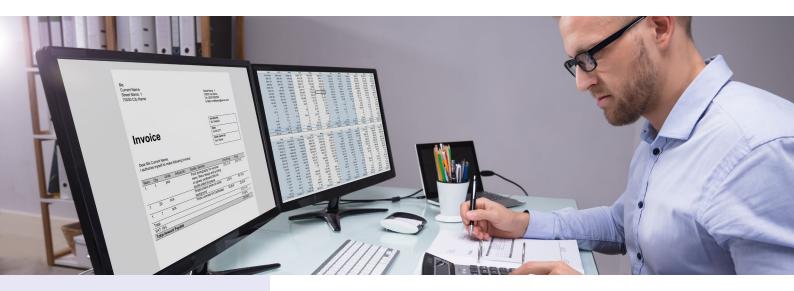
#### PRODUCT OVERVIEW

# **OpenText Active Invoices with Compliance**

Comply with e-Invoicing regulations today and as they evolve









In much of the world, sending and receiving invoices electronically requires compliance with government regulations, and increasingly, these regulations are becoming mandatory both for business to government (B2G) and business to business (B2B) invoice transactions often requiring invoices to be submitted directly to the tax authority or a government approved portal/agent before they can be sent to customers.

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

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

For companies that have already begun their e-Invoicing journey the challenges may be exacerbated by a fragmented landscape, mixing inhouse solutions and regional point solutions which lack the agility and scalability required to keep up with global regulations.

OpenText<sup>™</sup> Active Invoices with Compliance is a cloud-based enterprise e-Invoicing solution that provides buying and selling organizations with the technology and services needed for automating their invoice processes while helping to ensure compliance in more than 45 countries. Built to run on OpenText<sup>™</sup> Trading Grid<sup>™</sup>, the world's most powerful integration cloud for B2B eCommerce, Active Invoices with Compliance provides validation of invoice content; ensuring integrity and authenticity; delivery of e-Invoices by means of fully integrated EDI/B2B, as well as portal and email. A long-term archive of e-Invoices is provided for tax audit purposes, including a simple, intuitive web portal to provide employees and auditors access.

# Wins with OpenText Active Invoices with Compliance

- 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<sup>™</sup> B2B Managed Services
- OpenText<sup>™</sup> Active Orders
- OpenText<sup>™</sup> Vendor Invoice Management
- OpenText<sup>™</sup> Intelligent Web Forms
- OpenText<sup>™</sup> Community Onboarding

When paper is eliminated via e-Invoicing, governments require an archive of electronic documents, including the e-Invoice and supporting evidence. Active Invoices with Compliance provides archiving 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.

#### Global e-Invoicing network

An e-Invoice is only one B2B document among many and is usually part of a global EDI/ B2B rollout. OpenText offers the only e-Invoicing solution built on a global EDI network, supporting both inbound and outbound compliant e-Invoicing while also exchanging all types of other transaction documents that cover the entire buying and selling business process.

Some e-Invoicing providers support only inbound invoice processing for Accounts Payable while requiring that all suppliers join the provider's network. OpenText's open network approach enables both outbound and inbound e-Invoicing while supporting direct connections, EDI VAN, trading networks, vendor portal/web forms and a variety of other options.

Self-service onboarding tools combine with the largest dedicated team of expert onboarding specialists in the industry to rapidly enable 100% of your community, increasing your business agility.

Active Invoices with Compliance allows companies to digitize their invoicing processes, increasing automation and freeing their teams up to focus on core business activities, while maintaining compliance with varied regulations today and as they evolve.

#### Meeting e-Invoicing mandates

In Latin America e-Invoicing has been widely mandated for all invoice transactions for more than a decade, in many cases requiring taxpayers to connect directly to the tax authority to submit or approve their invoices before they can be issued to their buyers.

In the European Union (EU), directives have mandated that all EU member states create Business to government (B2G) e-Invoicing rules and most of these have now been implemented. In many cases, following the Latin American clearance model, governments have mandated those businesses selling to government entities, such as state or local governments, public institutions, schools or hospitals can only submit invoices electronically.

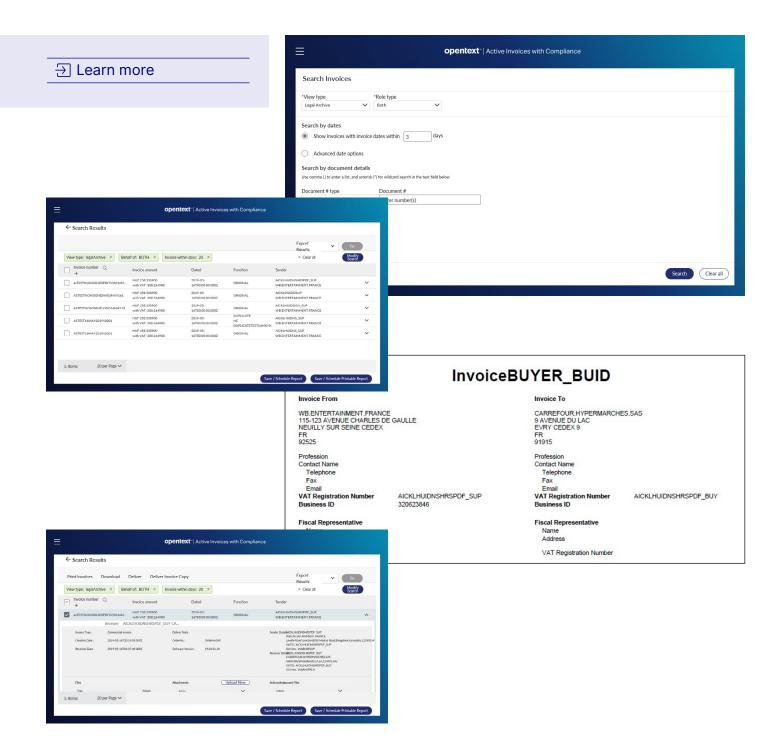
After the success of these initiatives, European countries have now begun to mandate e-Invoicing for B2B transactions as well as B2G, with Turkey and Italy already having successful mandates in place and other countries, notably France and Spain, having announced their own upcoming mandates.

With legislation spreading, global businesses need to be ready to meet these e-Invoicing mandates in the countries they do business. Even where organizations have a program, e-Invoices may not be in the proper format and organizations may not be appropriately connected. Businesses that fail to comply can face serious fines and penalties, even to the extreme of having their operations shut down in countries with e-Invoicing mandates.

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

- Integration with government sponsored portals such as PEPPOL, Sdl in Italy and Chorus Pro in France
- Translation to and from government mandated formats such as eFattura and PEPPOL BIS
- Allowing government agencies or certified partners such as PAC's 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 largest team of specialists dedicated to rapidly enabling a global partner community using OpenText <sup>-</sup> 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	Guarantees authenticity (e-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
	<ul> <li>Several formats and signature parameters available using locally approved certificate authorities</li> <li>Support for Batch signing for EANCOM format invoices</li> <li>Revalidation of the signature in the Archive UI</li> </ul>
	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:
	<ul> <li>Human readable version of EDI data</li> <li>Summary lists</li> <li>Partner list</li> <li>Audit trail demonstrating use of secure communications (VAN, sFTP/FTPs, AS2, VPN)</li> <li>Interchange agreement between supplier and buyer</li> </ul>
	Direct integration with state agencies or their agents where mandated for B2B, B2G or both:
	<ul> <li>LATAM clearance countries, such as Mexico and Brazil</li> <li>EMEA countries such as Italy, France, Portugal and Spain</li> </ul>
Archiving and audit support	Provides long-term archiving and audit access for the required period of time. Archived invoices will be deleted as their individual retention period ends
	<ul> <li>Country-specific retention is applied, which can be extended to a maximum of 20 years</li> <li>Import historical invoice archive into Active Invoices with Compliance from external sources</li> <li>User can log in to archive and upload attachments as supporting evidence, e.g. proof of tax exemption</li> <li>Customers can search and download the invoice artefacts</li> <li>Export archive search results (CSV/PDF) delivery</li> <li>Support for PDF/A-1 provides a reliable reproduction of an invoice's visual appearance</li> <li>Support for PDF/A-3 allows embedding of arbitrary file formats into PDF/A-conforming documents (ZUGFeRD/Factur-X)</li> <li>Meets additional preservation requirements for Italian invoices, including provision of an Italian MDC</li> </ul>
Delivery	Delivers e-Invoices from the seller to the buyer by:
	<ul> <li>Email</li> <li>Secure email via portal providing proof of delivery/receipt</li> <li>Secure EDI protocols, such as VAN, sFTP/FTPs, AS2, VPN</li> <li>PDF as a container</li> <li>Files, which can be delivered individually or bundled as .zip or within a PDF as a container</li> <li>PEPPOL network</li> </ul>



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