2311 Release for Business Network
Feature Overview and Q&A

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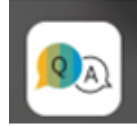
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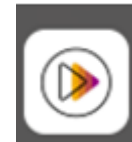 - Type in question, click Submit

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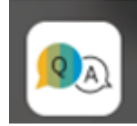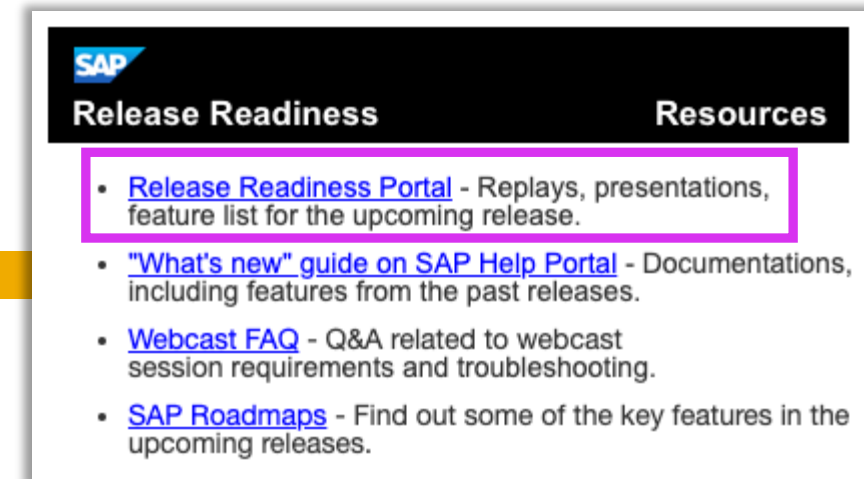 - The Media Player window may be "hidden" behind other windows if you have multiple open

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- Release Readiness Portal - Replays, presentations, feature list for the upcoming release.
- "What's new" guide on SAP Help Portal - Documentations, including features from the past releases.
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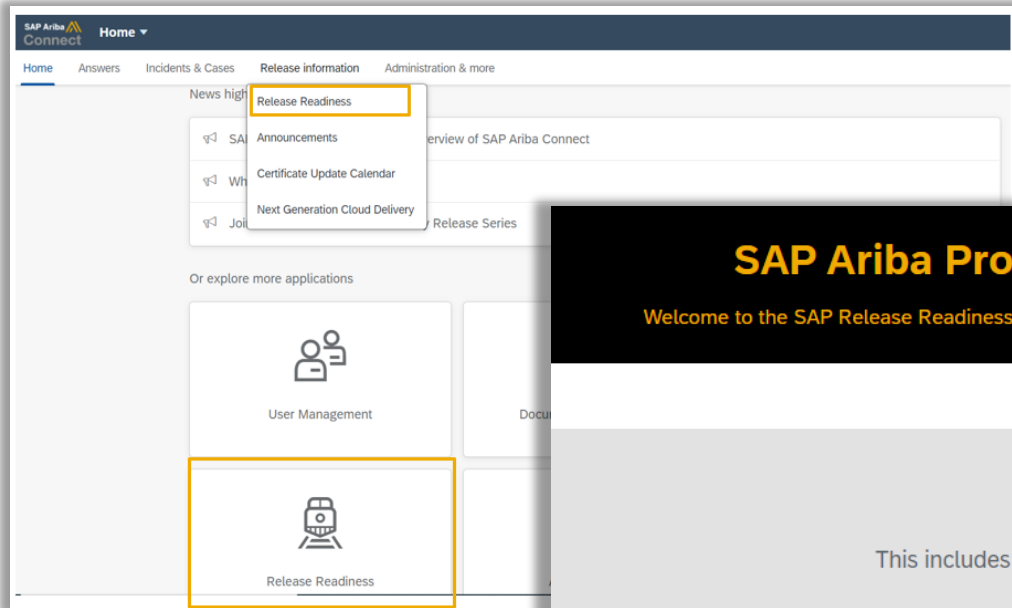
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**Decommissioning of Transaction Monitoring API [PLMSG-5143]**

 The Transaction Monitoring API will be decommissioned with the 2311 Quarterly Release. The *Integration Event Monitoring Query API for Procurement* is recommended as an alternative for customers currently using the Transaction Monitoring API.
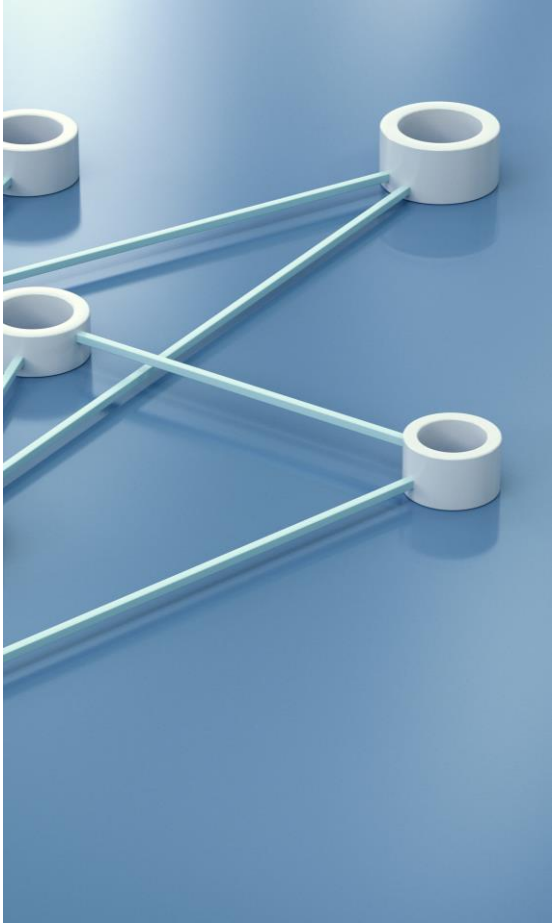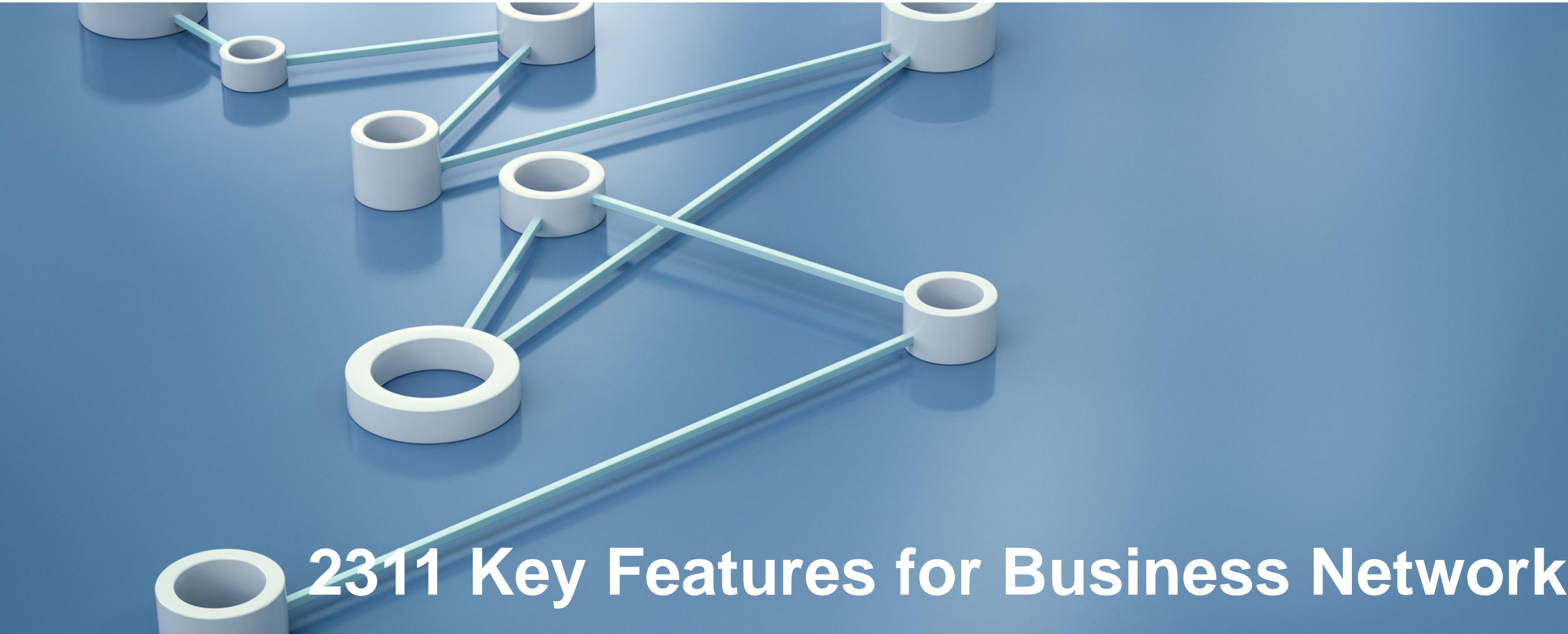
Support for HTTP Security Headers in SAP Ariba Solutions [SI-65]

Beginning **March 2, 2024**, SAP Ariba Applications and SAP Business Network will only support the following browser versions:

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- Microsoft Edge (version 88 or greater)
- Mozilla Firefox (version 87 or greater)
- Apple Safari (version 15 or greater)
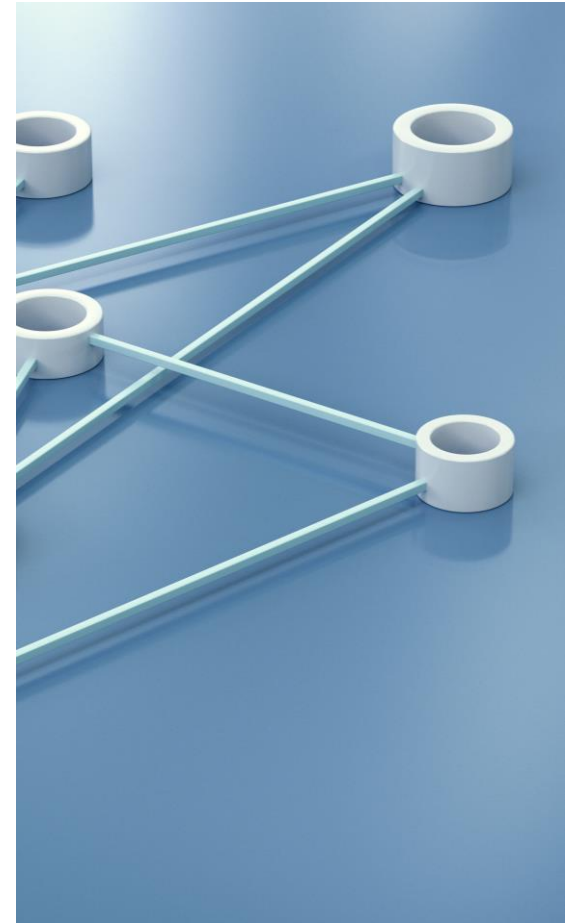
2311 Key Features for Business Network

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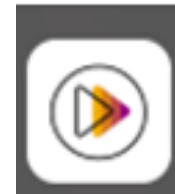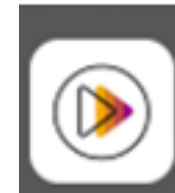
Key Benefits For **Suppliers**:

- Master catalog that includes products from all categories, regardless of how they are measured, priced, and delivered.

- New business opportunities for Suppliers by reaching new buyers for their products and services through the network.

- Suppliers can respond to request for information (RFI) private postings in SAP Business Network Discovery created by buyers browsing through the network catalog.

- The existing catalog types are now named Customer Catalogs. A new option Customer Catalogs has been added to the Catalogs menu on the SAP Business Network homepage.

Feature Demo: Supplier Perspective

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Key Benefits For **Buyers**:

- Enable buyers to use the new search functionality on Buyer Trading Partner Portal Home Page.

- Search for products from various suppliers using product name and ship to location.

- See the top suppliers of a product based on the selected delivery location.

- Find competent sources of new supply channels.

- Increase new business opportunities for both Buyers and Suppliers.

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Buyer Announcements for Trading Partner Communication [SA-33620]

This feature empowers buyers to communicate important information, changes, or news to suppliers by publishing announcements on SAP Business Network.

Key Benefits:

- **Customizable Content:** Buyers can tailor the content of announcements to suit the target audience.

- **Targeted Recipients:** Buyers have the flexibility to specify the recipients of announcements. Whether it's all their suppliers, specific groups of suppliers, or suppliers in particular countries or regions.

- **Multi-Language Support:** The Announcements feature supports the creation of different language versions for the same announcement.

- **Attachments Supported:** Essential documents or supporting materials can be uploaded.

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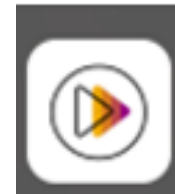
Intelligent Invoice Conversion for SAP Business Network [NP-32948]

Intelligent invoice conversion is a self service PDF and Scanned paper invoice conversion service for suppliers on SAP Business Network.

Key Benefits:

- **Self service onboarding:** Self service guided onboarding provided in the supplier's test account.

- **Efficient document extraction:** Invoice data is extracted using machine learning and manually setup annotation rules.

- **Invoice enrichment:** PO based invoices are enriched with PO data similar to the Online PO flip   in addition to extracted supplier invoice data.

- **Business rule validations**: Invoices are validated against the buyer's business transaction rules.

- **Submission methods**: Suppliers can configure their upload their invoices to be saved as drafts for review and submitted manually or auto-submitted for a touchless automation.

- **Buyer customization support:** Buyers customization fields are available for annotation to create buyer specific templates.

- **Invoice status visibility:** Suppliers have complete visibility into the conversion process and status.

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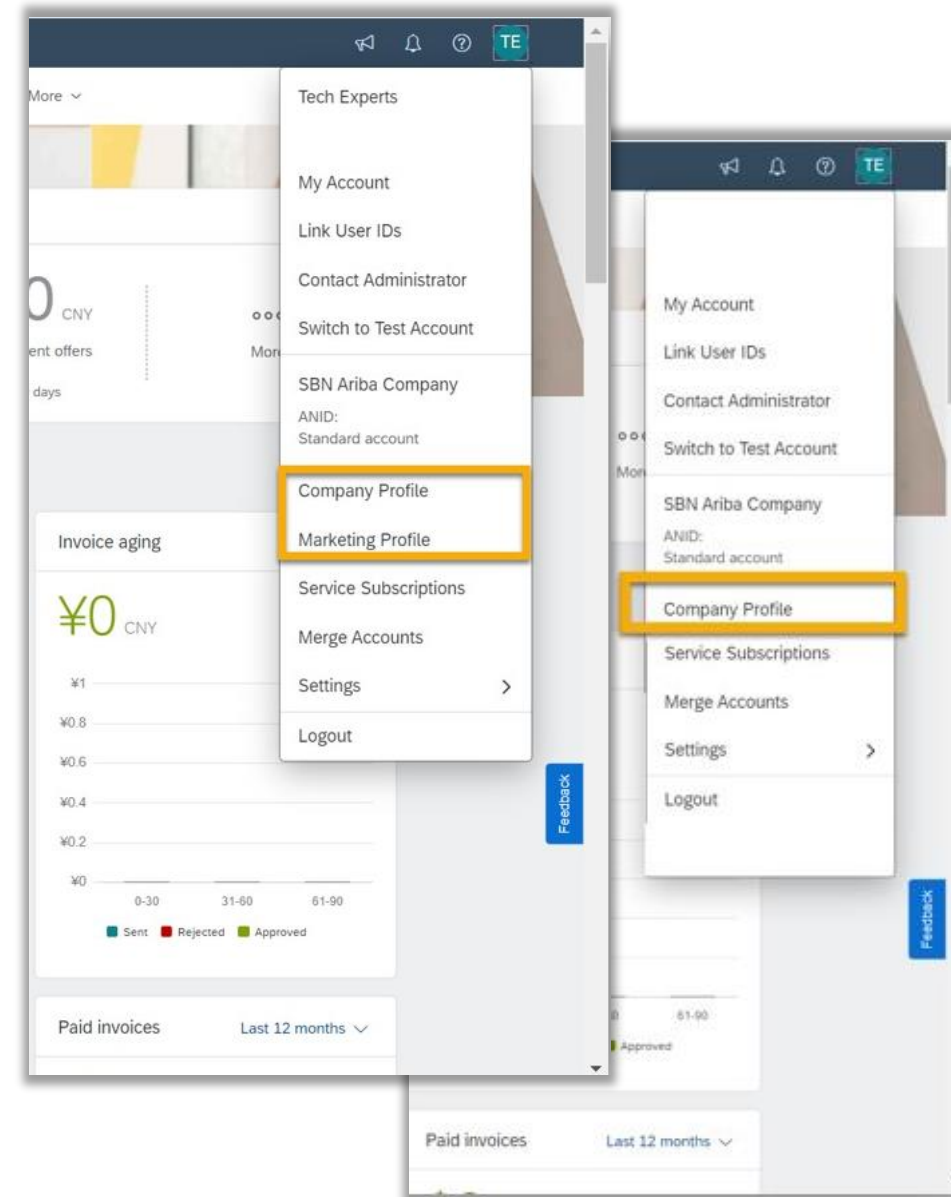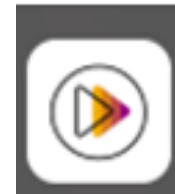- The Media Player window may be "hidden" behind other windows if you have multiple open
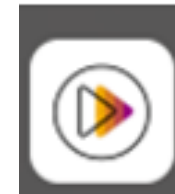
Create Summary Invoices in SAP Business Network [NP-33199]

This feature enables suppliers to create a summary invoice based on multiple purchase orders and ship notices by using the Orders to summary invoice tile.

Key Benefits:

- Reducing the number of invoices to create and manage for suppliers.

- Reducing the number of invoices to approve and pay for buyers.

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New Company Profile Editor Experience [SA-38798]

The legacy Company Profile is deprecated and replaced by the trading partner Marketing Profile, now named Company Profile. Elements present in the legacy profile have been added to the new profile to maintain parity.

Key Benefits:

- A single point of entry for trading partners who want to edit their profile.

- Simplified, well-structured design that prioritizes key information.

- Left-side navigation to quickly access content such as Additional Addresses and Insights.

- Visibility settings for Credentials and Assessments.

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Improved Certifications on Trading Partner Profiles [SA-44511]

This feature provides suppliers with a new way of managing certifications within their SAP Business Network Company Profile while enhancing buyers' trading partner search experience.

Key Benefits For Suppliers:

- A new user-friendly interface dedicated to certification management.

- Presenting certifications on their profiles with enriched details, such as certification number, certified location, effective date, expiration date, certification file, and additional information.

- Expanding the list of predefined certification types.

- Supporting management of certification versions.

Key Benefits For Buyers:

- Customize trading partner search results based on specific certification requirements.

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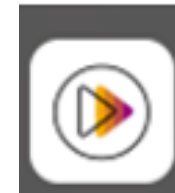
Enable Email Notifications for SAP Business Network for Supply Chain Features [CSC-32329]

This feature enables email notifications for the SAP Business Network for Supply Chain features so that the supplier is updated about the current status of the different SCC documents in the SAP Business Network.

Key Benefits:

Allows email notification to be sent to Suppliers for:

- Inventory updates.

- Consignment movements.

- Consignment settlements.

- Invoice against Consignments.

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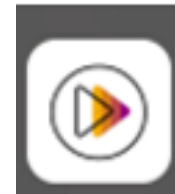
Added Specifications for Upload/Download Planning Jobs [CSC-36735]

This feature adds new functionality when creating Upload/Download jobs for planning processes. You can now choose to exclude planning records without time-series planning data from the download. You can also explicitly specify the time window for the download.

Key Benefits For Buyers & Suppliers:

- The Excel enhancements improve the efficiency of Planning collaboration upload /download jobs and give the planner users more flexibility in their planning activities.

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Default Packaging Instruction Enhancements for Handling Units [CSC-37434]

This feature provides more options to suppliers for packaging instructions for handling units.

Key Benefits:

- Enables the option for Buyers show multiple specific and default packaging instruction to the supplier at same time.

- All instructions offered in same dropdown list on define instruction screen.

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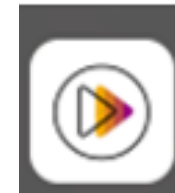
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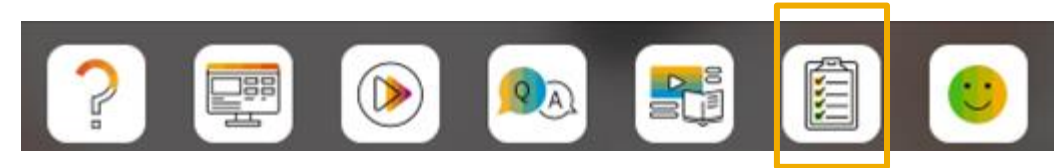
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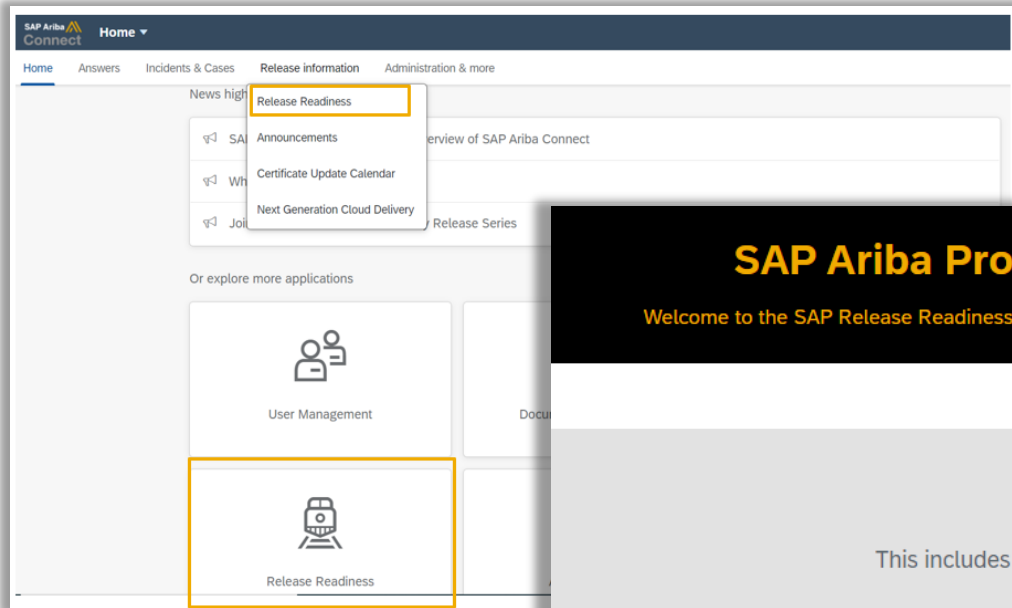
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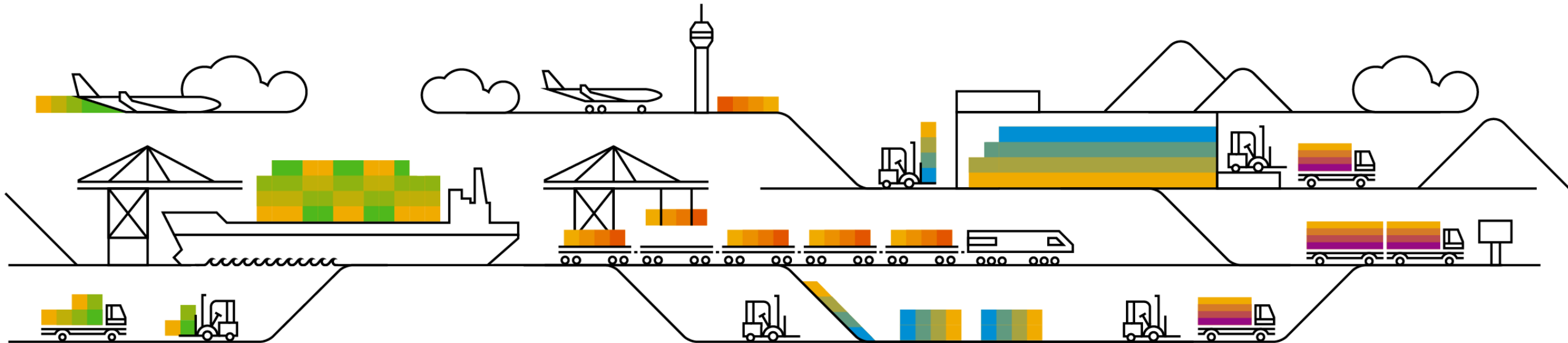
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