

The following questions were asked by participants of the above noted webcast and answered by our SAP Procurement Product Experts to the best of their knowledge at the given time. Questions have been grouped by related topic.

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Central Invoice Management

Is the SAP CIM part of the SAP Business network or a different portal altogether?	Central Invoice Management is a new product. Integrating with the SAP Business Network is a roadmap line item. Please check our roadmap explorer for more information
Will OCR integration be free?	OCR solution is embedded in CIM. The APIs are part of the CIM. 3rd party OCR solutions are not covered by CIM

Central Procurement (CP-19278)

Enhanced Resending of Purchase Orders Stuck in Ordering or Cancelling State

How many times we can try resending the order once the resend order button is visible	Once the button is visible, you can press Resend once. From there the reset rules apply. When failed again and the button shows up you can press it again (until you get tired of it). We suggest though to check the integration and do a root cause analysis
Does the feature for resending the purchase order will be automatically enabled and is it something which can be controlled by customer themselves or will have to go via raising SR to ARIBA team?	You will find details in the Help Portal https://help.sap.com/docs/ariba/ariba-completed-features/cp-19278-enhanced-resending-of-stuck-purchase-orders?state=DRAFT , but yes, the administrator has to configure a respective parameter
What was the name/ID for the feature that allows users to resend orders through AN?	You will get access to the slides, but I think you are talking about CP-19278

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Guided Buying (GB-24308)

SAP Companion Enabled for All Users and Legacy Help Community Deprecated

Is SAP COMPANION Mandatory from 2308?	UPDATED: The SAP Companion will be enabled for all with 2311 release, and it will not deprecate the Help Community. The Help Community will remain available to all the current users. Please see further documentation for more details: GB-24308
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Guided Buying (GB-23280)

Recommended Alternatives for Non-Catalog Items

Does recommended alternatives for non-catalog items feature work with punch outs? Or only for internal eCatalog?	It largely uses historic data of past purchasing activities. The catalog search should include punch outs as well, but I will double check to be sure UPDATE: internal only catalogs currently.
Regarding GB-23280: Are search results also from Spot Buy (marketplace like Mercateo or Amazon) recommended?	Spot Buy results (Mercateo or Amazon) are not included in the recommendations.
For the Alternatives for Non-Catalogs: will the machine learnings consider the user settings - eg. results of the catalog view where user has access to?	Not yet. Recommendations carousel may include items the user is not authorized to purchase though when the user clicks the item, a blank page is displayed. It is planned to fix this and consider user settings. A reliable timeline for it is not yet available.
The recommendation of category through ML (machine learning) will be also applicable for existing Guided Buying application, not just for B360?	Correct, also for Guided Buying.
Requisition Forms are created using custom form builder? and can we set a default values in particular required fields in the PR?	Yes, you can. Please check with your consultants.

Guided Buying (General)

When can we expect to have an improved search for Invoicing in Guided Buying?	UPDATED: there is currently no timeline in the roadmap, but the request is acknowledged. You may create an Influence Request on influence.sap.com or check, if one is there already and vote for it.
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Mobile (BMA-4890)

Enhanced Shopping Section, Approval Workflows in SAP Ariba Procurement Mobile App

Why Saving carts card is removed?	We re-designed the UX for better usability and this was part of that improvement.
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Mobile (General)

Is there any plan to release the reservation feature on mobile apps in this release?	This is not currently planned.
Does the mobile app support the punch out catalogs?	Both SAP Ariba Shopping mobile app and SAP Ariba Procurement mobile app do not support punch out catalogs at the moment.
Procurement Mobile app enhancements: does it allow now to display questionnaire content for approval tasks available in the app?	Supplier qualification activities such as starting qualification projects and sending qualification questionnaires are not supported in the mobile app

Strategic Sourcing (SS-44822)

Enabling show options to switch to guided sourcing on all sites

Are you planning to discontinue the legacy process, and force users to use Guided Sourcing templates? If so, what's the timeline for that, so we can plan a proper transition.	Please also ask the question in the upcoming Source-to-Contract session. Eventually, yes, Guided Sourcing will be the path forward. Please stay tuned.
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Other

When are the enhancements of 2308 going to be put into SAP Ariba TEST environment? so we can review the updates? Thanks.	These enhancements are being made available to the entire cloud environment at the same point. Some of the features are configurable and can be "checked out" in a test environment first
How about replicating GL Account Master from SAP S/4HANA?	There are no changes with the 2308 release.
Is there a current feature or on the roadmap allowing suppliers to see payment details, and not only invoice details, in their SBN account, without using Ariba invoice module?	Payment status is currently available on the SAP Business Network and integrates with SAP Ariba Buying and Invoicing. Please follow our roadmap explorer for more information on what's coming.
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