



# 2402 Release for Business Network

## Feature Overview and Q&A

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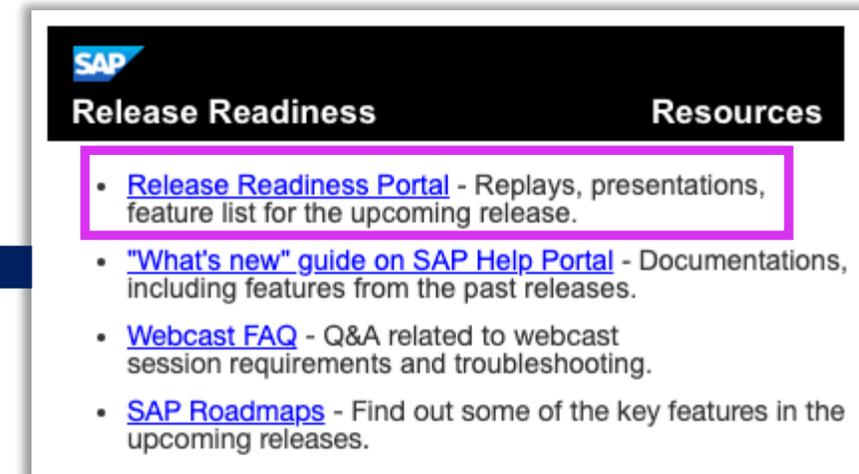
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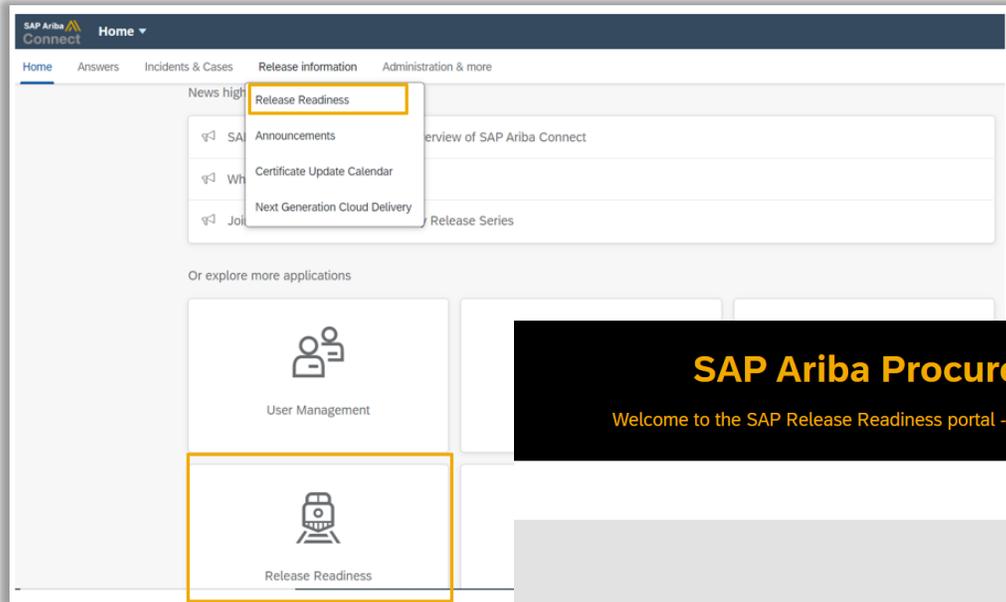
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# General Awareness Features

## 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. [Learn More](#)

## End of support for weak TLS 1.2 cipher suite connections and enable support for TLS 1.3

On **August 16, 2024**, there will be a change to the supported cipher suite connections. For additional information on this change, please refer to this [recent communication](#).

## Advance Notice on New SAP Business Network Subprocessor

On **March 8, 2024** SAP Business Network will incorporate a new hyperscaler, Microsoft Azure. For additional details on this change, please review the [FAQ](#).





**2402 Key Features for Business Network**

## 2402 Release Features

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# Purchase Orders Analytics for Suppliers [BCS3-2478]

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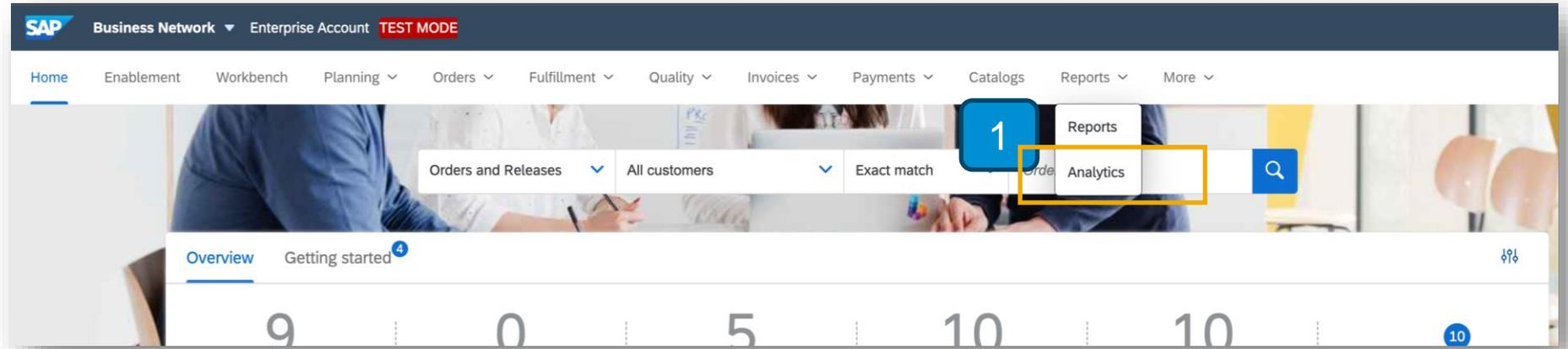
## Key Benefits

- How many relationships are helping grow the sales/orders
- How are purchase orders trending over time
- Analyze top customers and each customer's orders

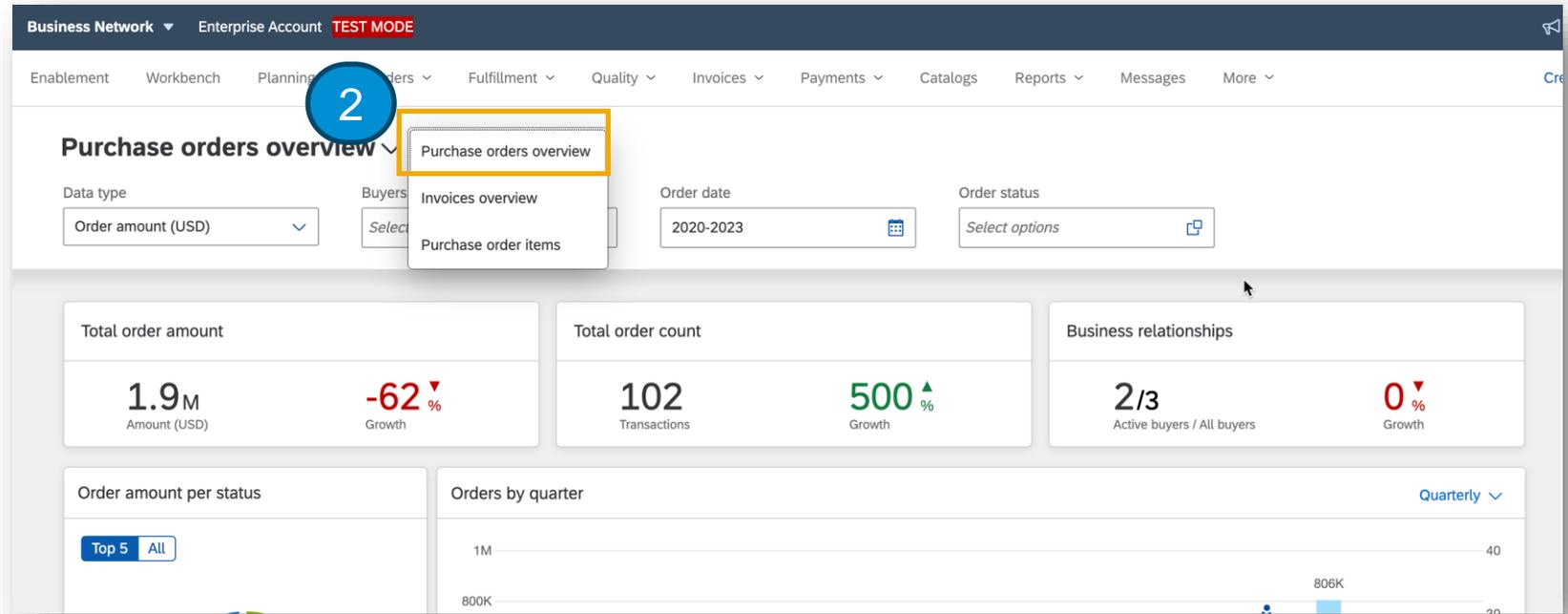
## Prerequisites

- Analytics dashboard Access
- Enterprise account with Bronze level or above

1. Access the new Analytics content under Reports > Analytics



2. Once in the Analytics tab, navigate through the content sections by clicking on the title name



# Invoices Analytics for Suppliers [BCS3-2488]

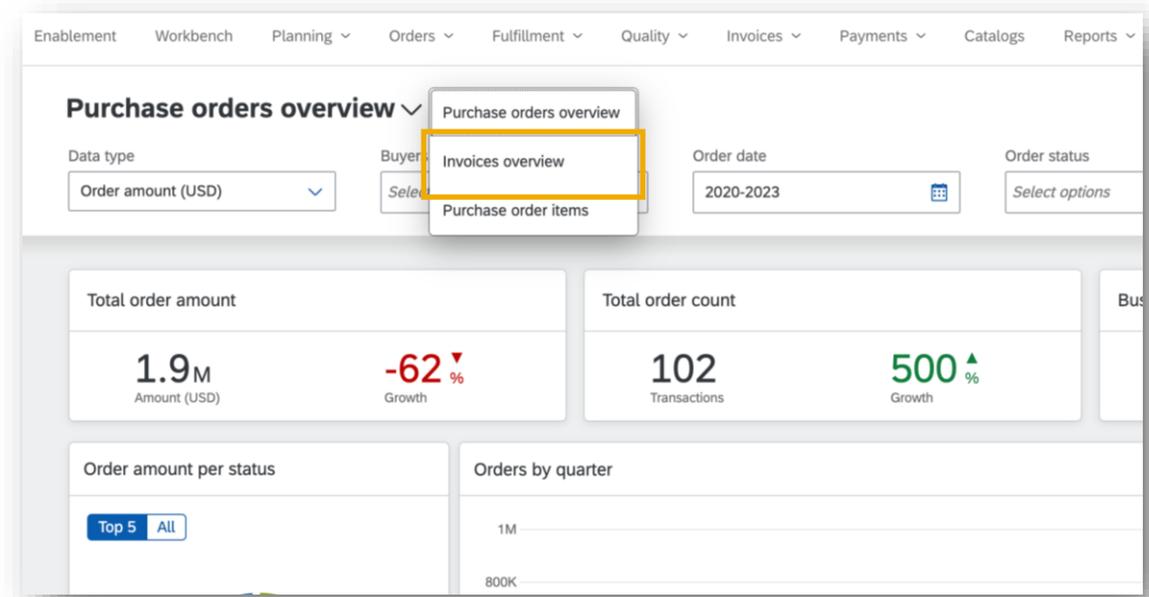
SAP Business Network offers data analytics on suppliers' invoices to help them better understand their customers and business. The information is presented in the **Invoices Overview** view of the new **Analytics** dashboard in the SAP Business Network user interface for suppliers.

## Key Benefits

- View invoice statuses modification
- How are the invoices trending over time
- Analyze source documents of the invoice

## Prerequisites

- Analytics dashboard Access
- Enterprise account with Bronze level or above



# Analytics on Purchase Order Items for Suppliers [BCS3-2493]

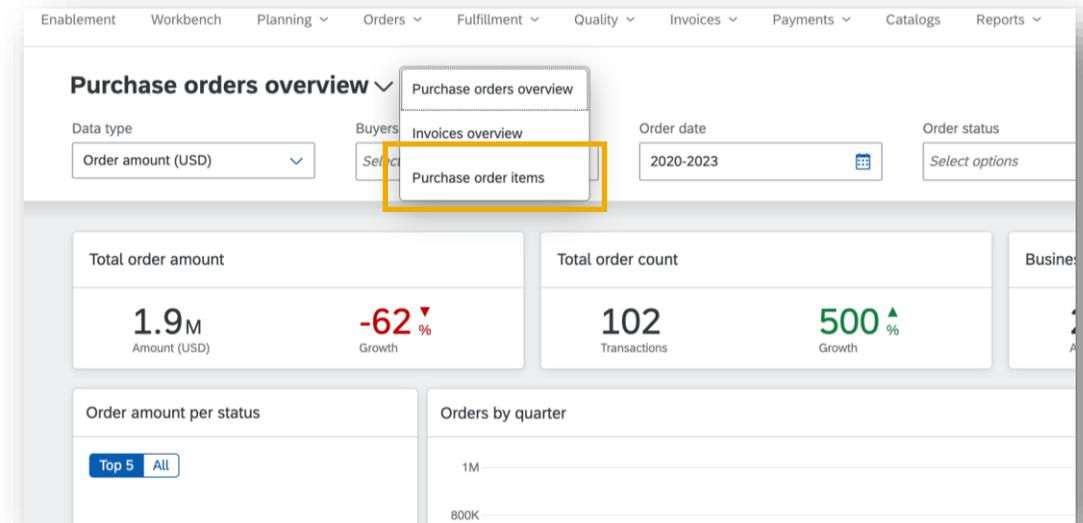
SAP Business Network offers data analytics on suppliers' purchase orders and purchase order items to help them better understand their customers and business. The information is presented in the **Purchase Order Items** view of the new **Analytics** dashboard in the SAP Business Network user interface for suppliers.

## Key Benefits

- Which materials from orders trending over time
- How much each customer is contributing to the business
- Analyze top selling materials numbers

## Prerequisites

- Analytics dashboard Access
- Enterprise account with Bronze level or above



# Purchase Orders, Purchase Order items and Invoices Analytics for Suppliers

[BCS3-2493, BCS3-2488, BCS3-2478]

## Feature Demo

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# Support Bulk Actions on Network Catalog Products [BNCAT-2191]

Suppliers with a product approver role or an administrator role can reject multiple products that are sent for approval. The products selected for rejection must have the same rejection reason. Also, suppliers with a product manager role or an administrator role can move multiple products from the online version to the staged version of the network catalog.

## Key Benefits

- Additional bulk action functionality will lead to better user experience for the supplier using network catalog

## Prerequisites

- The product approver role must have **Product Approver** user permission
- The product manager role must have the **Product Manager** user permission
- Suppliers must have an Enterprise account to access the Network Catalog functionality

52 Staged Products

**4** Pending Approvals

5 Online Products

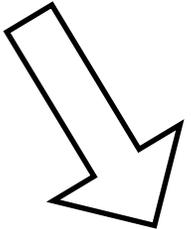
### Pending Approvals (4)

Go Refresh Filters (5)

Product ID Product Name Category Update Date

<input type="checkbox"/>	Image	Product ID	Product Name	Update Date	Category	Action
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				6/10/2023, 7:34:39 PM	Mobile phones	...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				6/10/2023, 7:32:20 PM	Mobile phones	...
<input type="checkbox"/>				6/10/2023, 7:25:23 PM	Brooms and mops and brushes and accessories	...
<input type="checkbox"/>				6/10/2023, 7:25:23 PM	Mobile phones	...

10 Items



**Reject**

Are you sure you want to reject the selected products?  
Click [here](#) to see all the selected products.

Comments: \*

*Add Note*

52

Staged Products

4

Pending Approvals

5

Online Products

### Online Products (5)

Go ↻ Filters (5)

Product ID  Product Name  Category  Update Date

Move to Staged

<input type="checkbox"/>	Image	Product ID	Product Name	Update Date	Category	Action
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				28/11/2023, 3:32:22 PM	Notebook computers	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				15/11/2023, 7:48:19 AM	Brooms and mops and br	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				15/11/2023, 6:47:40 AM	Brooms and mops and br	
<input type="checkbox"/>				5/11/2023, 2:57:03 PM	Mobile phones	
<input type="checkbox"/>				6/9/2023, 9:17:32 AM	Brooms and mops and br	

Product Name  Category  Update Date

**⚠ Move to Staged**

Are you sure you want to move the selected products from online product to **staged** product?  
Click [here](#) to see all the selected products.

- [Product Name]
- [Product Name]
- [Product Name]

Move Cancel

# Catalog Matching [PAY-17147]

There have been multiple feedbacks from buyers regarding quality of matches and lack of supplier responses. This happens because the current matching system relies on the supplier profile data for the matching. There are multiple suppliers which have uploaded a catalog for multiple commodities and locations, however if they have not updated their profile with the UNSPSC commodity and location, they are not considered as match for Discovery postings. With this functionality, we will start notifying suppliers who have uploaded public catalog for a commodity and location, about new business opportunities.

## Key Benefits

- Whenever a buyer is creating a discovery posting, our system should also match the suppliers who have uploaded catalog for the same UNSPSC commodity and match/notify those catalog suppliers

## Prerequisites

- A user must have the Respond to postings on Ariba Discovery permission
- There must be an active catalog in live status for supplier's organization
- There must be a business opportunity matching supplier's product

# Improved Task Experience for Suppliers [NS-24298]

This feature brings updates to supplier task management tab, with new more intuitive wording and hidden buyer tasks section, making it easy to identify the items that are pending action from supplier.

Supplier should have easy access to pending enablement tasks and an intuitive path to completion with guided assistance.

Supplier should receive a reminder regarding pending task in case X number of days have passed without completion.

## Key Benefits

- Improved turn around time for task completion
- More intuitive experience for supplier

# Versioning and Deleting Customization Projects [CSC-39004]

With this feature, buyers can now create a new version of a customization project and delete an unpublished customization project.

## Key Benefits

- Suppliers assigned to a customization project always use the latest published version of the project

## Prerequisites

- You are a buyer administrator or a buyer with the **Customization Editor** permission

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# Quality Collaboration Changes [CSC-40349]

This feature makes enhancements to quality inspections and quality notifications. For quality inspections, these enhancements include a new field for suppliers to input comments about their results, improved filters, and others. For quality notifications, the user details for the supplier who made the updates are added when the supplier submits a quality notification in SAP Business Network.

## Key Benefits

- Help buyers better understand quality inspection results and avoids buyers needing to contact their suppliers directly
- Buyers can see name, email address and username of the supplier that created or updated a quality notification

## Prerequisites

- Buyer system is enabled for the quality collaboration component

## Quality inspection

### ▼ Search filters

Customer

Customer inspection no.   Partial match  Exact match

Customer location

Customer part no.

Customer batch

Inspection created from  ▼

Inspection due from  ▼

Usage decision  ▼

Supplier inspection no.   Partial match  Exact match

Supplier part no.

Supplier batch

Purchase order

Item no.

Inspection type

Inspection status  ▼

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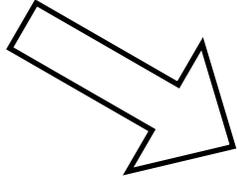
Customer inspection no.	Supplier inspection no.	Customer	Customer batch	Supplier batch	No. of characteristics	Inspection lot quantity	Customer part no.	Supplier part no.	Days to complete	Inspection created date	Inspection end date	Inspection progress	Inspection status	Usage decision	Order no.	Order line no.
2	02 IXIH	selbuy23 1102045 3268a0							42	Nov 2, 2023	Sep 19, 2016	<div style="width: 20%;"></div>	Awaiting Signature	Not valuated	Non-PO	

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**Quality notification**

Customer	Title	Quality notification type	Supplier deviation no.	Customer deviation no.	Priority	Status
selbuy231018084527DJO	demoQC01	Q7 - Complaint from vendor	DEMOQC01		Medium	New

- Details
- Defects (0)
- Partner info**
- History



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# Support for Document Annotation Within the Guided Onboarding Page of Intelligent Invoice Conversion [NP-38184]

As part of the Intelligent invoice conversion onboarding, the template activation step is the most important and currently, this has a few user actions to activate the template. In addition to that, the Annotation Document UI also opens as a new application outside the onboarding. To improve this user experience, the template activation step has been further simplified and the document UI is now within the guided onboarding.

## Key Benefits

- Faster and easier onboarding by making the template activation simpler and intuitive for the supplier admin
- Document annotation user interface is automatically shown and supplier admin can seamlessly move between the files to annotate them
- Redundant listing of files and additional user actions that were present earlier have been removed

> Upload sample files

▼ Annotate and active template

Please use this step to annotate the documents you uploaded, associate them with the template you have created and finally activate the template. [Learn more](#)

Name	Associate with template	Status	Action
SamplePdfInv.pdf	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pending annotation	 Annotate



SamplePdfInv.pdf

Document Type: Invoice    Template:    Status: **READY**  
Upload Date: March 23, 2023    Schema: CS\_sup\_AN21000088456-T\_buy\_AN21000080313-T

Extraction Confidence Range:  
↓ 0% - 50%    ↘ 51% - 79%    ↗ 80% - 100%

Header Fields (137)

- billToCity
- billToCountry
- billToDistrict
- billToEmail
- billToExtraAddressPart
- billToFax
- billToHouseNumber
- billToName
- billToPhone
- billToPostalCode
- billToState

> Upload sample files

✓ Annotate and activate template

Please review and revise the annotations for each sample file. After confirming all the sample files, you can activate the template.

TestPDF2.pdf (1/1) Confirmed



Document Type: @undefined  
Upload Date: Invalid Date  
Template:  
Status:



Preview Not Available

Confirm

Extraction Confidence Range:

0% - 50% 51% - 79% 80% - 100%

Header Fields ()

No data

TestPDF2.pdf

allowanceCode1	<input type="text"/>
allowanceCode2	<input type="text"/>
allowanceEndDate1	<input type="text"/>
allowanceEndDate2	<input type="text"/>
allowanceName1	<input type="text"/>
allowanceName2	<input type="text"/>
allowancePercent1	<input type="text"/>
allowancePercent2	<input type="text"/>
allowanceStartDate1	<input type="text"/>
allowanceStartDate2	<input type="text"/>
billToCity	<input type="text"/>
billToCountry	<input type="text"/>
billToDistrict	<input type="text"/>
billToExtraAddressPart	<input type="text"/>

Activate template

# Support for Updating Invoice Conversion Templates with Additional Fields [NP-38480]

The intelligent invoice conversion templates are used to annotate available fields for extraction and once activated, these templates can be used to process PDF and scanned paper invoices. Currently only a minimal set of fields are available for extraction that can be annotated by the supplier.

To provide support for additional invoice data extraction from these invoices, this feature provides a mechanism by which additional fields are made available for extraction incrementally and the suppliers can update their template to consume these fields.

## Key Benefits

- Seamless support for incremental invoice capabilities like Direct material, Services and Summary invoices or Credit memos as and when the relevant invoice fields are made available for extraction
- Easy update of the template to consume these additional fields
- Ensures existing annotations continue to be available

① New set of fields are available for templates. Please update in the configuration. [Learn more](#)

### Invoice conversion templates

To know more about invoice conversion templates, click [here](#). Add new template Configuration

Template name	Invoice type	Template type	Customer	Created date	Last updated date	Created by	Status	Action
Default	Standard	Default	All	21 Nov 2023 12:26:46 PM	21 Nov 2023 12:36:42 PM	fnSmith lnJohn	Ready to test	...

### Available templates for update Update

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Template Name	Invoice Type	Template Type	Customer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	Standard	Default Template	All

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Default	Standard	Default	All	21 Nov 2023 12:26:46 PM	21 Nov 2023 12:36:42 PM	fnSmith lnJohn	Applying fields

< View invoice conversion template: Default Edit Configuration

Invoice type	Created by	Created date	Updated by	Updated date	Schema Version	Status
Standard	fnSmith lnJohn	Nov 21, 2023	fnSmith lnJohn	Nov 21, 2023	2	Draft

- A **banner** shows up at the top of the Invoice conversion templates summary page, every time a new set of fields are available for extraction
- Click on **Configuration**
- Select from the list of available templates that have not been updated with these new fields and click on **Update**
- The **status** of the selected templates will be set to **Applying fields**
- Once applied, the template **Status** changes to **Draft**, so that you can **Edit** the template and annotate the new fields that are available, before activating and testing the template again and publishing it to production again.
- If there are any technical errors, it will change the Status to **Applying fields failed**
- In either case, you will be notified of the status of the update, if you have configured the **notification** for template status changes

# Listing Tiles for IIC and PDF Invoice-Based Invoice Conversion on the Workbench

## [NP-38457]

The current PDF invoice tiles represent the listing of the invoices converted from PDF files only but with the new Intelligent invoice conversion, these tiles have to be extended to image files that represent scanned paper invoices too. To make it consistent and keeping the future to support any invoice format, the current tiles will be changed to Invoice conversion tiles.

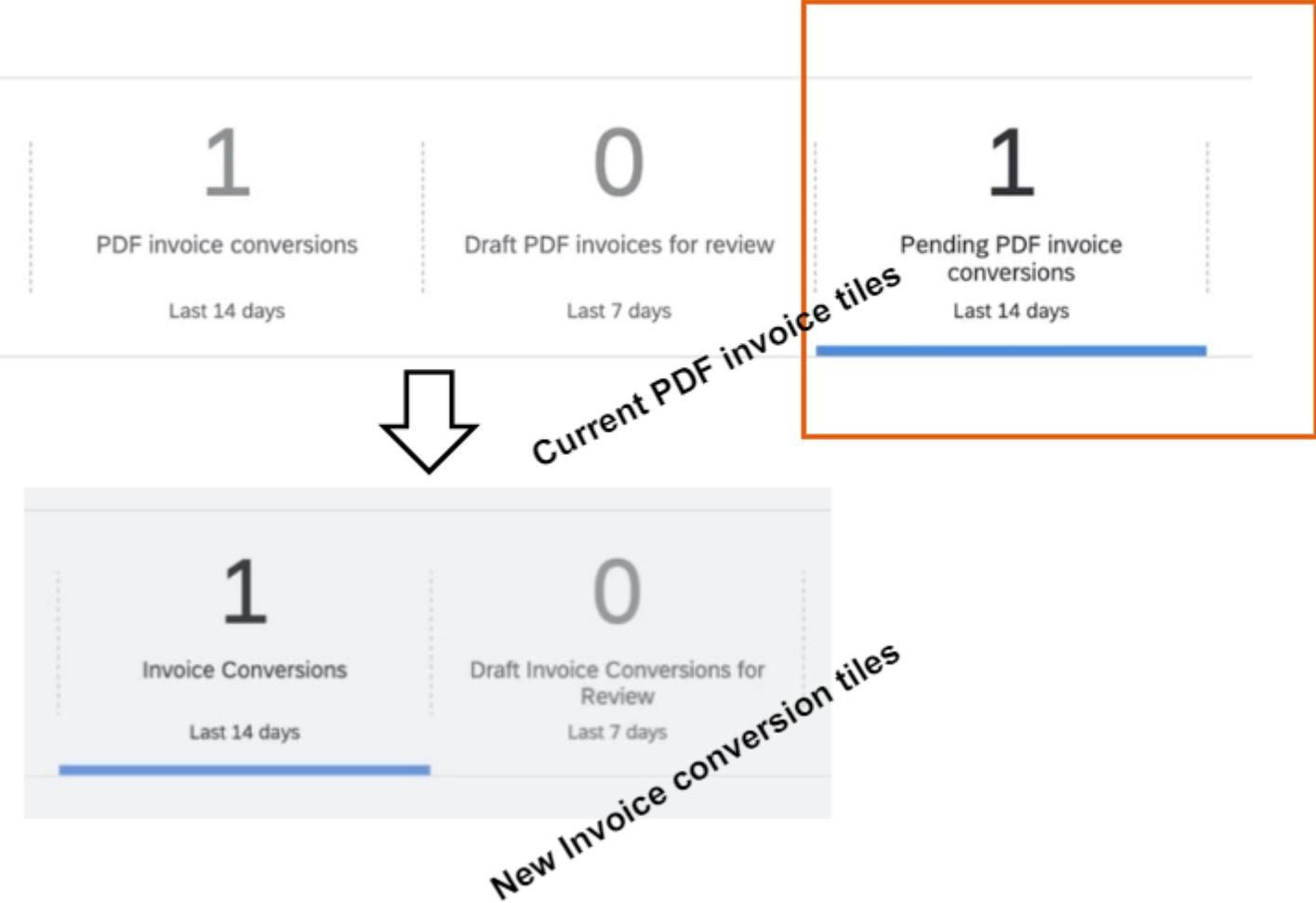
### Key Benefits

- Easy to understand tiles on the workbench that represent listing of SAP Business network invoices that have been converted from PDF and other formats

### Prerequisites

- Invoices should have been converted using the PDF invoices partner solution or the Intelligent Invoice conversion solution to be listed with these tiles

The below screenshots depict the changes to the Workbench tiles after the feature is enabled.



# Supplier Email Notifications for Buyer Planning Collaboration Updates [CSC-39638]

This feature adds supplier email notifications when buyers make planning collaboration updates. These notifications help suppliers be more responsive to their buyers. Prior to this feature, suppliers could only find out about the planning collaboration updates that their buyers made by checking in SAP Business Network.

## Key Benefits

- Faster collaboration between trading partners and increased ease of use

## Prerequisites

- Buyer must enable supplier for the inventory collaboration component or the planning collaboration component

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# Respond To Sourcing Linked Postings [PAY-13780]

This feature enable suppliers to respond to postings created by guided sourcing buyers. Functional flow for responses have not been changed from the Discovery side, supplier can experience the new UI and seamless experience of responding.

## Key Benefits

- Existing suppliers will be able to respond to sourcing leads in the trading partner portal

## Prerequisites

- Supplier should have the **Respond to Posting on Ariba Discovery** permission to perform this action

# Renamed Items to Confirm and Items to Ship Workbench Tiles [BCS3-1629]

The Items to Confirm and Items to Ship tiles have been renamed as **Item Confirmation Status** and **Item Shipment Status** respectively.

The **Item Confirmation Status** tile is filtered to **Exclude confirmation not allowed** by default.

The **Item Shipment Status** tile is filtered to **Exclude shipping not allowed** by default.

## Key Benefits

- Buyer facing tiles now align with the persona

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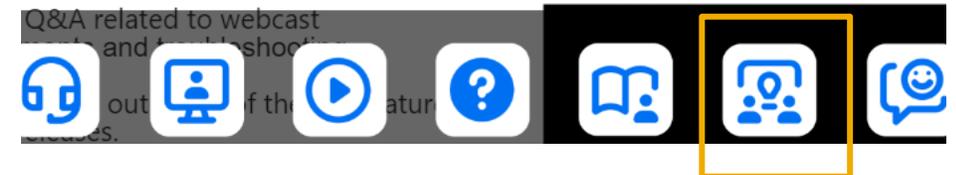
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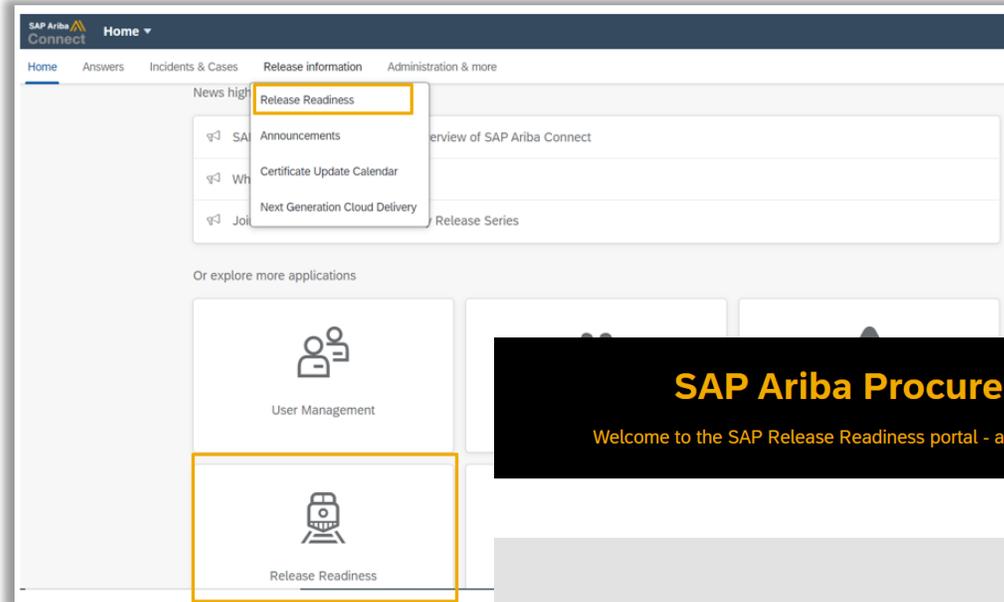


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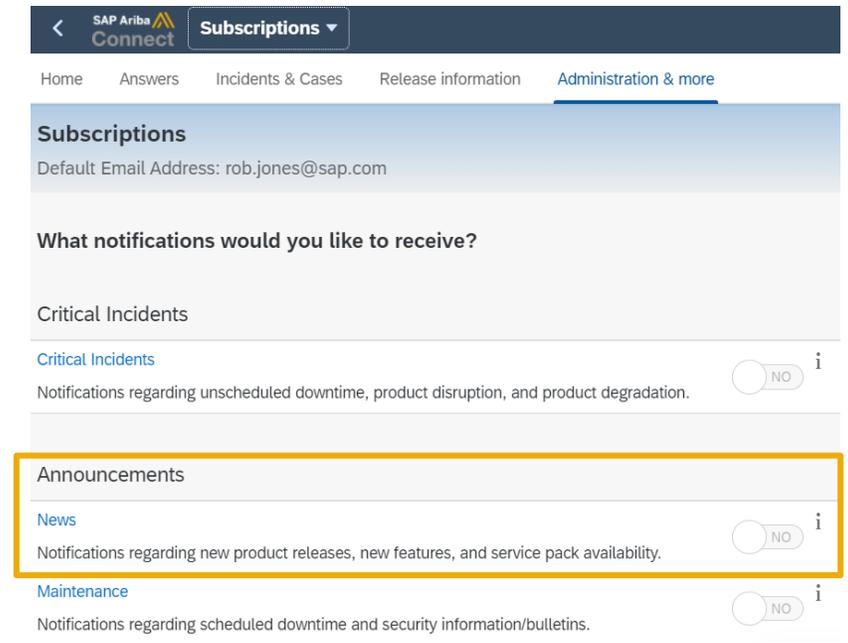
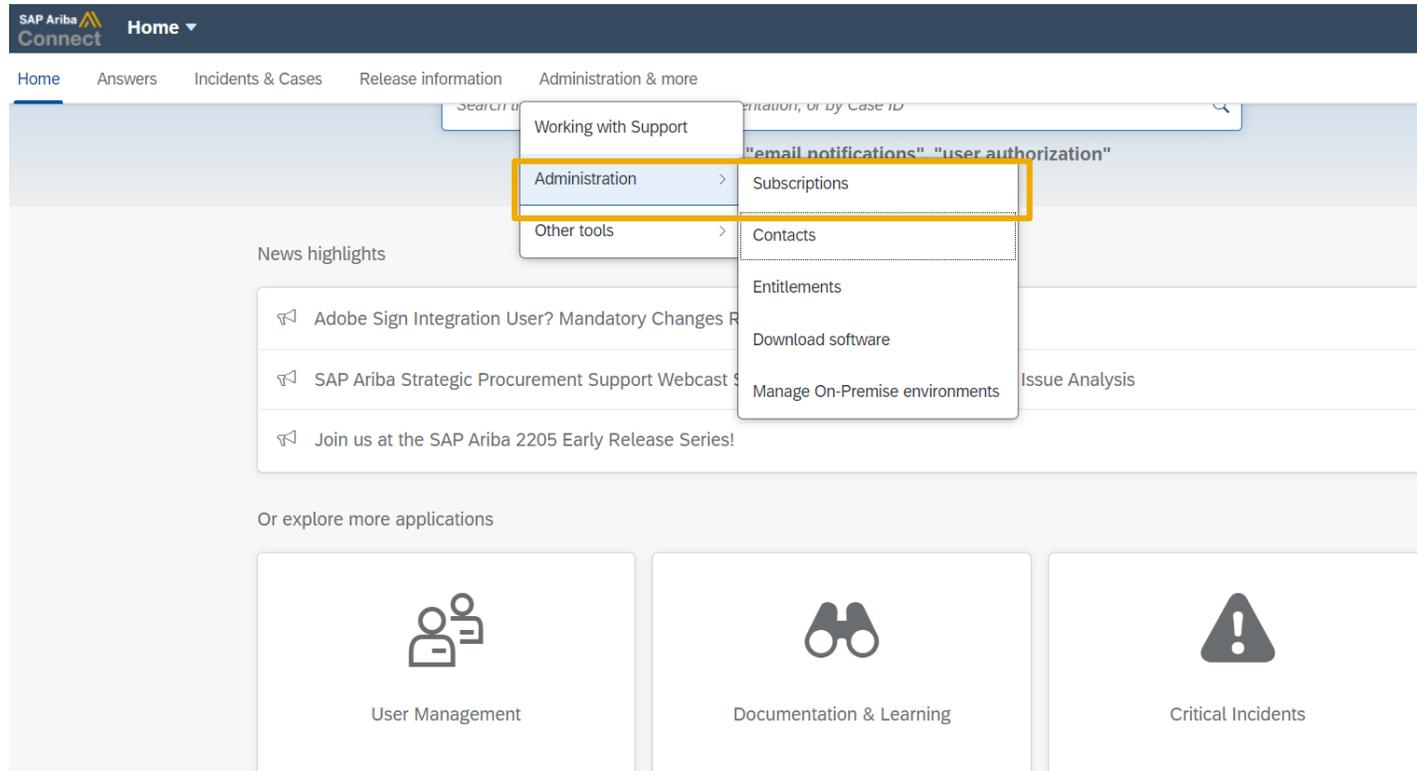
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