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SAP Ariba Quarterly Release Update – Q2 2021

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Agenda

- Background and Objectives
- New Features Releases – Q2 2021
- Key Features Deep Dive

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Background & Objectives

- SAP Ariba releases a number of innovations on quarterly basis across the Ariba Solution Portfolio.
- In most cases, Ariba Customers are not able to keep track of these releases or understand which of these new innovations might be useful for addressing their current pain points.
- The objective of this session is to provide a brief synopsis of the Ariba innovations on a quarterly basis to help Ariba Customers keep up to date with the new features & functionalities released by SAP Ariba.
- In this session we will provide a summary of these features at a high level and deep dive into few key features only. If there is any specific feature that you are interested in deep diving, please reach out to respective CEE for the same.

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2105 (Q2 of Year 2021) Feature Releases

#	Q2 2021 – Feature List	Description	Buying & Invoicing	Buying	Catalog	Invoice Mgt	Guided Buying	Feature Enablement
1	**A simpler & smarter SAP Ariba Help Center** [AUC-6197]	Help Center 2.0 features: • Increased visibility of Buyer content to Suppliers. • Elastic search for contextual recommendations. • Refine search toggles • Etc.	✓	✓				Automatically On
2	**Microsoft Edge Chromium browser support** [PL-34978]	- All SAP Ariba cloud solutions support the Microsoft Edge Chromium browser (32-bit and 64-bit).	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Automatically On
3	**Support for non-English locales while exporting and importing requisitions in Excel format** [CP-13444]	- Enables buyers in non-English locales, to successfully export or import requisitions in the Excel format.	✓	✓				Customer configuration
4	**Support for managing teams in procurement operations desk** [PD-597]	- Enables procurement operations desk managers to create and manage teams.	✓	✓				Automatically On

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5	**Edit and approve invoices in guided buying** [SINV-10079]	- GB users can now edit and approve non-PO and PO-based invoices natively in guided buying without being redirected to SAP Ariba Buying and Invoicing.	✓	✓			✓	Customer configuration
6	**Support for manual selection of contract when adding a non-catalog service item** [SINV-4851]	- Enables users to manually select a contract when adding a non-catalog service item to a requisition.	✓	✓				Customer configuration
7	**Notification recipients upper limit established in procurement test sites** [PL-29897]	- The maximum number of recipients for document creation notifications has been set to 500.	✓	✓			✓	Automatically On
8	**Support for SAP ERP service specification hierarchies** [SINV-4243]	- Supports the display of the hierarchical structure of service specification sets in contracts imported from SAP ERP.	✓	✓	✓	✓		Customer Configuration

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9	**Sending material IDs as standard fields in guided buying requests to SAP S/4HANA and SAP S/4HANA Cloud** [GB-10579]	- The material ID is now included as a standard field for catalog items in guided buying requests that are sent to SAP S/4HANA or SAP S/4HANA Cloud for **2NV** & **3EN** integration scenario.	✓	✓			✓	Automatically On
10	**Team buying and receiving** [GB-15131]	- Guided buying now allows users to collaborate when purchasing, leveraging the combined skills of individuals.	✓	✓			✓	Automatically On
11	**Inventory reservations in guided buying** [GB-5199]	- Request items from inventory stocked by your organization, such as MRO (Maintenance, Repair, and Operations), or items manufactured by your organization.	✓	✓			✓	Customer configuration
12	**Support for sending a customized request form as an attachment to SAP S/4HANA or SAP S/4HANA Cloud** [GB-7218]	- Buyers can create and send customized non-catalog request forms from guided buying to SAP S/4HANA or SAP S/4HANA Cloud. The forms are sent in the PDF file format as an attachment to the purchase requisition.	✓	✓			✓	Automatically On

Key Features Deep Dive

Feature at a Glance

Edit and Approve invoices in Guided Buying

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Ease of implementation: High
Geographic relevance: Global

Feature at a Glance

Introducing: Edit and Approve invoices in Guided Buying

Customer challenge

Previously, only simple one-line non-PO invoices could be edited and approved in guided buying. For any other type of invoice (ex. PO, multi-line, etc.) when users clicked an invoice in Guided Buying, they were redirected to SAP Ariba Buying and Invoicing to perform editing and approval. This created confusion for the end users, who had to switch between different user interfaces.

Meet that challenge with SAP Ariba

Now, Guided Buying offers a simplified, one-stop-shop, more efficient invoicing experience for most types of invoices by eliminating the need to navigate between two separate solutions. You can now edit and approve non-PO and PO-based invoices natively in Guided Buying without being redirected to SAP Ariba Buying and Invoicing. Invoices continue to be reconciled in SAP Ariba Buying and Invoicing after they're approved.

Experience key benefits

End users and requesters can now manage their non-PO and PO invoices natively in Guided Buying. By empowering requesters to edit and approve invoices, customers can achieve higher levels of efficiency and better use of AP resources.

Solution area

SAP Ariba Buying and Invoicing

Implementation information

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

There are several administration tasks and configurations necessary to corr ectly leverage this functionality.

Please refer to the What's new in SAP Ariba guide for additional details.

Prerequisites and Restrictions

This feature requires Guided Buying already setup.

- Supports only INV documents
- Supports invoices up to **1000 lines**
- Does not support charges and discounts

Credit memos, debit memos, service invoices, contract invoices, and summary (multi-PO) invoices can only be edited and approved in your SAP Ariba B&I solution.

Please refer to the What's new in SAP Ariba guide for additional details.

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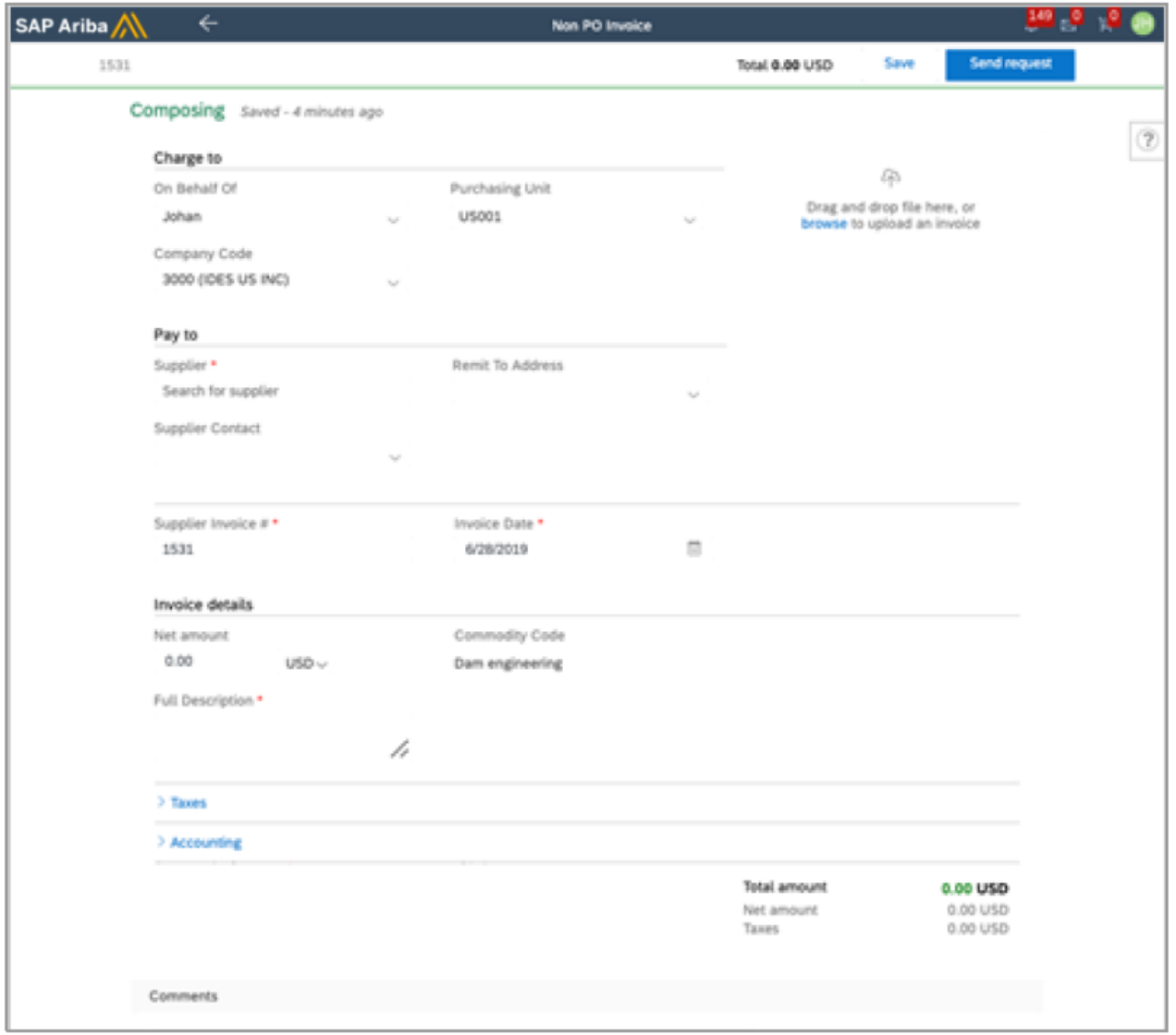
Guided Invoicing Evolving the user experience

- With Guided Invoicing, the new screens on the Guided Buying platform provide the casual user, who has to edit and approve invoices, an intuitive, simplified user experience.
- Invoicing users can now leverage the Guided Buying capability offerings, such as seamless navigation, error display palette and policy engine support.
- Support Edit and Approval of both PO and Non-PO Invoices.
- Ability for the customer to configure the size of Invoices (No. of lines) that are displayed in Guided Buying.
- Back-end integration ensures invoices are searchable both across B&I and Guided Invoicing screens and reportable in the core engine of SAP Ariba Buying and Invoicing.



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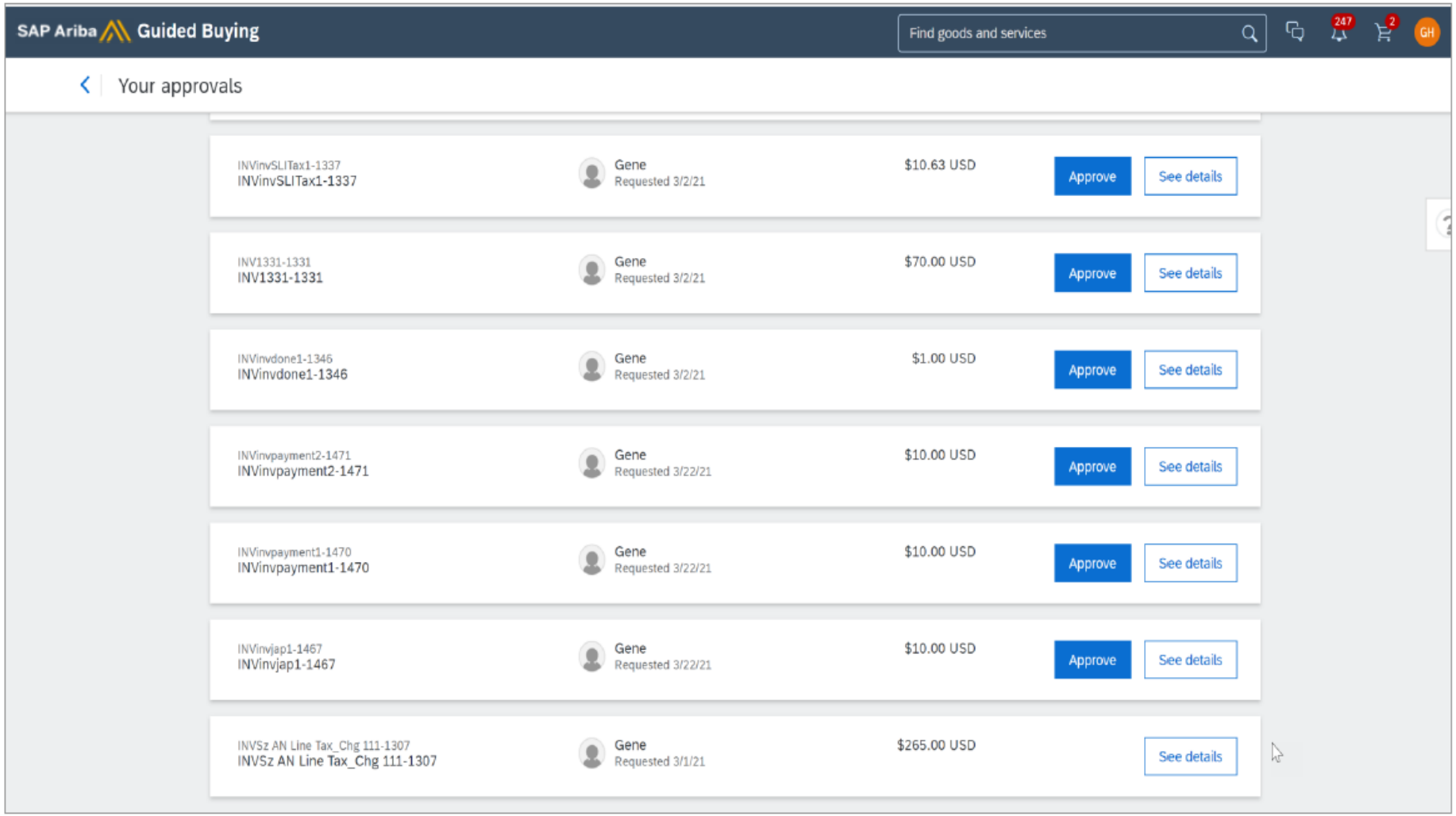
Guided Invoicing Evolving the user experience

- Approvable/Editable invoices are now part of the user's To-Do in Guided Buying



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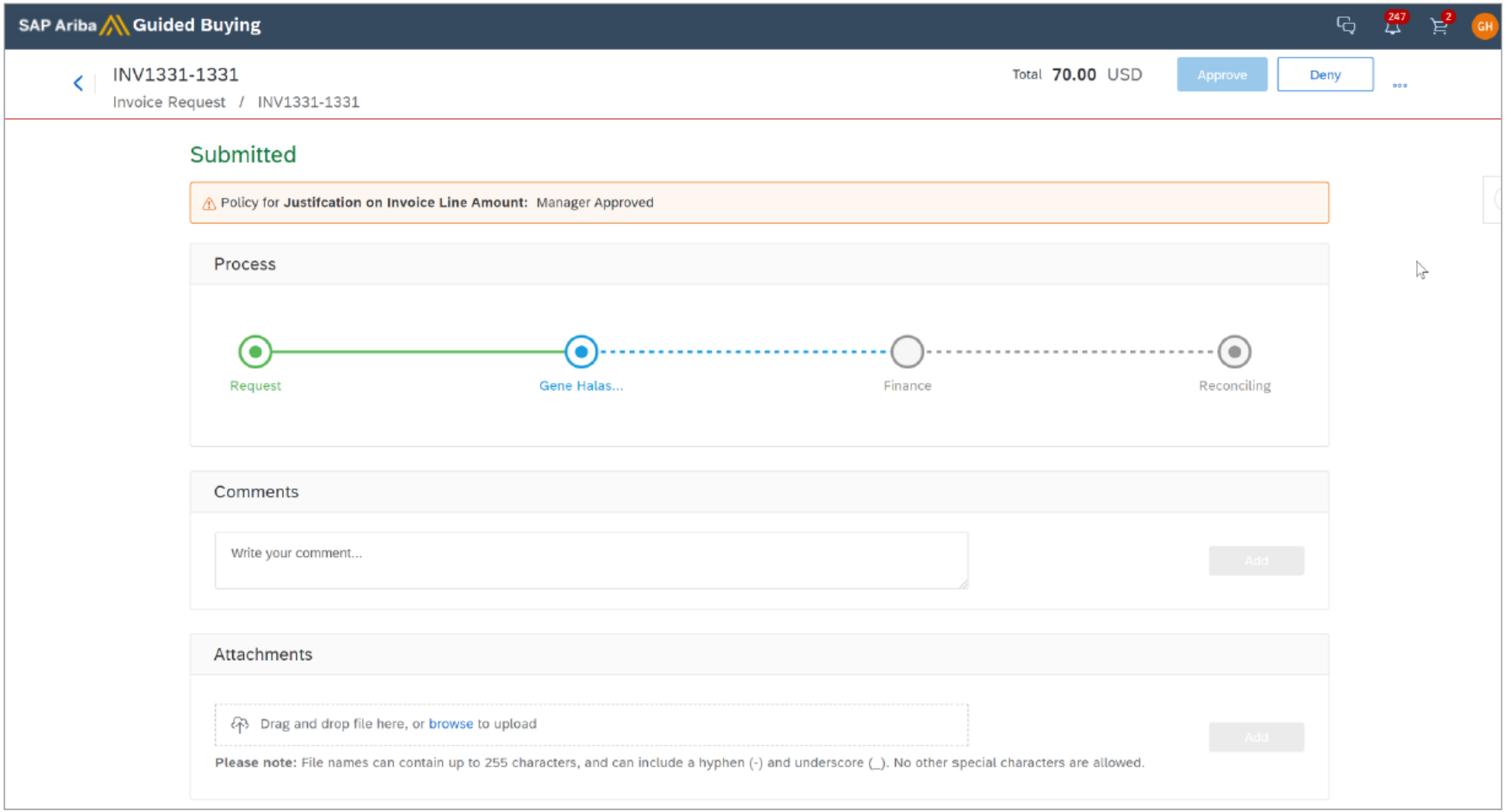
Guided Invoicing Evolving the user experience

- Guided Buying Policies are configurable to customize the user experience:



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Feature at a Glance

Support for manual selection of contract when adding a non-catalog service item

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Feature at a Glance

Ease of implementation Medium
Geographic relevance Global

Introducing: **Support for manual selection of contract when adding a non-catalog service item**

Customer challenge

When creating an unplanned service order, sometime a customer might have a need to add an ad-hoc item and still referencing it to a contract with the suppliers. Today, this is not possible as only catalog items can be selected when creating an order against a contract. This stops customers from having the right flexibility when unplanned needs arise.

Meet that challenge with SAP Ariba

This feature allows a user to reference a contract for an ad-hoc (non-catalog) item marked as Service.

Subsequent Service Entry Sheets can be created against the referenced contract.

Experience key benefits

This feature provides greater flexibility in the way buyers can create Service requisitions/orders.

Solution area

SAP Ariba Buying
SAP Ariba Buying and Invoicing

Implementation information

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

Prerequisites and Restrictions

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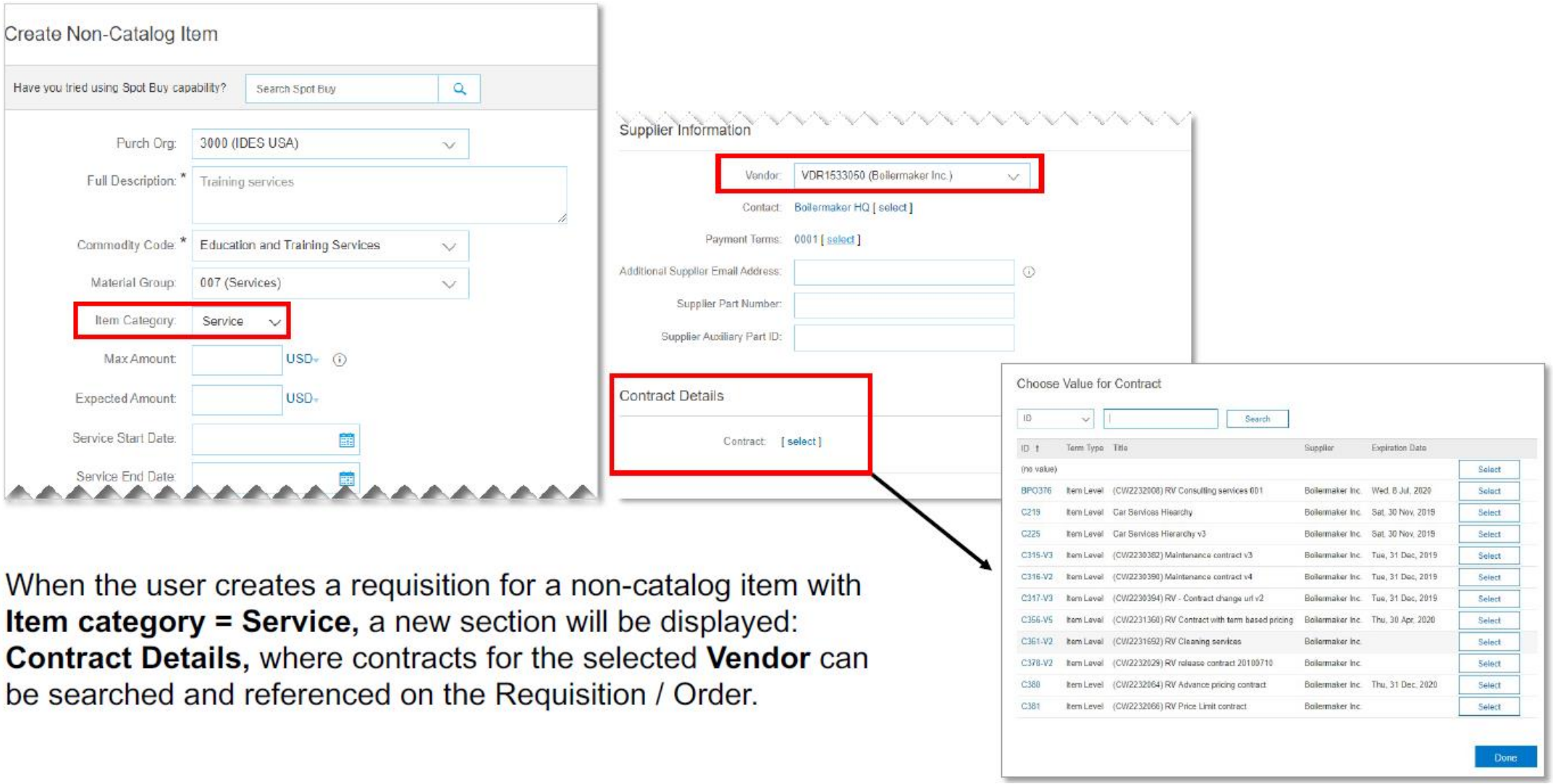
Feature at a Glance

Overview: **Support for manual selection of contract when adding a non-catalog service item**



When the user creates a requisition for a non-catalog item with **Item category = Service,** a new section will be displayed: **Contract Details,** where contracts for the selected **Vendor** can be searched and referenced on the Requisition / Order.

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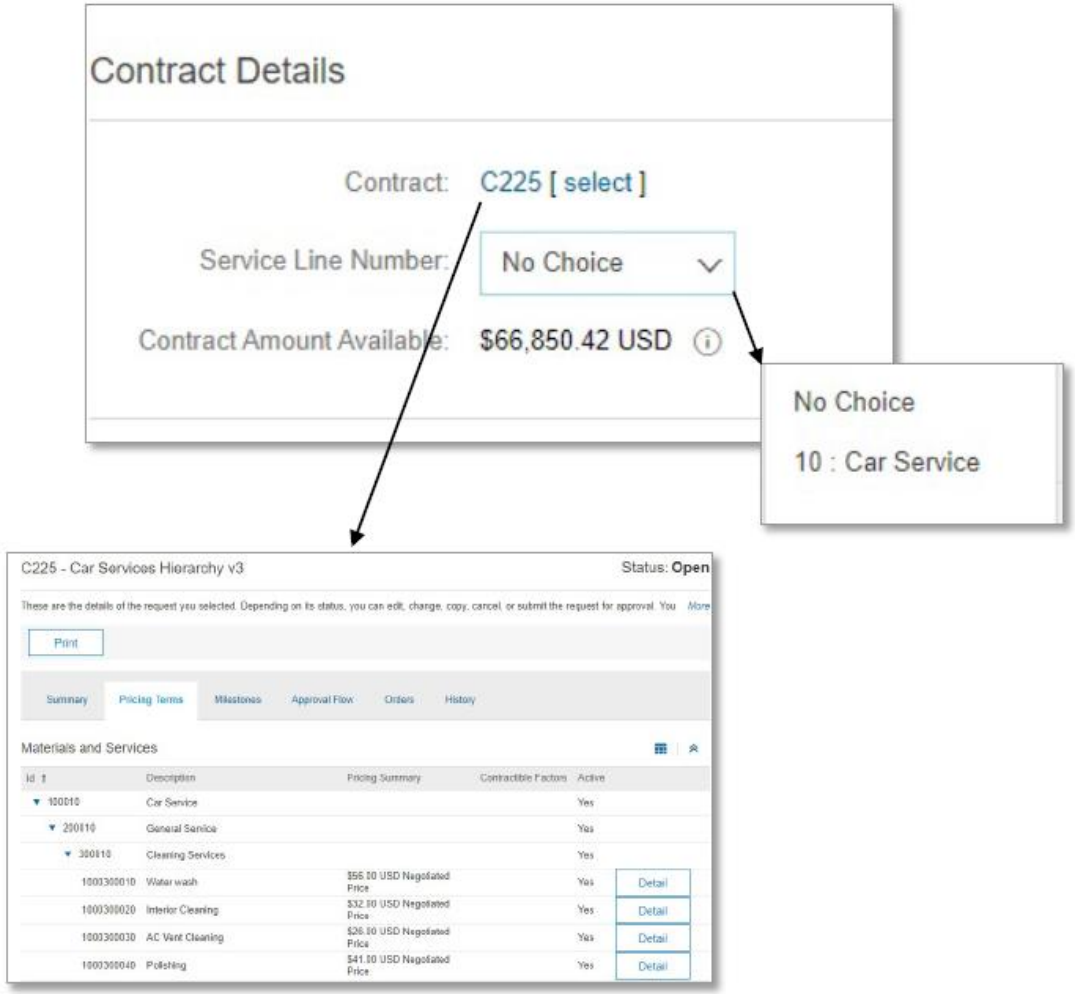
Feature at a Glance

Overview: **Support for manual selection of contract when adding a non-catalog service item**



The following additional fields be displayed for Service hierarchy contracts:

- Service Line Number
- Contract Amount Available

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Feature at a Glance

Inventory Reservation in Guided Buying

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Ease of implementation Low touch / simple
Geographic relevance Global

Feature at a Glance

Introducing: Inventory Reservation in Guided Buying

Customer challenge

Currently buyers do not have visibility to stock on hand. Without this insight new products are being ordered via requisition or sourcing processes instead of from inventory stock; causing inventory to age out and inventory maintenance/storage cost to go up.

Meet that challenge with SAP Ariba

Guided buying now allows users to request items from inventory stocked by your organization, such as MRO (Maintenance, Repair, and Operations) items or items manufactured internally. Users see the available quantity of each item and can choose specific storage locations when ordering.

Requests for inventory items go through the regular approval flow and can be copied and saved as favorites. However, they can't be changed or edited after ordering.

Experience key benefits

Buyers may now view catalog items currently maintained in inventory with latest stock availability. Purchasing items from stock will create an inventory reservation and facilitate follow on processes in ERP. If there is insufficient stock to complete the order, buyers can add items from suppliers as well, all within a single user experience.

This simplified process makes inventory items visible to end users and streamlines the process to reserve these stock items for use.

Solution area

SAP Ariba Buying with the guided buying capability

SAP Ariba Buying and Invoicing with the guided buying capability

Implementation information

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

Prerequisites and Restrictions

Inventory items display no supplier or cost information.

Users may cancel inventory items after ordering, but may not change or edit them.

Users may not add inventory items to a change request; if users search the catalog for items to add to a change request, guided buying does not display any inventory items.

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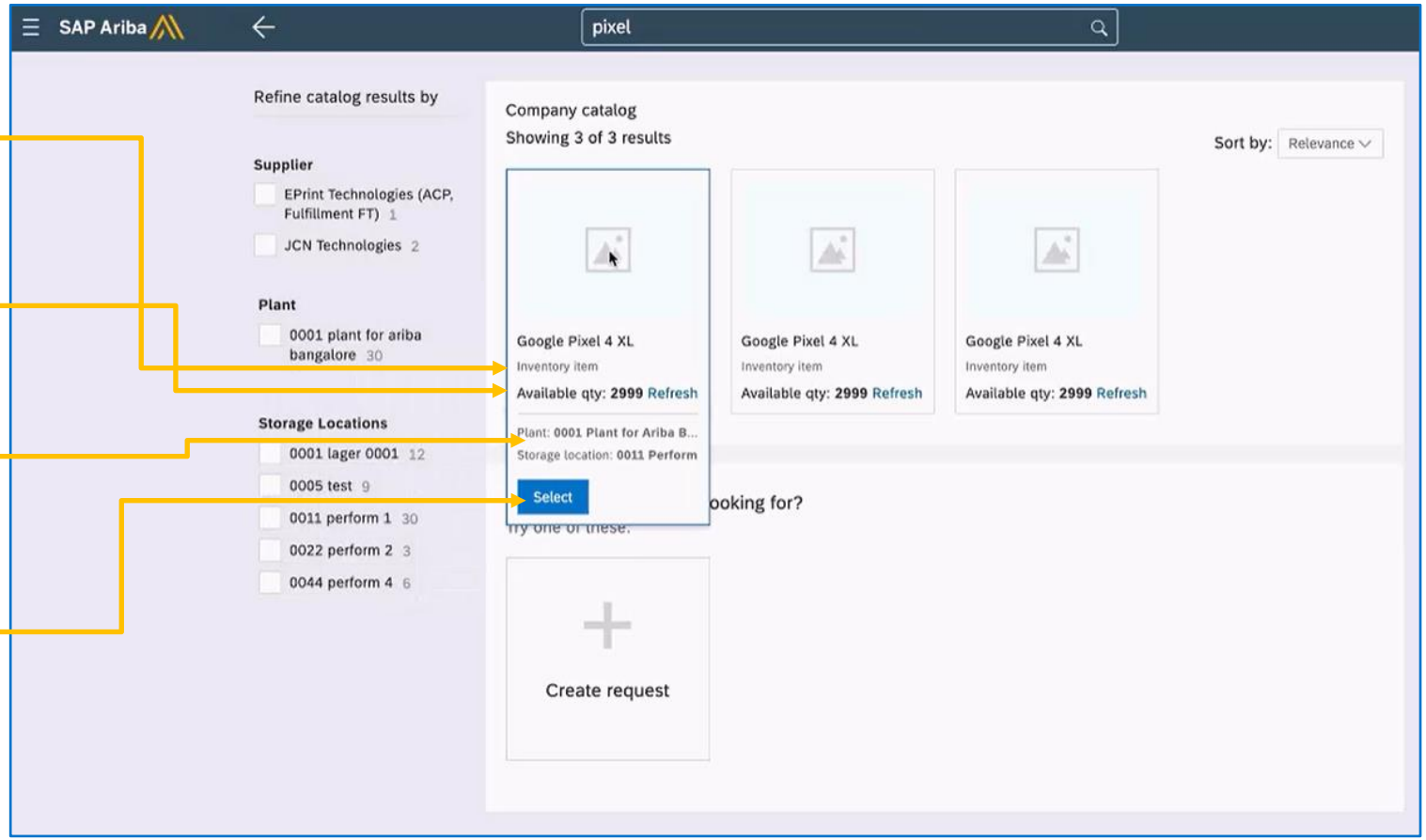
Feature at a Glance

Introducing: **Inventory Reservation in Guided Buying – Search Results**

When guided buying displays inventory items in the **Search results** page:

- They display the term "Inventory item."
- They display **Available qty** and they have a **Refresh** link that retrieves the latest quantity, which is useful for popular items. If there are multiple storage locations, guided buying displays the combined quantity.
- They display the **Plant** and **Storage location** (if there is more than one storage location, they display "Multiple"). Plant doesn't display if you have a plant selected in your profile or if you're buying on behalf of a plant.
- They display no supplier information.
- Instead of **Add to cart** button, there's a **Select** button, which selects the item, adds it to the cart, and reduces the quantity available to other users.

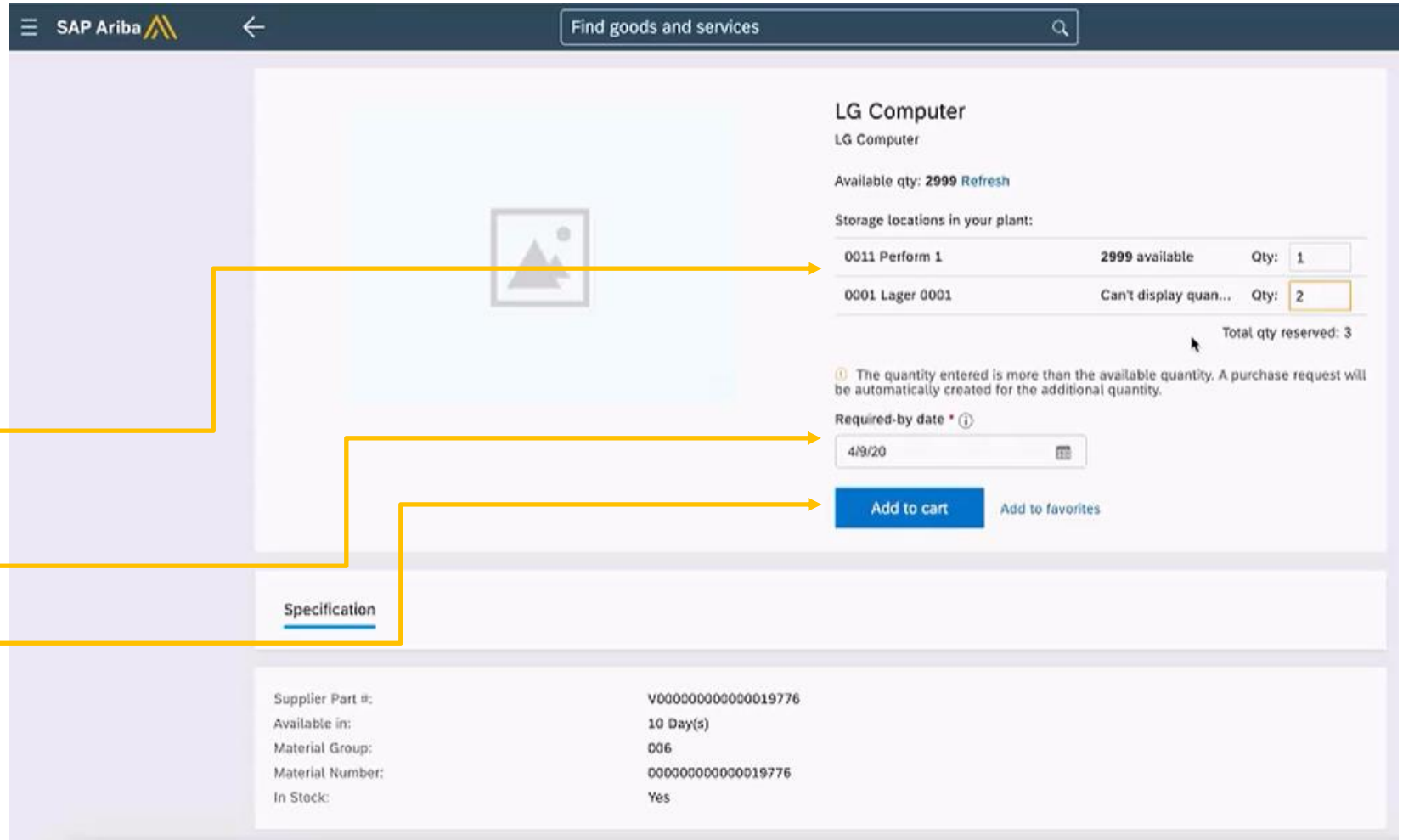


Feature at a Glance

Introducing: **Inventory Reservation in Guided Buying – Item Details**

When guided buying displays inventory items in the **Item details** page:

- They contain no supplier information or Lead Time.
- They display the **Storage location** if there's only one location. If there are multiple locations, they display **Which storage location is the item coming from?** which displays all storage locations, available quantities, and allows you to divide the requested quantity among each location. Each storage location you choose creates a separate line item in the request.
- They contain a control for setting the **Required by Date**. The date you select appears in the resulting request and it allows your inventory department to know when you need delivery of the items.
- You can click **Add to cart** to start a request or **Add to favorites** to save it to your personal favorites list.



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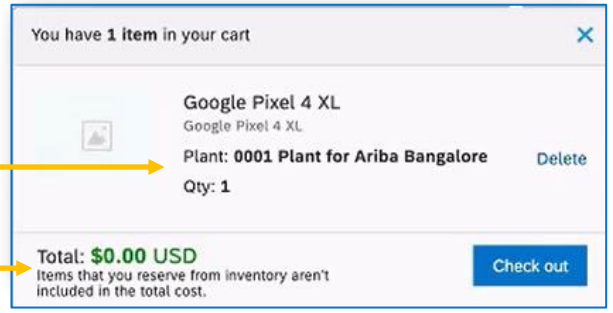
Feature at a Glance

Introducing: **Inventory Reservation in Guided Buying – Shopping Cart**

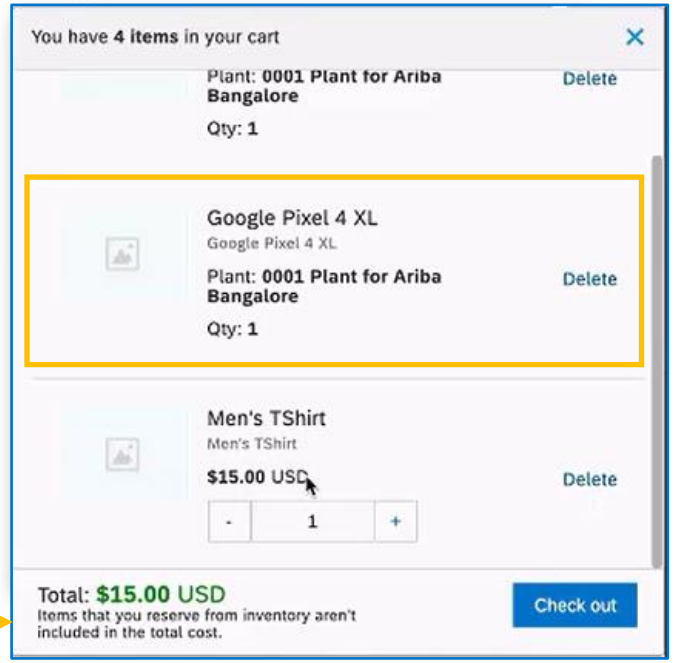
When guided buying displays inventory items in the **Shopping cart** page:

- They display the **Plant** (unless you selected a plant in your profile or are buying on behalf of a plant) and requested quantity. The quantity is not editable here.
- You can optionally divide the requested quantity among the available locations. Each storage location you choose creates a separate line item in the request.
- They display **"Items that you reserve from inventory aren't included in the total cost."**
- Inventory Items don't account to the Total Cost of the Cart.

MRO item only



Catalog and MRO items



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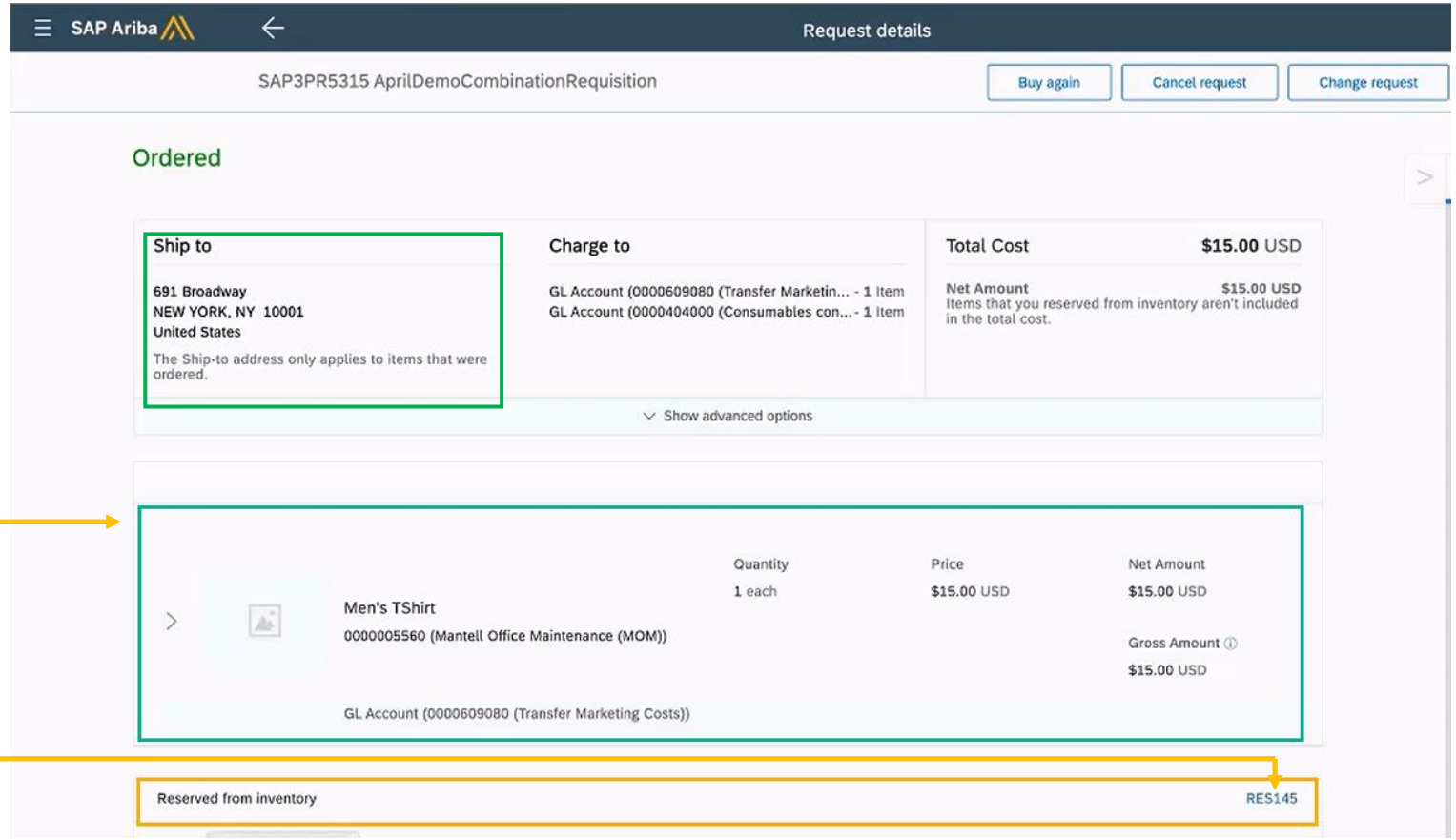
Feature at a Glance

Introducing: **Inventory Reservation in Guided Buying – Checkout Page**

When guided buying displays inventory items in the **Checkout** page:

- All additional inventory item information from the previous pages display in this page.
- Requests can contain both regular items and inventory items. Regular items display before inventory items.
- Each storage location chosen creates a separate line item in the request.
- Inventory items don't have a **Ship to** address or a cost.
- When guided buying displays inventory items in the **Request details** page after ordering, you cannot change or edit them, but you can cancel them.
- Guided buying displays the reservation number for the inventory items that was generated by the SAP ERP.



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