

SAP SCC Returns Process Supplier Training Guide

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Introduction

- Ariba Network supports the capability to process return orders. Buyers can return goods that they've purchased from a vendor and receive credit for them. Purchase orders can now include return items, that is, items that are being returned to the supplier.
- Returns can occur for many different reasons, including:
 - Warranty
 - Non-compliance by the supplier (goods failed quality inspection)
 - Reaching the end of life of equipment
 - Damaged or defective product
 - Equipment upgrade
 - Overstock
 - Delivery error
- Return items can be included on regular orders. To process return items, you can create a line-level credit memo called a Return Item Credit Memo. The Return Item Credit Memo is always PO-based. You can create a Return Item Credit Memo only for return items on a single order.

Returns Process Documents

Document	Description
Purchase Order Lines with Return Items	Purchase order that contains a return PO line item (negative quantity will reflect in purchase order)
Return Ship Notice (ASN)	Ship Notice sent to supplier from buying organization to alert supplier return items have been shipped
Line Item Credit Memo for Return Item (Invoice)	Line item credit memo submitted against return purchase order line items
Finish Good Receipt	Customer confirmation of final product receipt

Returns Process Workflow

Workflow process for returns

The following describes the workflow for the returns process:

Supplier / Contract Manufacturer

- 1. The buyer requests a Returned Material Authorization (RMA) from the supplier. The RMA process is managed outside the Ariba Network.
- 2. The supplier authorizes the RMA.
- 3. The buyer submits a return purchase order to the supplier. The return purchase order references the RMA number.
- 4. The buyer submits a Return Ship Notice to the supplier, and ships the goods to the supplier's location.
- 5. The supplier creates a Credit Memo for Return Items to reimburse the buyer for the returned goods.
- 6. In the credit memo, the supplier edits the price for return items that were damaged.



Different modes of Integration/ Automation

Ariba allows you to work /integrate in different modes within the system

- **Portal:** The Supplier works online through its Web Browser.
- Full System Integration: Suppliers electronically integrate their system(s) to the Network.

Returns Process Portal User Interaction In this Chapter You Will Learn About ...

... the parts of Returns Process

... how to manage orders with returns line items

Overall Considerations

- If an order includes at least one return item, you cannot confirm or reject the entire order.
- When you confirm individual line items, only regular items are flipped to the Order Confirmation; return items are not flipped.



View Return Items

- 1. To access a Return PO Line Item, click on the **Orders** tab of your supplier account.
- 2. Select Orders and Releases.
- 3. Click on the **Return Items** subtab.
- 4. Use the specific search criteria to populate return items. Advanced filters allow more refined search.
- 5. To view the return item, click on the order number.

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View Return Ship Notices

- 1. To view your Return Ship Notice, click on the **Fulfillment** tab.
- 2. Select the **Extended Collaboration** from the dropdown list.
- 3. Click on the **Return Shipments** sub-tab to view all return shipment notices.
- 4. Use the specific search criteria to populate return items.
- 5. To view the return ship notice, click on its number.

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View Goods Receipts for Returns Shipments

1. To view receipts sent to customer, click on **Fulfillment/ Goods Receipts**.

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Routing Statuses

The Routing Status field describes whether your invoice made it to your customer's invoice processing system.

- **Failed** This status means that the invoice didn't follow your customer's invoicing rules. Failed invoices aren't sent to your customer's invoice processing system. You can edit and resubmit a failed invoice.
- Obsoleted After you cancel an invoice or edit and resubmit an invoice, the original invoice moves to Obsoleted status to indicate that you don't need to take any further action on the original invoice. Once an invoice has this routing status, you can't make any changes to it.
- **Queued** Ariba Network is in the process of sending the invoice to your customer. Contact Ariba Customer Support if your invoice remains in this status for more than 30 minutes.
- Sent Ariba Network sent the invoice to your customer, but your customer hasn't yet acknowledged that they received the invoice. If your invoice stays in this status for a while, contact your customer to see what needs to happen next. If your customer allows it, you can cancel an invoice with this routing status.
- Acknowledged The invoice reached your customer's invoice processing system. Acknowledged is the final routing status for invoices.





