



# Feature at a Glance

**Support read-only terms in the line item definition in external system templates  
(contract line item templates)**

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Ease of implementation  High touch / Complex  
Geographic relevance  Global

## Customer challenge

- Customers today are not able to use “Read Only Item Attribute” feature with Contract Line Item Templates of External system.
- One of the other challenges with current Read Only feature is the ability to specify the behavior of the term in specific flows. i.e. when a the term should be read-only, in standalone contracts or in contracts created from sourcing award, or in both the cases term should continue to remain as read-only. A user couldn't specify when a read-only behavior could be overridden.

## Meet that challenge with **SAP Ariba**

- This feature allows customers to mark terms in Contract Line Item template (CLID) of External System to be Read-Only.
- Specify whether the read-only terms are applicable for contracts, sourcing, or both contracts and sourcing using the Read-only term applicability attribute.

## Experience key benefits

- Customers can now use Read-Only feature for line item templates for External system.
- Simplify and accelerate your adoption of Read Only with more use cases with “Read Only Applicability”

## Solution area

- SAP Ariba Strategic Sourcing Suite
- SAP Ariba Contracts

## Implementation information

This feature is automatically on for all customers with the applicable solutions but requires customer enablement and configuration. Please see the documentation for parameter and configuration details.

## Prerequisites and Restrictions

Contract Line Items Document (CLID) must be enabled in your site.

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### Feature Overview

SAP Ariba Contracts buyers that are integrated with an external ERP system can mark the line item term definitions as read-only terms in contract line item template for external systems or in contract line item document contract workspace template.

Buyers can do the following:

- Mark the line item term definitions as read-only terms for the external system or in contract workspace template
- Specify if the read-only terms are applicable for Contracts, Sourcing, or Both using the “Read-only term Applicability” attribute

Buyers can override the read-only terms for the line-item definition while creating or editing the contract against a sourcing event or an award. SAP Ariba Contracts allows buyers to override the read-only terms for the line-item definitions for external systems based on the group permission, “Override Read-only Terms in Contracts Templates”.

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## Existing Read-only feature

Edit Term

Enter information about this question or term and specify all values that apply.

1 - Line-01

Name: \* Price Translations

External Field Mapping:

External system field mapping for PIR: No Choice ⓘ

Answer Type: Money ⓘ

Make this term as read-only?  Yes  No ⓘ

Number of decimal places: 2

Acceptable Values: Limited Range ⓘ

Response Required? Not Required ⓘ

Reference Documents: Attach a file ⓘ

Visible to Participant: Yes ⓘ

Hide participants' responses from each other: Yes ⓘ

Participant can add additional comments and attachments: No ⓘ

Rollup in section summary:  Yes  No ⓘ

Is this a matrix term? No ⓘ

Display term in column or row:  Column  Row ⓘ

Has Historic Value: Yes ⓘ



## New Read-only Feature with new “Read-only term applicability”

Edit Term

Enter information about this question or term and specify all values that apply.

1 - line1

Name: \* Price Translations

External Field Mapping:

External system field mapping for PIR: No Choice ⓘ

Answer Type: Money ⓘ

Make this term as read-only?  Yes  No ⓘ

Read-only term applicability: Both ⓘ

Number of decimal places: 2

Acceptable Values: Limited Range ⓘ

Response Required? Not Required ⓘ

Reference Documents: Attach a file ⓘ

Visible to Participant: Yes ⓘ

Hide participants' responses from each other: Yes ⓘ

Participant can add additional comments and attachments: No ⓘ

Rollup in section summary:  Yes  No ⓘ

Is this a matrix term? No ⓘ

Display term in column or row:  Column  Row ⓘ

Has Historic Value: Yes ⓘ

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Now buyer users with “Override existing read-only terms in contract templates” permission can override the read-only behavior in special cases.

The screenshot shows the 'Create New Contract' interface. At the top right is a blue 'Done' button. Below the header is a checkbox labeled 'Override existing read-only terms in contract templates', which is highlighted with a purple rectangular box. Underneath is the 'Invited Participants' section, which includes a table with columns for Organization Name, Contact Name, and Response Team. The table contains one entry for 'BigBox Retail' with contact 'Christine Ford' and response team 'No'. Below the table is a 'Create New Contract' button with a right-pointing arrow. At the bottom right of the interface is another blue 'Done' button.

Organization Name ↑	Contact Name	Response Team
BigBox Retail	Christine Ford	No