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Sending limit items in guided buying requests to SAP S/4HANA Cloud for the 3EN integration scenario or to SAP S/4HANA for the 2NV and 3EN integration scenarios

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Customer challenge

Currently Guided Buying only supports the equivalent of SAP S/4 HANA item category E, Enhanced Limit Items for the 2NV integration scenario with SAP S/4 HANA Cloud.

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In the Guided Buying Capability with SAP Ariba Buying integration scenario, buyers can now add limit items in Guided Buying requests for goods and lean services that correspond to item category E in SAP S/4HANA Cloud. Limit items do not require goods receipts or service sheets. Limit items are bounded by validity periods to define the effective dates of the item and predefined amount limits to control spend.

Limit items created in Guided Buying will now also be integrated to SAP S/4 HANA Cloud where a purchase requisition is automatically created for 3EN integration scenarios and to SAP S/4 HANA for 2NV and 3EN integration scenarios.

Experience key benefits

Create limit orders in Guided Buying for goods and lean services that map to item category E in SAP S/4 HANA and SAP S/4 HANA Cloud.

Define catalog or non-catalog items that do not require receipts or service sheets. These items are instead bound by a validity period and amount-based limits.

This capability supports buying scenarios for frequent, low value purchases where individual POs are not beneficial; such as minor maintenance services.

Solution area

SAP Ariba Buying with guided buying capability
SAP Ariba Buying and Invoicing with guided buying capability
SAP S/4 HANA Cloud
SAP S/4 HANA

Implementation information

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

Customer must enable the following parameters in Guided Buying: ENABLE_LIMIT_ITEM_FOR_S4HANA, ENABLE_LEAN_SERVICE.

Your administrator must configure the commodity code mapping policy.

Prerequisites and Restrictions

Guided Buying functionality must be configured. This functionality is only available in Guided Buying.

Requires the Guided Buying Capability with SAP Ariba Buying (2NV) integration scenario to SAP S/4 HANA.

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When the box is checked, the item details change to reflect the bounds of a limit item: Start Date, End Date, Expected Value, Overall Limit.

Once configured, selecting a category defined as a limit item causes a check box labeled "This is a Limit Item" to appear. Note that since the box is not checked, the line item requires a Quantity and Unit Price.

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The catalog item page has also been updated with the checkbox "This is a limit item" to support this buying scenario. When the box is not checked the catalog item requires a quantity value.
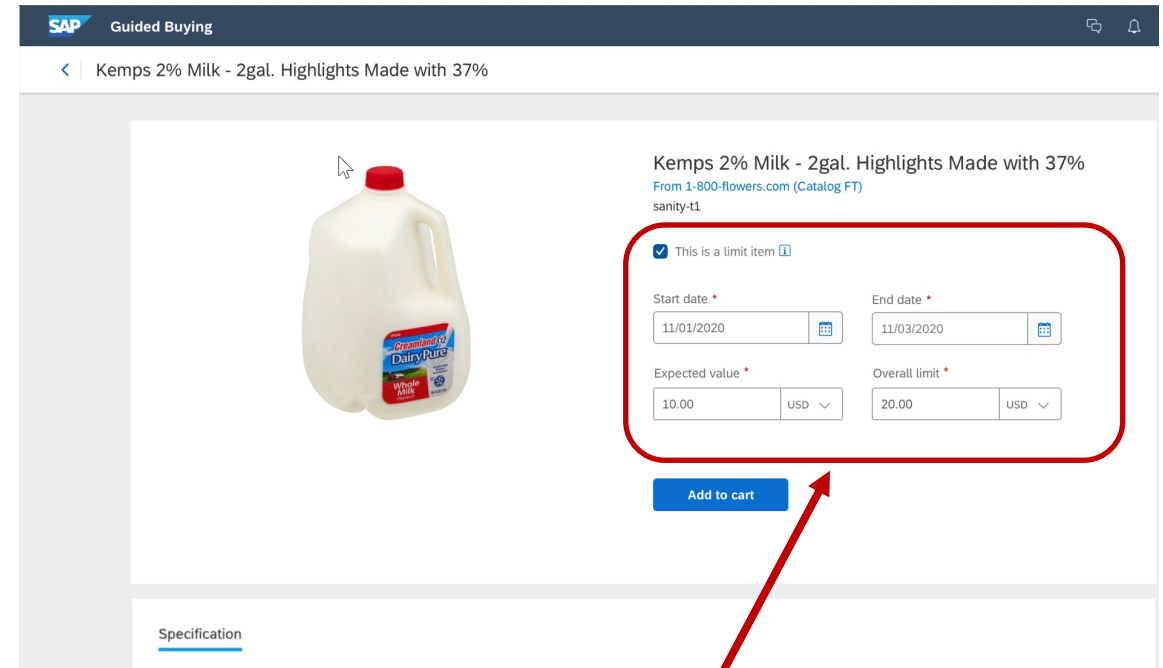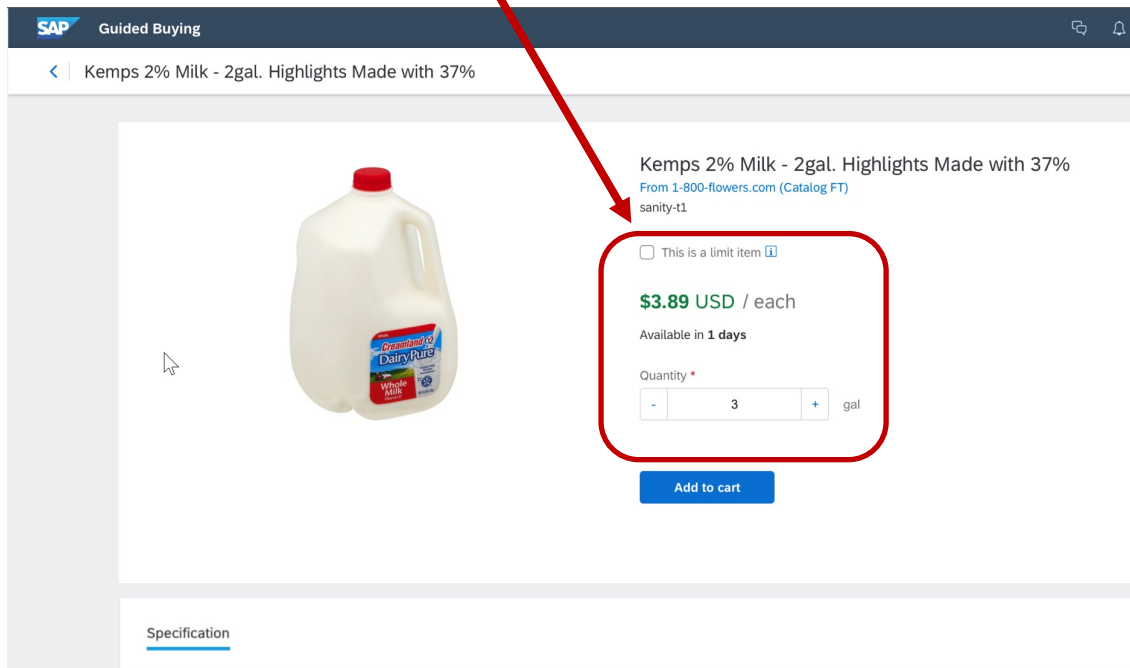
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Purchase Requisitions can contain both Limit Items and standard material items.

Note that both Materials and Lean Services can be designated as Limit Items.

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