

OpenText Trading Grid e-Invoicing

Comply with e-Invoicing regulations today, and as they evolve



Benefits

- Meet government mandates
- Maintain compliance with evolving regulations
- Simplify tax auditing

In an era where e-Invoicing is increasingly being mandated by national tax authorities for both business to business (B2B) and business to government (B2G) transactions, and the regulations governing the invoice continue to change rapidly, simply keeping up with the pace of change can be overwhelming for multinational organizations. OpenText™ Trading Grid™ e-Invoicing simplifies the complexity of global e-Invoicing, automating invoice flows and reducing costs while ensuring compliance in more than over 50 countries.

Maintaining compliance with all these complicated technical requirements, which differ from country to country and are constantly evolving, is a significant challenge for global businesses.

Overcoming these challenges and digitizing and automating AP and/or AR processes brings many positive benefits to businesses, including decreased errors, reduced processing costs and better cash flow management, as well as improved customer and supplier relationships.

OpenText Trading Grid e-Invoicing is a cloud-based e-Invoicing solution that provides buying and selling organizations of all sizes with the technology and services needed for automating their invoice processes in a compliant manner. Built to run on the OpenText Trading Grid, the world's most powerful integration cloud for B2B eCommerce our e-Invoicing solution provides validation of invoice content, ensures integrity and authenticity, and delivers e-Invoices by means of fully integrated EDI/B2B, as well as portal and email.

Wins with OpenText Trading Grid e-Invoicing

- A global automotive manufacturer (Michelin) reduced its invoice rejection rate, improving its days sales outstanding (DSO)
- A global CPG company consolidated B2B integration and e-Invoicing solutions across 100 markets into a single global solution
- A global industrial company reduced onboarding time from months to days with return on investment in fewer than 12 months

Associated products and services:

- OpenText[™] B2B
 Integration Enterprise
- OpenText[™] Trading Grid Supplier Hub
- OpenText e-Invoicing Readiness Check

In addition, the solution connects to national government portals where mandated by local law, such as SdI in Italy, KSeF in Poland, and FACe in Spain, and connects to an authorized service provider (PAC) as required in Mexico. Our flexible open architecture also allows us to connect to decentralized platforms like Chorus Pro in France, eSPap in Portugal, and the PEPPOL interoperability network.

When paper is eliminated via e-Invoicing, governments require an archive of electronic documents, including the e-Invoice and supporting evidence. OpenText Trading Grid e-Invoicing provides a robust legal archive with specific capabilities to support auditor access and review of archived e-Invoices and supporting documents allowing you to demonstrate your compliance and shorten tax audits.

Let us take the strain — e-Invoicing delivered as a managed service

Many solutions to e-Invoicing challenges are provided as software that you install, configure, and manage yourself, leaving you to ensure that everything complies with regulations. You must then manage them on a daily basis to ensure everything is running smoothly, monitor for regulatory changes, and implement updates. This introduces significant business risk, especially for businesses that operate in many territories.

OpenText e-Invoicing solutions are delivered by our own global professional services team, who can ensure you quickly and easily achieve and maintain compliance.

Assess your readiness for impending mandates with our e-Invoicing Readiness Check, which validates your invoice data against published technical specifications and provides a comprehensive report with findings and recommendations, allowing you to make essential changes well in advance of an impending mandate.

Let our team take the strain as our professional services team connects to your internal invoicing systems and applications, and then onboards your external buyers and suppliers to our global e-Invoicing network, the OpenText Trading Grid.

Then simply sit back and relax as our dedicated operations team monitors and manages your invoice transactions 24/7, ensuring invoice content is valid, checking the integrity and authenticity of your invoices, and making sure that all invoices are archived for long-term tax auditing.

Breathe easy as our expert teams monitor the regulatory landscape for new mandates and changes in existing requirements that might affect you, implementing updates for you automatically.

It's not just about the invoice

What we have seen in other regions like Latin America and Turkey is, that once tax agencies begin to regulate B2B transactions, it doesn't stop with the invoice. Logistics and customs documents and even electronic orders may soon be the subject of government mandates to switch to electronic formats.

OpenText offers the only e-Invoicing solution built on a global B2B integration network that has been automating and digitizing all key business documents for over 40 years, from supply chain buying and selling processes to financial transactions and beyond — future-proofing you against an ever-changing regulatory landscape.

Meeting e-Invoicing mandates

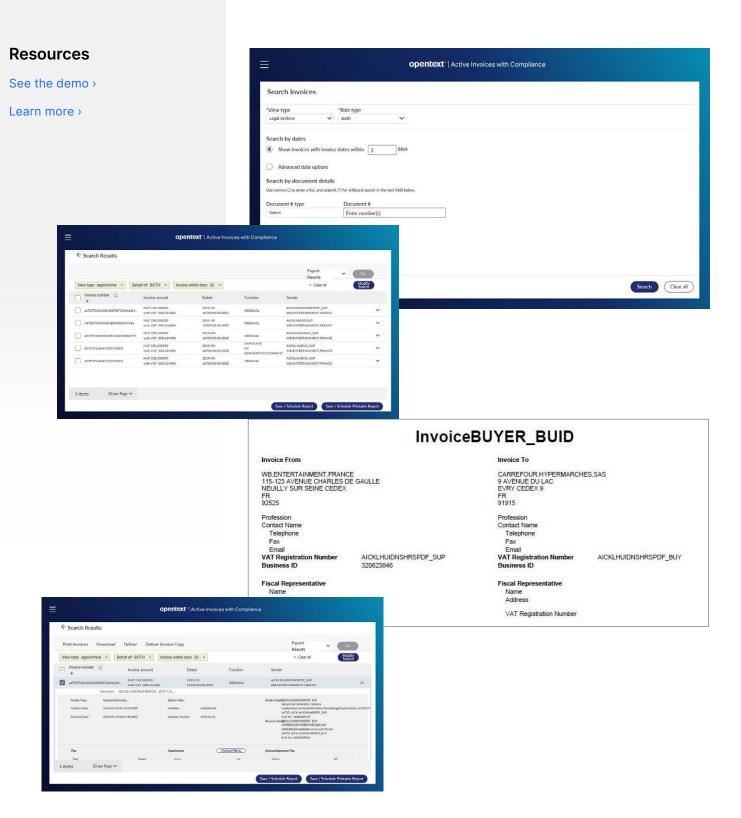
Widescale adoption of e-Invoicing mandates for both B2B transactions as well as B2G has been spreading for the last decade. Global businesses need to be ready to meet these e-Invoicing mandates in the countries where they do business. Businesses that fail to comply can face serious fines and penalties, even to the extreme of having their operations shut down.

OpenText helps organizations meet government mandates for e-Invoicing including:

- Optional e-Invoicing Readiness Check service to evaluate your business system data and ensure it meets government specifications
- Integration with government sponsored portals, such as Chorus Pro in France, Sdl in Italy, FACe in Spain, KSef in Poland, eSPap in Portugal, and to open networks such as PEPPOL as required in Belgium
- Translation to and from government mandated formats, such as ZUGFeRD, eFattura/FatturaPA and PEPPOL BIS
- Allowing government agencies or certified partners, such as PACs (certified providers) in Mexico to view and/or approve e-Invoices before they are sent to customers

Name	Description
Onboarding	Automatically provides PDF invoices via email to SME customers with no human intervention, allowing for large-scale deployment.
	Provides the largest team of specialists dedicated to rapidly enabling a global partner community using OpenText™ Community Onboarding for EDI-based partners.
Data validation	Provides configurable rules to ensure that invoice data meets government requirements as well as internal business rules.
Country validation	Validates as per rules configured for the sender country for different types of documents, such as invoices, credit notes, etc.
Duplicate invoice check	Ensures that a sender cannot send multiple invoices with the same invoice number within a fiscal year.
Currency check	Ensures the currency used in sender invoice documents is from a pre-approved list.
Legal entity relationship check	Ensures an explicit relationship is established between legal entities before they start transacting, as is required for some countries and processes (non-signed EDI).
Authenticity and integrity	Ensures the authenticity (that the invoice comes from the claimed source) and integrity (the e-Invoice has not been altered) through the application of digital signatures/electronic seals in accordance with country-specific legislation:
	• Several formats and signature parameters available using locally approved certificate authorities
	Support for Batch signing for EANCOM format invoices
	Revalidation of the signature in the Archive UI
	Non-signed EDI can be used within the EU and UK, providing a process-based method to demonstrate integrity and authenticity. Typically, this means keeping additional reports and evidence:
	Human readable version of EDI data
	Summary listsPartner list
	 Partner list Audit trail demonstrating use of secure communications (VAN, sFTP/FTPs, AS2, VPN)
	Nature trail demonstrating use of secure communications (VAIN, SETP/ETPS, AS2, VPIN) Interchange agreement between supplier and buyer
	Direct integration with state agencies or their agents where mandated for B2B, B2G or both:
	Mexico, Italy, Poland, France, Portugal, Spain, India, and others.
Archiving and audit support	 Provides long-term archiving and audit access for the required period. Archived invoices will be deleted as their individual retention period ends:
	Country-specific retention is applied, which can be extended to a maximum of 20 years
	• Import historical invoice archive into OpenText Trading Grid e-Invoicing from external sources
	• User can log in to the archive and upload attachments as supporting evidence, e.g. proof of tax exemption
	Customers can search and download the invoice artefacts
	Export archive search results (CSV/PDF) delivery
	• Support for PDF/A-1 provides a reliable reproduction of an invoice's visual appearance
	 Support for PDF/A-3 allows embedding of arbitrary file formats into PDF/A-conforming documents (ZUGFeRD/Factur-X)
	Meets additional preservation requirements for Italian invoices, including provision of an Italian MDC
Delivery	Delivers e-Invoices from the seller to the buyer by:
	Email Secure amail via partal providing proof of delivery/receipt
	 Secure email via portal providing proof of delivery/receipt Secure EDI protocols, such as VAN, sFTP/FTPs, AS2, VPN
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