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# Buy | Delivery Forecast

Automate schedule agreement-based forecasting through real-time connectivity to customer orders and changes.

## Challenge

Delivery schedules can be a great way to manage long-term procurement agreements with many suppliers. Rather than a purchase order for a single sale, these agreements share desired orders over a specific time period, often through manual spreadsheets outlining what you need and when. This keeps you from having to create a flurry of individual purchase orders while letting suppliers plan, forecast and ramp up production or inventory.

But the spreadsheets many companies use for this purpose can be time-consuming. And the process is prone to errors. Even when everything goes well, all of that manual entry is a drain on procurement resources. In addition, many suppliers aren't set up for scheduling agreements, complicating the onboarding process.

How can you support suppliers who use scheduling agreements in a way that's more efficient? Is there a way to improve data and forecast

quality? And how can you optimize these arrangements so that you're able to make the best possible use of procurement staff and resources?

## Solution

The Elemica Buy™ Delivery Forecast module lets you digitize, connect and automate the execution of delivery schedules. By establishing direct ERP-to-ERP connectivity with suppliers, they will be able to see real-time schedule delivery data they can use to more accurately forecast, plan and deliver your order. Delivery schedule information is shared directly to their back-office systems—automating orders according to your agreed-upon scheduling agreement.

This powerful module lets you collaborate with suppliers digitally in a way that eliminates error, miscommunication, wasted time and procurement resources. The system places orders and makes changes based on your demands, sending real-time signals directly to supplier ERPs and keeping everyone on the same page regarding expectations.

ELEMICA BUY™ MODULES	
Purchase Order Management	
Invoice Compliance	
QuickLink Automate Buy	
Vendor Managed Inventory	
Delivery Forecast	•
Electronic Certificates of Analysis	
Strategic Sourcing	

Users of this module no longer rely on error-prone, time-consuming spreadsheets going back and forth between their procurement department and the supplier's sales team. And the system uses a proprietary forecasting engine that not only provides raw delivery schedule data, but also helps all parties analyze upcoming demand in time to address whatever comes next.

- Automate delivery forecasting
- Streamline agreement execution
- Reduce procurement-related admin
- Accelerate supplier responsiveness
- Improve order confidence
- Communicate changes more efficiently

## At a Glance

# Delivery Forecast

### Features

01

Automated delivery-related data transfer with an unlimited number of suppliers worldwide

02

Direct digital collaboration with suppliers regarding current and upcoming interval orders

03

Platform agnostic to integrate with any back-office ERP software format (IDoc, GUSI, CXML, X12, EDIFACT, etc.)

04

System notifies suppliers of changes automatically

05

Proprietary forecasting engine helps keep everyone aligned

06

Intelligent system verifies data and avoids duplicate orders

### Benefits

**Reduce the time spent managing delivery forecasts and make better use of procurement resources**

**Enable digital procurement with suppliers who might not be set up for scheduling agreements**

**Communicate new orders and change orders with more efficiency and responsiveness**

**Automate the forecasting of delivery orders, eliminating manual order administration**

**Improve order data accuracy and confidence you'll get what you need, when you need it**

**Ensure compliance with each supplier's specific schedule agreement**

Elemica transforms supply chains by replacing manual and complex approaches with efficient and reliable ones. The world's leading business network for process-intensive industries, we drive bottom line results by promoting reduced cost of operations, faster process execution, automation of key business processes, removal of transactional barriers and seamless information flow between trading partners.

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