



# Feature at a Glance Routing of product activity messages to tiered suppliers

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#### **Customer challenge**

In a number of supply collaboration scenarios a buyer wants to share forecast with a material's manufacturer and allow a copy of that forecast information to be visible by another (tiered) supplier who e.g. provides complementary services (logistics services, components etc.)

## Meet that challenge with

This feature enables routing of product activity messages to tiered suppliers using cXML.

## **Experience key benefits**

Increase the reach of supply forecast planning processes by allowing buyers to provide multi-tier forecast visibility for different levels/tiers of suppliers in order for them to be able to plan for equipment or resources required to better support the overall process.

#### Solution area

SAP Ariba Supply Chain Collaboration.

#### Implementation information

This feature is **automatically on** for all customers with the applicable solutions but requires **customer configuration**.

#### **Prerequisites and Limitations**

Feature requires that the buyer system has been entitled for SAP Ariba Supply Chain Collaboration. Suppliers must have supply chain trading relationship with buyers to receive product activity messages.

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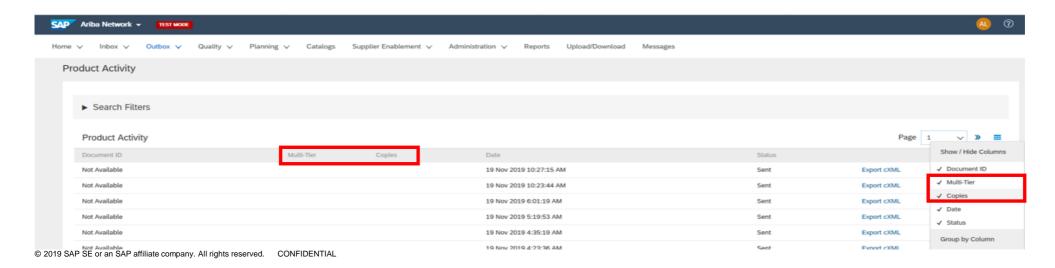
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Tiered suppliers are indicated in the **Path** element of the ProductActivityMessage cXML header.

For complete information about these elements and their attributes, see the *cXML reference guide* available at http://cxml.org/Note: Sensitive data, like pricing, is omitted from the cXML delivered to tiered suppliers.

#### **Buyer user interface changes**

- A new column Multi-Tier is added to the product activity page. It indicates that the document is part of multi-tier process involving one
  or more copy suppliers and is hidden by default. To view this column do the following steps:
  - On the Outbox → Product Activity page, click Show/Hide Columns icon.
  - Click Multi-Tier. This adds the column to the product activity page.
- A new column Copies is added to the product activity page. This column is hidden by default. To view this column do the following steps:
  - On the Outbox → Product Activity page, click Show/Hide Columns icon
  - Click Copies. This adds the column to the product activity page

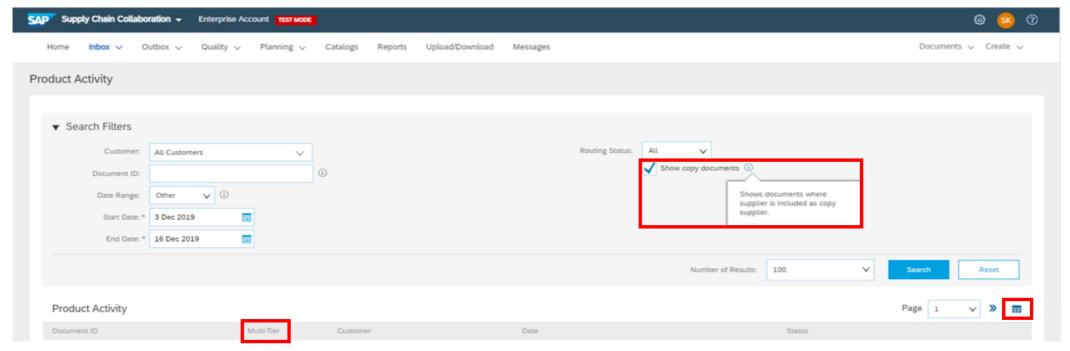


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#### Supplier user interface changes

- A new column *Multi-Tier* is added to the product activity page. It indicates that the document is part of multi-tier process involving one or more copy suppliers and is hidden by default. To view this column do the following steps:
  - On the Inbox → Product Activity page, click Show/Hide Columns icon.
  - Click Multi-Tier. This adds the column to the product activity page.
- Suppliers can now also search for only those product activity documents where they are Copy suppliers. To do this, suppliers need to go to: Inbox -> Product Activity page and select check box 'Show copy documents' (Unchecked by default. When unselected, only those documents for which the supplier is primary supplier are displayed. Copy documents are not displayed then).



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