eInvoicing
Reduced Audit Risks and Disruptions

Electronic invoicing (eInvoicing) is the most efficient way for brand owners to coordinate payment with their suppliers across various countries all over the world. Yet a growing number of those countries have distinct eInvoicing regulations, making it difficult for companies to stay compliant with them all. E2open eInvoicing provides a seamless method for brand owners to manage the eInvoicing process in full compliance with all localized regulations.

Tax jurisdictions around the world use the invoice as the trigger for payment of value-added taxes (VAT) and other charges when suppliers invoice their brand-owner customers across country lines. Paper-based invoicing methods are risky because they lead to inconsistent payment timeframes and increase human error, both of which significantly increase risks during an audit. eInvoicing mitigates these risks since compliance with local records-keeping regulations is essential to avoid fines or other penalties. However, there is significant variation between local standards, infrastructure and regulations, making it nearly impossible for companies to comply with them all manually.

eInvoicing provides audit-ready, paperless electronic invoices, enabling companies to comply with requirements from over 50 countries across the globe. The application supports the two main invoicing methods companies use — clearance-based and post-audit. It provides a seamless user experience resulting in lower risks of non-compliance and far less disruption to the organization during any audits that might take place.

Key Features

- Incorporates compliance rules to ensure the validity of electronic invoices for over 50 countries
- Supports the post-audit eInvoicing approach used across the European Union and elsewhere
- Supports the clearance-based eInvoicing approach used widely across Latin America
- Enables workflow authoring and management by country
- Automatically archives all required records pertaining to all tiers of the supply network
- Supports all major country-specific signature standards

Key Benefits

- Reduces audit risks and disruptions by archiving electronic invoices and country-specific signatures
- Lowers transactional costs by automating invoice creation
- Increases flexibility by handling the two main eInvoicing approaches used globally
- Improves invoice accuracy by using workflows — rather than manual data input — to drive invoice generation
- Improves the productivity of procurement teams by reducing manual work

Faster, Smoother Audits With Less Risk

eInvoicing empowers organizations to manage electronic invoices in full regulatory compliance and preserves audit-quality data for future reference as needed.

Electronic, Accurate and Compliant Invoices
The system generates electronic invoices that are VAT-compliant and serve as the legal document recognized by regulatory authorities. The application provides validation rules which reduce the risk of invoice rejections and ensure prompt payment.

Support for Post-Audit eInvoicing Method
The post-audit eInvoicing approach is one of the world's most common methods and is used by North American, European and Commonwealth countries. It allows trading partners to freely exchange invoices but requires that they archive them for up to 10 years for audits and periodic reporting. In the event of an audit, companies must be able to quickly produce a massive number of accurate records. eInvoicing automatically archives all required records, ensuring rapid access to accurate and complete information and significantly lowering risk and disruption during audits.

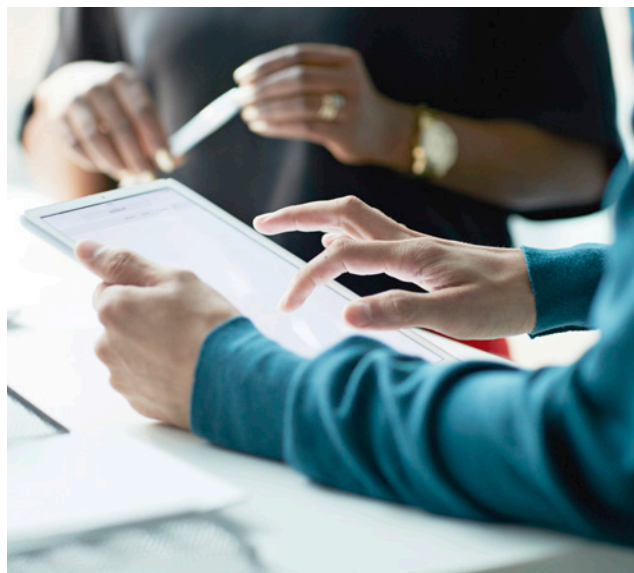**Support for Clearance eInvoicing Method**
With the clearance-based approach, common across the Asia-Pacific region and in Latin American countries such as Mexico and Brazil, tax authorities must receive, review and authorize each electronic invoice before trading partners can complete the exchange. If a company's invoices and records are not timely or accurate, their supply chains, accounting departments and even their ability to do financial reporting can be significantly disrupted. With eInvoicing, companies maintain complete and accurate records for each transaction, easily and quickly submitting them to the authorities to prevent bottlenecks.

Easy Error Identification and Resolution
The system automatically fixes data entry errors, escalating only the most urgent and important issues for finance teams to address. Companies ensure continued compliance with granular-level rules laid out by approximately 50 countries, with more added regularly. Users can also access detailed descriptions of all requirements pertaining to each transaction.

Integrated Procure-to-Pay Capabilities
Regionally-siloed enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems used by global companies often make a unified, efficient procure-to-pay process nearly impossible. When brand owners integrate eInvoicing and e2open's Purchase Order Collaboration application with their enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems, they can seamlessly manage their entire procure-to-pay process globally. They gain the end-to-end, real-time visibility and oversight to manage purchase orders (POs), shipments, receipts and invoices as well as the ability to collaborate in real time with suppliers to address any changes and ensure that the right product gets delivered at the right time. This provides shared value among brand owners and their partners by improving productivity, reducing costs, safeguarding compliance and ensuring quick, smooth payments.

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Companies can now prevent delays, disruptions and additional compliance risks by establishing an automated, compliant and audit-ready process to manage electronic invoicing across all suppliers.

About e2open

E2open is the connected supply chain software platform that enables the world's largest companies to transform the way they make, move, and sell goods and services. With the broadest cloud-native global platform purpose-built for modern supply chains, e2open connects more than 400,000 manufacturing, logistics, channel, and distribution partners as one multi-enterprise network tracking over 12 billion transactions annually. Our SaaS platform anticipates disruptions and opportunities to help companies improve efficiency, reduce waste, and operate sustainably. Moving as One™. Visit www.e2open.com.

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