



Feature at a Glance

Improved external tax invoice handling in Italy and Chile

Stefan Tuerke, SAP Ariba
Target GA: November, 2019

CONFIDENTIAL

Feature at a Glance

Ease of implementation



Low complexity

Geographic relevance



Country-specific

Introducing: Improved external tax invoice handling in Italy and Chile

Customer challenge

Electronic Invoicing regulations keep changing in a variety of countries. Some country regulations or business practices require Buyers to receive invoices created (issued) in external systems.

Typically, externally issued invoices cannot be rejected and may require relaxed business validations compared to invoices generated (issued) by Suppliers using the Ariba Network.

Specific regulations in Chile also force buyers to accept/reject their invoices from ERP according to local regulations.

Meet that challenge with SAP Ariba

The Ariba Network introduced a separate set of business rules which can be used independently from existing default transaction-, country specific- or supplier group rules.

The external invoice rules can currently be configured for Italian and Chile external invoices.

Experience key benefits

This feature allows Buyers in Italy and Chile to apply a specific set of Ariba Network transaction rules to all external tax invoices irrespective of the supplier that is referenced in the invoice.

This allows higher degree of flexibility and focused usage of business rules for the given external invoice scenarios.

Solution area

- Ariba Network
- Commerce automation / Electronic Invoicing

Implementation information

The feature needs to be activated by Ariba Support based on a Service Request.

After activation by support, the External Invoice Rules must be configured by the *Buyer Manage Profile / Configuration* page

Prerequisites and Restrictions

Buyers must be enabled and using either the Italian or Chilean External Invoice Processes.

Further countries may be added for External Invoices Rules in future.

Feature at a Glance

Introducing: Improved external tax invoice handling in Italy and Chile

Usage and Configuration

External Invoices are holistically used for external invoices, independent from suppliers being added to a Supplier Group:

Invoice Scenario	Supplier Is in a Supplier Group	Ariba Network Action
Any external tax invoice	Does not matter	Applies external tax invoice rules
Regular invoice created in Ariba Network	Yes	Applies group-specific transaction rules
	No	Applies default transaction rules

Configuration in the *Buyer Manage Profile / Configuration Page*.

The screenshot displays the 'Configuration' page in the Buyer Manage Profile. On the left, a sidebar lists various configuration options, with 'External Tax Invoice Rules' highlighted by a red box. A red arrow points from this box to the 'General Invoice Rules' section on the right. The 'General Invoice Rules' section contains a list of rules with checkboxes for enabling or disabling them. The rules are as follows:

Rule	Enabled
Allow suppliers to send invoices to this account.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ignore country-based invoice rules.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Your procurement application can download invoice attachments (MIME multipart messages).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Require suppliers to send invoice attachments.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Require suppliers to send credit memo attachments.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allow suppliers to send non-PO invoices.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allow suppliers to send invoices with a contract reference.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Require suppliers to create an order confirmation for the PO before creating an invoice.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Require suppliers to create invoice with line item quantity greater than zero.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Require suppliers to create invoice with line item price greater than zero.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Require suppliers to create a ship notice for the PO before creating an invoice.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allow suppliers to send invoices if a PCard or credit card was included in the order.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allow suppliers to send header credit memos and debit memos.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Allow suppliers to send line-item credit memo.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Require suppliers to provide a reason for each credit memo.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allow suppliers to cancel invoices they create.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>