without unnecessary workarounds or reprocessing.

In the **Assigned Items** section of **Manage Supplier Invoices Centrally**, users can choose **Account Assignments** to open the account assignment breakdown. From there, they can edit fields such as:

- Amount
- Quantity
- Text
- Tax jurisdiction
- Tax code
- Tax country

Benefit	Business Value
Faster Invoice Corrections	Users can update account assignment details directly where they work, reducing the need for additional manual steps.
Improved Accuracy	By enabling edits at the individual account assignment level, teams can better maintain accurate amounts, quantities, text, and tax-related information..
Greater Process Efficiency	Changes made in the Assigned Items section can be applied across all maintained account assignments for the item, helping reduce repetitive updates.
Better Support for Tax and Posting Requirements	The ability to adjust tax jurisdiction, tax code, and tax country gives teams more control when invoice details need to align with posting and compliance requirements.

4 Enhancement of Invoice Rejection Email to Support CC (Carbon Copy) Use [\[CIM-3438\]](#)

When rejecting an invoice, the user can select CC recipients from the list of available users.

This ensures that the right stakeholders receive a copy of the rejection notification and stay informed without requiring separate follow-up emails.

Invoice rejections often involve more than one person. For example, procurement, accounts payable, supplier relationship managers, or business owners may need visibility into why an invoice was rejected and what needs to happen next.

Reject Invoice

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i Please do not enter sensitive personal data (for example social security number) or personal data (name, email, etc.) since this field is not set up with the appropriate data protection measures.

Rejection Reason: *

Select Rejection Reason

Note: *

Enter a note (required)

5000 characters remaining

☒ Send email notification to the supplier

Supplier Email:

Not Available

Additional Email:

Select Additional Email

Reject Cancel

5 Level-Based Approval for Supplier Invoice Workflows

[CIM-3451]

Introducing Level-Based Approval for Supplier Invoice Workflows, a new capability designed to help organizations route supplier invoices through additional approval levels based on their management hierarchy. Organizations can define conditions that determine when additional approval levels are needed. When a supplier invoice meets those conditions, SAP Ariba Invoicing automatically routes the invoice through the configured approval chain. The approval sequence starts with the primary approver and then moves upward through the required management levels. This helps ensure that each invoice is reviewed by the appropriate people based on its value, risk, or business importance.

 Configure Decision Tables

Decision Tables / Additional Approvers Based on Organizational Level / Additional Approvers Based on Organizational Level

Additional Approvers Based on Organizational Level

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Type: Decision Table

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Decision Table

Add Row

Delete Row

Copy Row

Cut Row

Paste Row

	Gr...	Ad...	Ad...	Ad...	Ad...	Then
						Management Level of First Additional Approver
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Lab Preview

6 Improved Identification of Delivery Cost Items During Enhanced Invoice Item Matching [\[CIM-3530\]](#)

With this feature, unplanned delivery costs in purchase-order-based invoices can now be processed automatically in SAP Ariba Invoicing.

The system now detects shipping costs at both the header and line-item level of the invoice and determines whether corresponding planned delivery costs exist in the respective purchase order.

Benefits	Relevant Details
More automated invoice processing	SAP Ariba Invoicing can now better recognize delivery cost items and determine whether they match planned delivery costs in the purchase order.
Fewer manual exceptions	When delivery costs are not identified correctly, invoices may be routed for review even when the charges are valid.
Better handling of supplier invoice variations	Suppliers may present delivery costs in different ways. By detecting shipping costs at both the header and line-item level, SAP Ariba Invoicing provides more flexibility in matching invoice charges against the purchase order.
Increased accuracy in invoice matching	The system now checks to see if planned delivery costs exist in the relevant purchase order.

7 Current Processors for Supplier Invoices [\[CIM-3541\]](#)

The new **Processors** feature for Supplier Invoices enhances the information available about the current processors assigned to a supplier invoice.

Previously, the invoice header only showed the most recently assigned processor of an invoice.

With this change, the Processor field is enhanced on the invoice header so that the field shows the number of active processors or users from a user group currently assigned to an active workflow task. If there is only a single user assigned, the name of that user is immediately displayed.

The screenshot displays the SAP Ariba Invoicing interface. At the top, the 'Invoice' header shows the year '2026', a gross amount of '100.00 EUR', an invoice status of 'Posted', a process step of 'Accepted', and a workflow status of 'In Progress'. The 'Processors' field is highlighted with a yellow box, showing '52 Active Processors'. To the right, the 'Clearing Status' is 'Released for Payment'. Below the header, the 'General Information' tab is selected, and a dropdown menu for 'Active Processors (52)' is open. This menu shows a search bar and a list of users: 'User 1' (user1@example.com), 'User 2' (user2@example.com), 'User 3' (user3@example.com), 'User 4' (user4@example.com), and 'User 5' (user5@example.com). The list is truncated with a grey box at the bottom. A 'Lab Preview' banner is visible in the top right corner.

8 New Standard Fields for Invoice Capture [\[CIM-3631\]](#)

New fields (listed to the right) for localization are now extracted from the invoice image during the Document Information Extraction process step.

In addition, a new Payment Reference term is supported for invoices in the Czech language. When an invoice has the words Variabilní symbol written on it, the Payment Reference is extracted from the invoice.

Increasing the number of fields natively extracted during invoice capture reduces the need to manually input invoice details.

New Standard Field	Description
Tax Amount	At the line level, tax amount value shown on the invoice.
Withholding Tax Amount	At the line level, withholding tax amount shown on the invoice.
IBAN	Supplier bank account number shown on the invoice.
VAT ID (Bill-To)	Bill-To party tax number shown on the invoice.
Product Group	The line item commodity code shown on the invoice.
Place of Supply (IN)	When company country is India, this is the name of the place on the invoice.
Withholding Tax Territory (ES)	When company country is Spain, this is the name of the place on the invoice.
Localized Reference Number	This is the tax authority registration number shown on the invoice. It is the Localized Reference Number with the country specific suffix PL = KSeř; IN = IRN; KR = NTS.

9 Exception Handling - Enhancements [\[CIM-3635\]](#)

This release enhances exception handling to support outbound API, reminder, and escalation configuration.

You can now also see the status of each exception.

Enhancement	Additional Information
Outbound API Integration - You can now send exception data to an external system through an API.	Configure Validation Rule Actions
Reminders and Escalations Configuration - You can configure reminders and escalations for the recipients of the exception tasks.	Workflow Reminders
Exception Status - You can see the status of each exception in the Exception Overview section on the invoice detail page.	Exception Overview

10 Bulk Invoice Creation via Excel Upload – Enhancements

[CIM-3638]

With this release, the capability to create and submit multiple invoices simultaneously through Excel files is available.

The Excel template for uploading invoices now supports G/L accounts, cost centers, and WBS elements.

Extensibility fields are also now supported.

Excel Sheet	Enhancements
Invoice_Master	The supplier ID column is removed. The system now determines the supplier using the information in the Name column of the InvoiceParties sheet. A contact person column is added. You can add the email address of a designated individual for managing and approving invoices. The individual's display name appears in the Contact Person field on the invoice detail page. An invalid email address results in a blank entry in the field.
Accounting	A new Accounting sheet is added to the template. Add a row for each line item with information about the G/L account, cost center, WBS element, and amount. Format the cells in these columns as text to ensure the information displays correctly.
InvoiceParties	A new VAT ID column is added. This information also helps determine the supplier.
Extensibility Fields	Columns for extensibility fields configured for a tenant are downloaded in the Invoice_Master, Lineltem, and Accounting sheets. These column names are prefixed with ext.

11 Rejection Tasks for Invoice Approval Workflows for Further Processing [\[CIM-3639\]](#)

This feature enables you to automatically create a rejection review task in My Inbox when an approver rejects an invoice during the approval workflow. A designated recipient reviews the rejection and can either resume the workflow from the rejected step or confirm the rejection, so that you can act on rejections promptly without delays in invoice processing.

You can configure rejection recipients in a decision table. A new decision table called Default User Settings is now available.

Within this decision table, recipients for invoice rejection tasks can be configured using the Rejection User or Rejection User Group fields. When an approver rejects an invoice and a recipient is configured, the system creates a rejection review task and routes it to the designated recipient's My Inbox. The workflow step remains in the In Rejection status until the recipient acts on it.

Implementation Details

Activity	Details
Configuration	In Configure Decision Tables, choose the Default User Settings decision table and add the rejection recipient details using the two new fields: Rejection User or Rejection User Group. You can configure individual users or user groups. If neither column is populated for a given invoice, the standard rejection flow applies and no review task is created.
Effects on Existing Data	Existing workflow variants aren't affected. The rejection review task is only created for invoices processed after the rejection recipients are configured in the decision table.

12 Simulate Button for Draft Invoices [\[CIM-3640\]](#)

You can simulate an invoice directly from the invoice edit page before submitting it to the backend system using the new **Simulate** button.

The simulation validates your invoice data against backend posting rules and returns any errors or warnings, so you can identify and fix issues before actual posting without advancing the invoice lifecycle.

If simulation failed, the invoice went to **Manual Adjustment Required** and had to be fixed before the workflow could begin. Approvers had no way to trigger a simulation manually, and invoices were frozen during the approval process with no editing allowed.

Why this matters

Previously, invoice validation against the backend happened automatically as part of the orchestrator pipeline — the system simulated the invoice when the Submit button was chosen.

If simulation failed, the invoice went to Manual Adjustment Required and had to be fixed before the workflow could begin.

Approvers had no way to trigger a simulation manually, and invoices were frozen during the approval process with no editing allowed.

13 New Start Conditions in Invoice Approval Workflows [\[CIM-3641\]](#)

With this release, new start conditions have been added to invoice approval workflows.

The new conditions are available in Workflows for Supplier Invoice Approval, where you can select them from the condition editor when creating or editing workflow variants.

New Start Conditions	Description
Origin of Invoice	Approvers can quickly understand why a task is assigned to them, helping them review and act on invoices with greater confidence.
Transaction Type	With more assignment details directly in My Inbox, approvers spend less time asking procurement, accounts payable, or system administrators why they received a task.
Company Code Country/Region	Clearer assignment information supports better governance by making the approval process easier to understand for users.
Invoicing Party Country/Region	Approvers can act faster with more context reducing delays leading to more timely invoice approvals.
Validation Rules (Errors)	Routes invoices that have specific error exception codes to specialized approvers or exception handlers. You can set a specific error code, for example E004, so that the invoice is routed to a particular approver if this validation error occurs on the invoice.
Invoicing Party Determined	Routes invoices based on whether the invoicing party is determined. You can set a Boolean value for this condition.
Previously Approved Step Names	Enables routing invoices based on previously completed approval steps.

14 Enhancements to Approval Task Assignment Reasons in My Inbox [\[CIM-3644\]](#)

With this release, SAP Ariba Invoicing introduces enhancements to approval task reasons assigned to approvers giving them more context directly where they work.

SAP continues to invest in user experience improvements that simplify procurement and invoicing processes.

Enhancements like this one help ensure that users have the right information at the right time, directly within their workflow.

Benefit	Business Value
Faster Decision-Making	Approvers can quickly understand why a task is assigned to them, helping them review and act on invoices with greater confidence.
Fewer Clarification Requests	With more assignment details directly in My Inbox, approvers spend less time asking procurement, accounts payable, or system administrators why they received a task.
Improved Approval Transparency	Clearer assignment information supports better governance by making the approval process easier to understand for users.
Smoother Invoice Processing	Approvers can act faster with more context reducing delays leading to more timely invoice approvals.

15 Enhancements to Decision Tables [\[CIM-3647\]](#)

With this feature, you can use two new input fields, **Requester** and **Current Step Name**, when configuring the **Default User Settings** decision table.

These fields let you define more targeted approver determination rules based on who submitted the invoice and which step in the workflow is currently being evaluated.

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Default User Settings for Workflows and Notifications

Default User Settings for Workflows and Notifications

Type: Decision Table

Last Updated On: Jun 25, 2026

By: [Redacted]

Decision Table

If	Additional Field 1 =	Additional Field 2 =
☐ Company Code		
☐ = [Redacted]	InvoiceHeader.Exception	InvoiceHeader.Exception
☐ = [Redacted]	InvoiceHeader.Exception	InvoiceHeader.Exception
☐ Use Ctrl+Space to get suggestion:	InvoiceHeader.	Use Ctrl+Space to get suggestion:

Select Attributes or Associations

- AccountingDocumentType Attribute (S)
- CompanyCode Attribute (S)
- CurrentStepName** Attribute (S)
- ExceptionType Attribute (S)
- GrossAmount Attribute (N)
- InvoicingParty Attribute (S)
- Origin Attribute (S)

Cancel

16 Restart Rules for Supplier Invoice Approval Workflows

[CIM-3648]

With this feature, you can configure rules that determine whether the approval workflow restarts or continues when an approver edits invoice data during an approval step. Rules are evaluated against the fields that changed during the step, so you can ensure that significant changes to invoice data restarts the workflow.

The Restart Rules for Supplier Invoice Approval is a text-based rule, with an "if-then" conditional statement. The screenshot below shows an example of how to write the "If" condition of the decision table if you want to restart the workflow if changes are made to the glPostings.glAccount field as an example. In the "Then" column, you choose Restart.

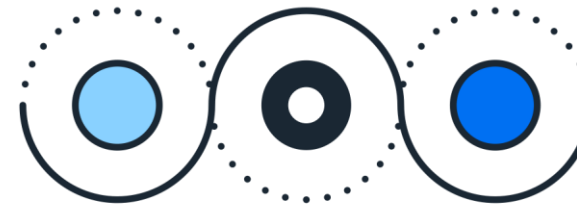
The screenshot shows a configuration window titled "Text Rule". It has a "Lab Preview" button in the top right corner. The "If" condition is expanded, showing the text: `LISTCONTAINSANY( SELECT(ModifiedInvoiceField) , [ 'glPostings.glAccount' ] )`. The "Then" column is visible at the bottom of the interface.

17 Start of Workflow on Invoice Save [\[CIM-3649\]](#)

With this feature, the approval workflow starts automatically when an invoice is saved, without requiring a successful simulation first.

The invoice remains in Draft status throughout the workflow, allowing your team to continue editing and completing invoice data while the approval process is in progress.

Previously, the approval workflow only started after an invoice passed a simulation check — a pre-submission verification that confirmed the invoice could be posted to the backend without errors. If the simulation failed, the invoice went to Manual Adjustment and had to be fixed and resubmitted before the workflow could begin. This meant approval couldn't start until all invoice data was complete and error-free.

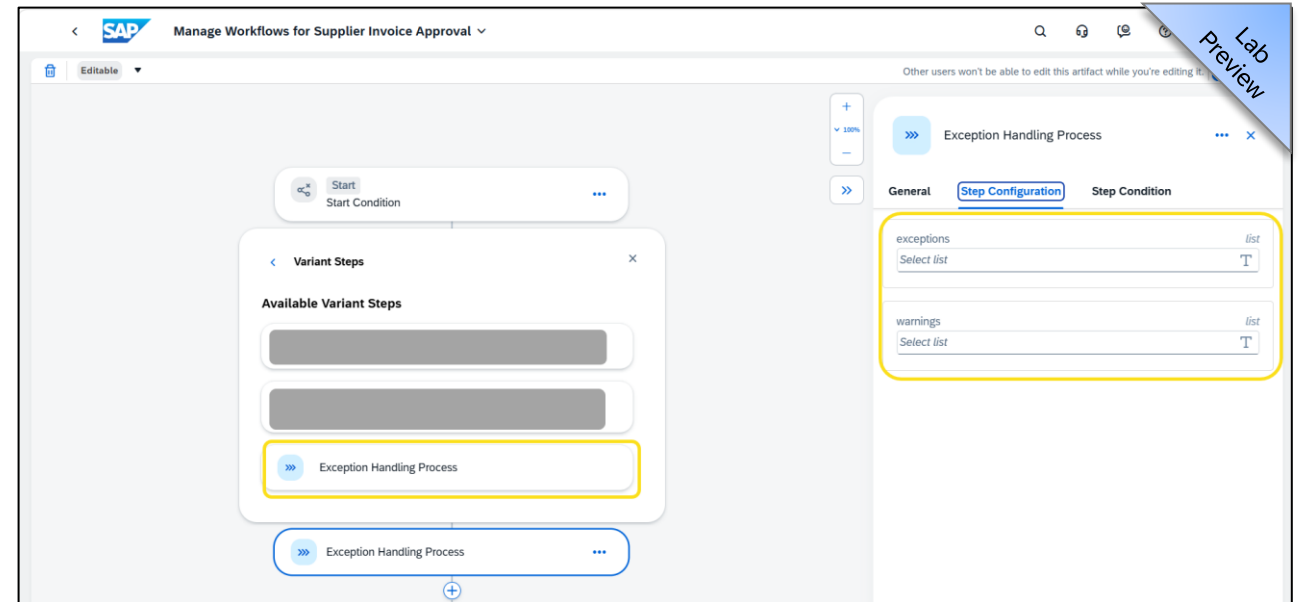


18 Exception Handling during Invoice Approval Workflows

[CIM-3650]

With this feature, you can add an Exception Handling Process step to your approval workflow variant that allows exceptions to be resolved in parallel while the approval workflow is ongoing.

Previously, the approval workflow only started after all validation exceptions on an invoice were cleared. This meant invoices with outstanding exceptions couldn't enter the approval process until accounts payable users resolved every issue first.



Within **Workflows for Supplier Invoice Approval**, during variant configuration, a new type of variant step called **Exception Handling Process** is now available. For this step, you can configure exceptions and warnings using error codes in the **Step Configuration** tab:

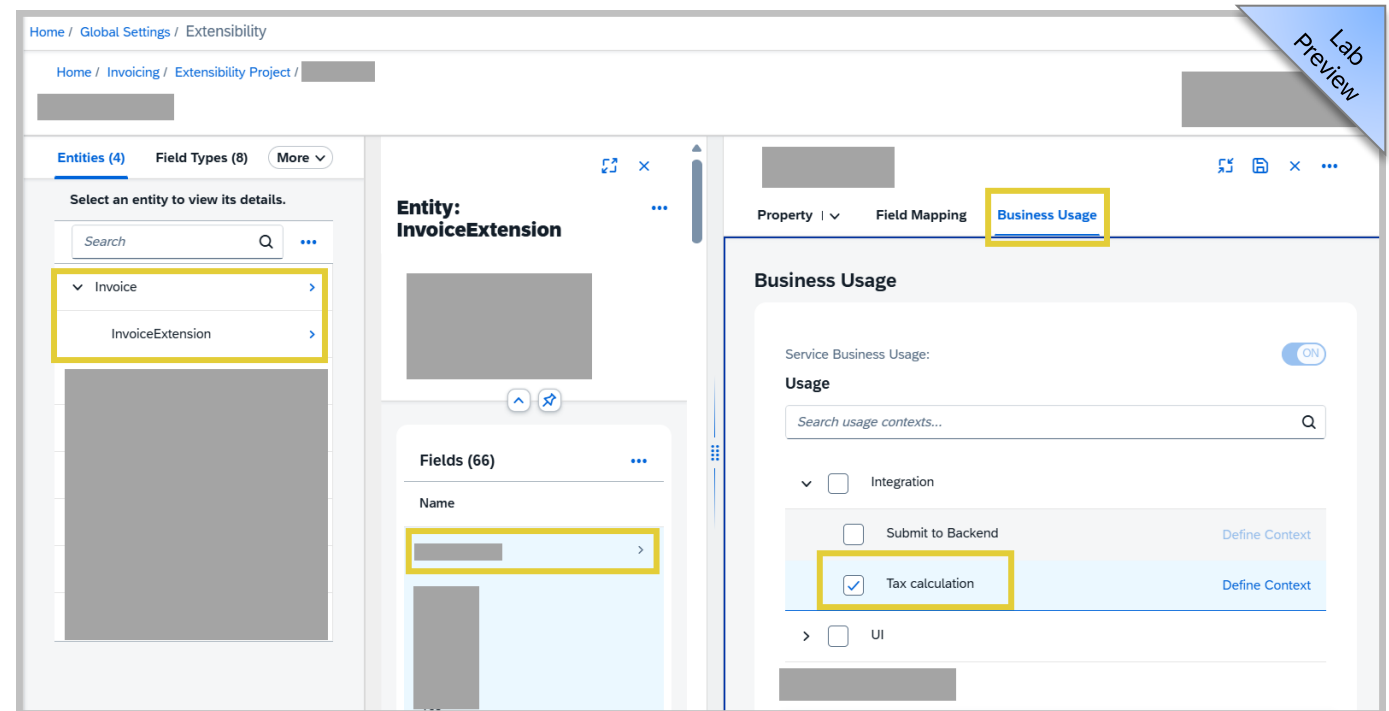
19 Custom Fields for Tax Calculations by External Tax Engines

[ITAP-190]

You can now control which custom fields are included in external tax engine calculations.

By marking a custom field with the Tax calculation option in the Business Usage section of the InvoiceExtension or LineItemExtension entity on the extensibility hub, the field value is automatically passed to the external tax engine during tax determination.

This gives you precise control over the data used for tax calculations, enabling more accurate results based on your specific business requirements.



20 Changing the Default Navigation for Purchase Order References

[CIM-3664]

With this feature, in the Manage Connected Systems app you can now configure whether you want referenced purchase orders to open in the SAP Fiori app Manage Purchase Orders or in the SAP GUI for HTML app Display Purchase Order - Advanced in the connected system.

By default, if you've configured navigation URLs for SAP Fiori apps in the Manage Connected Systems app and you click a purchase order reference in the Manage Supplier Invoices Centrally app, the corresponding purchase order opens the SAP Fiori app Display Purchase Order. In case this doesn't meet your business needs, you can now specify that you want purchase orders to open in the SAP GUI for HTML app Display Purchase Order - Advanced instead.



21 Enhancement to External Determination of Agents API

[CIM-3667]

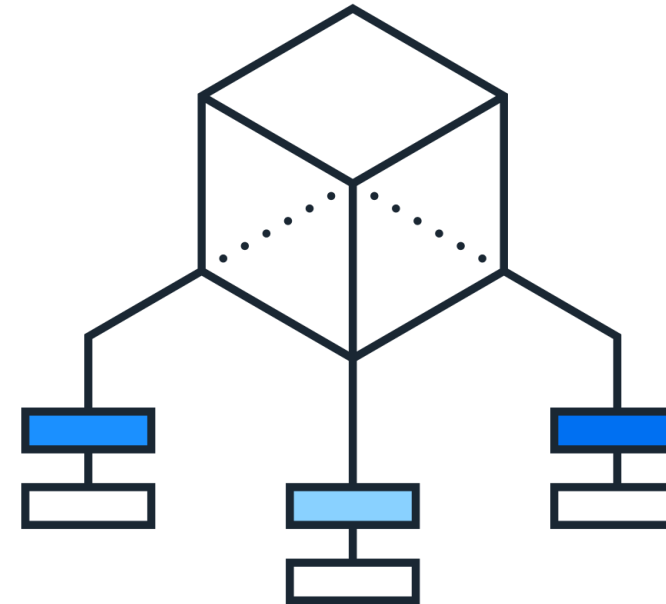
With this release, the External Determination of Agents API request payload now includes G/L and PO posting line item details.

With this enhancement, two new properties are added to the invoice payload:

- **glPostings** — G/L posting line items, including cost objects such as cost centers and WBS elements
- **poPostings** — purchase order posting line items, including purchase order and purchase order line item details

The enhancement applies to all three determination types:

- **approver** determination
- **assignment** determination
- **exception** determination

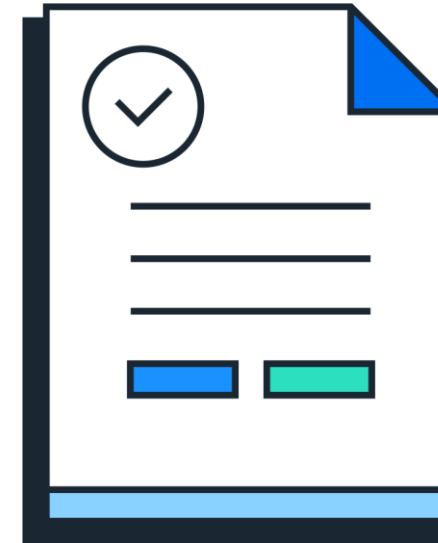


22 Approve Invoices Directly from the Invoice List Page [\[CIM-3683\]](#)

With this feature, you can open an invoice directly from the invoice list page and approve, reject, or resume a workflow without navigating to My Inbox.

When you open an invoice that has an active approval task assigned to you, the Approve and Reject buttons are available on the edit page alongside the invoice details.

Previously, it was only possible to approve or reject invoices from the tasks in My Inbox.



23 Auto Approval from External Determination of Agents API [CIM-3688]

With this feature, the External Determination of Agents API can now return an auto-approval instruction that causes the workflow step to be approved automatically, without requiring any agents.

This allows your backend system to bypass manual approval for steps where your business logic determines no human review is needed.

The External Determination of Agents API allows you to implement your own agent determination logic in a backend system. The system sends an invoice payload to the backend, and the backend returns the approvers for the workflow step.

With this change, your backend system can return the following response to trigger automatic approval of the step:

```
{  
    "agents": [],  
    "autoApprove": true  
}
```

Resources



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March Service Pack	March 17, 2023
April Service Pack	April 21, 2023
cXML 1.2.058 pre-release	April 27, 2023
2305 Readiness Assets Available	April 28, 2023
SAP Procurement & Business Network 2305 Release	May 19, 2023

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[1.2.057 pre-release](#)



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