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Release Summary

2308 SAP Business Network

SAP Business Network Release Readiness
July 2023

SAP Business Network 2308 Release



Audience:

Buyers & Suppliers

Feature Enablement:

Customer Configured

Solutions:

**SAP Business Network for
Procurement**

**SAP Business Network for
Supply Chain**



New Feature

Notification to Remove Old IP Addresses from Allowlist [CES-781]

Description:

As part of the Next Generation Cloud Delivery program, SAP Ariba has completed its transition to a hyperscaler infrastructure, which affects all SAP Ariba cloud solutions and SAP Business Network. Consequently, if your organization uses IP blocking/allowlisting in your IT environment, it's now safe to remove old IP addresses for SAP data centers from your allowlist.

Customer Benefit:

After transition to hyperscaler infrastructure, the customer's allowlist for their IT environment may reference old IP addresses that aren't used anymore. Customers can go to the Next Generation Cloud Delivery page (<https://support.ariba.com/item/view/182652>) for a list of old IP addresses that can be removed from their allowlist.

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Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

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New Feature

Enforced Anti-Virus Scanning in SAP Ariba Solutions [PS-15406]

Description:

This feature enforces the use of anti-virus scanning in SAP Ariba solutions. SAP Ariba scans all files uploaded using both the user interface and the SAP Ariba integration toolkit. If a virus or malware is detected when a file is uploaded, SAP Ariba displays a warning message indicating that the file is infected. Uploaded files are scanned for viruses by streaming the file contents to the virus scanning engine, so no local copies of the file are saved prior to being scanned. If a virus is detected, the file is automatically purged from the system.

Customer Benefit:

Enhanced security by proactively detecting uploaded files for virus, real-time warning and automatic purging of infected files to safeguard customer data effectively.

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Automatically On

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Branding Change

Change "Ariba Network" to "SAP Business Network" in the SAP Ariba Developer Portal UI [OPEC-11078]

Description:

This feature rebrands references of "Ariba Network" to "SAP Business Network" for the SAP Ariba Developer Portal UI. Note that this feature does not affect the naming of the APIs, and SAP Ariba reserves the right to rebrand individual APIs at a future date.

Customer Benefit:

As SAP rebrands from Ariba Networks to SAP Business Networks the naming consistency is continued into the SAP Ariba Developer Portal. This is to ensure customers have the same reference name continued in UI across components.

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Automatically On

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Include Related Purchase Order Information in Transaction Document Report Jobs [CSC- 33219]

Description:

With this feature, buyers can choose whether to include certain purchase order information in a Transaction Document Report job for Upload/Download. Depending on the document type, buyers can include in each returned record the related line item number and buyer part number, or include the related purchase order number.

Customer Benefit:

Customers will be able to see order and order line reference in the document transaction report. This will save time from multiple documents to be referred.



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Allow Reordering of Key Figures in Views [CSC-35672]

Description:

This feature allows buyers to set the order of key figures in views. The key figure order is visible both in the user interface and in Excel files downloaded by running Upload/Download jobs.

Customer Benefit:

Buyer benefit: Planner users will have planning views tailored on their business process and easier to consume.

Supplier benefit: Same benefit as buyer planner users.



Feature Resources: [What's New in SAP Ariba](#)

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New Feature

Quality Inspection Report [CSC-35859]

Description:

This feature adds the Quality Inspection report type for both buyers and suppliers. Reports are generated in Excel format. The retrieved information is organized in four sheets: Inspections, Single Result, Summarized Recording, and Attachments.

Customer Benefit:

Customers will be able to get their quality inspections information in a report where they will see all important information about them in one place.



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Additional Customizations for Ship Notice Excel Template for Upload/Download [CSC- 39047]

Description:

This feature adds customizations for the Ship Notice Excel template for Upload/Download. These customizations include providing alternate names and translations for standard attributes, hiding optional standard attributes, defining custom attributes to be required, and others.

Customer Benefit:

Provide more flexibility to customers when customizing the ship notice Excel template for their suppliers. Simplify the generation of ship notices through a mass upload for suppliers.



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Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

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Management**



New Feature

Change Order Rate Benchmarking Widget [BNA-1037]

Description:

The Change order rate benchmarking Widget displays the overall change order rate across all suppliers on supplier home page. The Change order rate benchmarking widget allows suppliers to compare their customers' change order rate performance against the aggregate performance of the network.

Suppliers may compare performance by supplier region, buyer industry, and buyer performance quartile.

Suppliers may choose last quarter, last month, last 12 months.

Customer Benefit:

Allows suppliers to use benchmarking as tool to improve performance. Allows suppliers to identify customer behaviors for discussion in contractual negotiations and in quarterly business reviews. Provides access to benchmarking data spanning many industries and regions. Eliminates costly data collection activities required to share data with a benchmarking service provider.

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Automatically On

Solutions:

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**SAP Ariba Discount
Management**



New Feature

Invoice Exception Rate Benchmarking Widget [BNA-199]

Description:

The Invoice exception rate benchmarking Widget displays the overall invoice exception rate across all suppliers on supplier home page.

The Invoice Exception Rate Benchmarking Widget allows suppliers to compare their customers' invoice exception rate performance against the aggregate performance of the network.

Suppliers may compare performance by supplier region, buyer industry, and buyer performance quartile.

Suppliers may choose last quarter, last month, last 12 months.

Customer Benefit:

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Transition of Legal Validation of CFDI Documents for Mexico Add-Ons [NG-5330]

Description:

As a part of SAP's transition to a partner-based model for necessary extensions in SAP Business Network localizations, the fiscal validations embedded into the Mexico tax invoice add-on are being decoupled from it. Due to this transition, the validation services can be optionally offered and provided by different partners through upcoming applications that will be available in the SAP Store. This helps in delivering more and new value-added options.

Customer Benefit:

Transition of buyer legal validations to API-based model providing more and new valued-added options.



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Invoice Enhancements for Bulgaria [NG-5866]

Description:

SAP Business Network now provides additional information in the invoices created within the system for Bulgaria to meet the regulatory requirements.

Customer Benefit:

Customer will be able to see invoice in legal wording.



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Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

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Support for External Invoices with Multiple POs for Brazil [NG-6028]

Description:

The NFe sent to SAP Business Network can now have multiple POs in one single invoice for Brazil. The POs must be associated to the same invoice and are displayed subsequently in the Original Purchase Order field of the invoice. The PO number and PO line-item number fields are respectively mapped from tags xPed and nItemPed coming within the NFe.xml at line-item level.

Customer Benefit:

Support multiple-PO business scenarios and further alignment with NFe XML standard.



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SAP Ariba Buying and Invoicing



Integration between SAP Business Network and SAP Ariba Buying and Invoicing to Support New Invoicing Method for Japan [NG-6139]

Description:

The tax authority in Japan will follow a new invoicing method called as TEKIKAKU SEIKYUSHO TOU HOZON HOUSHIKI, and it is effective October 1, 2023. SAP Business Network and SAP Ariba Buying and Invoicing now provides an enhanced method for tax calculation to support the new invoicing method in Japan. Thus, invoices created in both these systems will have the tax summarization calculated at the header level during invoice creation. The tax rounding (round up, round half-up, round down) occurs only once per tax rate in a single invoice.

Customer Benefit:

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1. Improved accuracy and compliance: The addition of header tax summary and tax rounding per tax rate and type per invoice ensures that tax calculations are more precise, reducing the risk of errors while entering taxes at header and ensuring better compliance with tax regulations.

Streamlined Registration Status Communication: Legal profile creation enables suppliers to effortlessly showcase their registration status to buyers, increasing their credibility and fostering trust in the business relationship.

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One-time Activity for Enhanced Efficiency: By incorporating the Tax ID into the invoice creation screen on the SAP Business Network, suppliers only need to complete this process once, saving time and reducing the risk of omission in future transactions.

Compliance with Japanese Tax Laws: The creation of a header tax summary and rounding requirements ensures that businesses adhere to Japan's consumption tax laws, mitigating potential legal issues and fostering a smooth business environment.

Feature Resources:

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Feature Enablement:

Customer Configured

Solutions:

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New Feature

Allow Suppliers to Edit Quantity in Line-item Credit and Debit Memos for Price Adjustment [NP-35353]

Description:

Buyer administrators can choose to enable their suppliers to edit the Quantity field in line-item credit and debit memos when they make a price adjustment. This is done by enabling a business rule in the buyers' SAP Business Network accounts. The business rule that is introduced is "Allow suppliers to edit quantity in line-item price adjustment credit and debit memos" and is not checked by default. Suppliers are now able to make a price adjustment for a certain quantity of items by editing the Quantity field in line-item credit and debit memos.

Customer Benefit:

Buyers may allow suppliers to make a price adjustment for a certain quantity of items by editing the Quantity field in line-item credit and debit memos.

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Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

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Buyer Selection During Supplier Onboarding for PDF Invoicing [NP-35598]

Description:

The current SAP 3rd party partner driven PDF invoicing on the SAP Business Network is being enhanced to have buyer specific onboarding going ahead.

This is inline with the new buyer enablement driven process for initiating PDF invoicing with the partner that also involves the buyer providing the partner with the invoice data to be extracted or in some cases even customized. Existing suppliers who have already onboarded previously before this feature is made available, can continue using it to process production invoices. If any new buyer or an existing buyer for this supplier, wants the partner to update the extracted invoice data, then the supplier has to use this new feature to onboard this buyer specifically.

Customer Benefit:

With the buyer specific onboarding suppliers can send a request to the partner to setup the extraction specific to this buyer and supplier, thus ensuring the data is extracted and transformed to provide the right invoice data as the buyer expects leading to faster reconciliation for the buyer and faster payment to the supplier

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Feature Enablement:

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Solutions:

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New Feature

Support for Invoice Profile Data in Invoice Header Extraction API [NP-35808]

Description:

The Invoice Header Extraction API has been enhanced to support additional fields of Payment Due Date, Buyer and Supplier Addresses, Tax and VAT Ids.

Customer Benefit:

This feature enables suppliers to share this additional profile data for different business cases including to financing organizations for financing.



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New Feature

Support Payment Receipt Document type for Flow Extension [NP-36523]

Description:

This feature enables buyers or partners on behalf of buyers to take actions on the Payment Receipts sent by the supplier to the SBN by using the Flow extension APIs.

Customer Benefit:

Buyers or Partners on behalf of buyers can now do the Fiscal validation of Payment Receipts that suppliers have posted to the SBN using the Flow extension support for Payment Receipts.



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**SAP Business Network
Discovery**



New Feature

SAP Business Network Account Blocked due to Incomplete or Inconsistent Data [NS-11259]

Description:

As a global company, SAP is committed to complying with all applicable export control and trade sanctions laws and regulations, which is reflected in our Compliance Policy Information published on SAP site. It has come to our attention that your Company Profile information is shown as having incomplete or inconsistent data. Your account administrator will receive an email notification as this will cause your account to be partially blocked.

Customer Benefit:

Overall profile quality on SAP Business network will be improved.

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Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

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Change in Registration experience for SAP Business Network Discovery [NS-18264]

Description:

This feature updates the walk-up registration page on Discovery for both buyers and suppliers. When you click the Join Discovery option on the Discovery page, you are navigated to the new onboarding portal after selecting your preferred Register as Buyer or Register as Supplier option. You must add all the mandatory commodities and locations to complete the registration and optimize your Discovery experience. The information section on What to expect after creating an account column is also updated for both buyers and suppliers.

Customer Benefit:

This feature provides streamlined and modernized registration experience for Discovery buyers and suppliers supporting faster and broader adoption of Discovery solutions.



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Solutions:

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New Feature

Physical Presence Filter to Enhance Trading Partner Search Results [NS-23823]

Description:

This feature adds a new Physical presence filter for enhancing trading partner search results. Buyers can use the Physical presence filter when they select the shipping address.

Customer Benefit:

Customers might have a requirement or a preference to choose the suppliers that are physically present in selected geography. The new "physical presence" filter allows customers to easily identify suppliers with physical presence in the selected location while using trading partner search. The results are based on information configured by suppliers as part of the profile.

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Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

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New Feature

SAP Business Network Discovery for Trading Partner Portal Buyers and Sellers [PAY- 12205]

Description:

Ariba Discovery is getting revamped to SAP Business Network Discovery with an improved UI and additional features. This is for both Trading Partner Portal Buyers and Trading Partner Portal Sellers.

Customer Benefit:

The benefits can be segregated into 3 areas:

1. Improved UI
2. Improved Matching
3. Improved Notifications



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Suppliers

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

SAP Supplier Financing

Updated Consent Management for SAP Supplier Financing [PAY-12605]

Description:

Consent management for SAP Supplier Financing has been enhanced to provide a uniform experience in multi-user scenarios. Acceptance of the terms of Use is now shared for all users in an organization.

Customer Benefit:

SAP Supplier Financing now supports single TOU acceptance across multiple users in same organization. The need to renew the TOU acceptance and consent to privacy statement annually has been eliminated. Additional users from the supplier organization need to accept the privacy statement.



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Suppliers

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

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Standard Account Experience Improvements [SA-26280]

Description:

The supplier standard account experience has been enhanced to provide additional permission-based actions and navigation.

Customer Benefit:

We are enhancing portal availability for standard accounts, giving unrestricted access to documents from the trading partner portal. This will help to simplify the transaction process, enable more commerce, and deliver more value to standard accounts on the network.



Feature Resources: [What's New in SAP Ariba](#)

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Audience:

Buyers

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

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New Feature

Support for Buyers to Bookmark Prospective Suppliers [SA-33212]

Description:

This feature enables buyers to bookmark prospective suppliers and view them at a later stage.

Customer Benefit:

Buyers can save/bookmark interesting supplier profiles for future perusal

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Audience:

Suppliers

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

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New Feature

Attachments to the Sustainability Ratings on Trading Partner Profiles [SA-33319]

Description:

Suppliers can now display supporting documents to their third-party sustainability ratings in their SAP Business Network Marketing Profile to increase trust and provide transparency on their environmental, sustainability, and governance practices to buyers.

Customer Benefit:

The Suppliers can add supporting documentation to increase trust with their buyers.



Feature Resources: [What's New in SAP Ariba](#)

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Audience:

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Feature Enablement:

Customer Configured

Solutions:

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New Feature

Auto Share Assessments with Buyers [SA-35740]

Description:

This feature enables suppliers to share assessments with their buyers automatically in two ways: immediately upon completion of the assessment, or upon request from buyers. Both parties can save time and effort by utilizing this feature, while ensuring that assessments are shared promptly.

Customer Benefit:

This feature will remove the extra clicks needed to share an assessment with all related buyers and will remove the extra click needed to accept the buyer's request for assessment.



Feature Resources: [What's New in SAP Ariba](#)

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Audience:

Suppliers with SAP Business Network Enterprise Platinum account.

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

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New Feature

Guided Integration for Trading Partners [SA-37580]

Description:

This feature adds Guided Integration for Trading Partners to SAP Business Network. Guided Integration for Trading Partners streamlines and expedites the tasks needed for you to integrate with your existing buyers for additional business processes.

Customer Benefit:

This self-service guided tool helps the suppliers to cut their time to integrate with multiple buyers, by getting insights into their integration opportunities and being able to provide coverage using one template to manage these integrations in a one-to-many fashion, with their buyers. This also makes incremental integrations easier to manage, as new buyer relationships are created.



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Audience:

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Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

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Improve Product and service Categories on the Profile to have better matching in Discovery [SA-38675]

Description:

This feature removes the facility to select L3 product services and categories on your Marketing Profile.

Customer Benefit:

By entering specific product and service categories, they can get the best match in Discovery.



Feature Resources: [What's New in SAP Ariba](#)

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Audience:

Buyers & Suppliers

Feature Enablement:

Automatically On

Solutions:

SAP Ariba Sourcing

SAP Strategic Sourcing Suite

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Expedited Support Requests on Sourcing Auctions [SS-40648]

Description:

This feature adds a new expedited support button, Request Immediate Assistance, to auction events. This button appears when the auction has 1 hour or less remaining for open bidding.

Customer Benefit:

Provides expedited, more efficient way to request Support. When an auction has 60 minutes or less, users that need support need it fast and efficiently. This new button facilitates the process of requesting support making it faster and easier. Additionally, since support requests initiated using this new button are flagged as expedited, the support team will prioritize them appropriately.



Feature Resources: [What's New in SAP Ariba](#)