Article Master

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Article Master Summary

Description: Allow administrators to load Article Master data for the purpose of adding articles to Sourcing Events or Contract Workspaces.

This feature is useful for customers who already integrate or plan to integrate with Article Masters. An Article is an extension of a material and its primary difference is a generic article which can be used to describe something like a T-Shirt has variety of colors and sizes.

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Current Problem

Users who have to manually upload articles from an Article Master via Excel is time consuming and error prone. Users have to move between different systems to find what they are looking for.

Solution

Allow for articles to get loaded from 3rd party Article Masters or SAP ERP into Ariba Sourcing and Contracts for the purpose of making it easier for buyers to create sourcing events and contracts. Initially this is supported via XML upload or web service integration, but an OOTB adaptor for Retail on S4/HANA will be available in mid 2018. Users will be able to search Article Master using keywords and filters. Then they can add those articles to sourcing events and contract line item documents. There will be support for generic articles, article variants, prepacks, displays, and sets.

Benefits

Reduces the overhead of manually copying data from 3rd party systems to Ariba. Improves the usability for end users who want to search in a single place for articles. Easier testing and viewing of data by allowing for data to be uploaded without the need for system integration.

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Applicable to the Following:	Change Management for GA:
• SAP Ariba Strategic Sourcing Suite	• This feature can be turned on by raising an SR to have the parameter enabled.

Using this Feature:

Enabling
- Contact Ariba for turning on the Feature for you through a Parameter.
  - Application.AQS.ArticleIntegration.Enabled parameter
- AND/OR Trading partner impacts and actions
  - NA

Prerequisites
- Requires Licensing of Ariba Strategic Sourcing.

Limitations
- Inbound integration only – i.e. you can't update an existing article or create an article in ERP. (Planned for 2nd half of 2018)

Importing and Exporting Data
- You can import via the user interface.

Changes to Existing Functionality or User Interface
- There will now be an "Add from Article Master"

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