

IBM Emptoris Sourcing



Release Notes

Version 10.0.1.3

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Overview

This document provides information about new features, resolved and open issues, and special considerations for IBM® Emptoris® Sourcing in the 10.0 series of release.

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For information on system requirements, refer to the following documents:

- IBM Emptoris Suite 10.0.1.1 Server System Requirements
- IBM Emptoris Suite 10.0.1.1 Client System Requirements

IBM Emptoris Strategic Supply Management

Users can log on to Emptoris Sourcing from the IBM Emptoris Strategic Supply Management platform.

For new features, resolved, and open issues of Emptoris Strategic Supply Management, refer to the IBM Emptoris Strategic Supply Management 10.0.1.1 Release Notes.

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What's New in Release 10.0.1.2

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Auction Charts

Buyers can now use the following new features to view data as charts. The Summary tab of the Monitor page now has the following new fields:

- **Date Range From** - To specify the date and time from which users can include bids on the graph.
- **Date Range To** - (This option is available only after an event is closed) To specify the date and time till which users can see the bids.
- **Include Preliminary Bids** - include preliminary bids to chart view, when checked, from date is automatically adjusted to include preliminary bids to chart view.

The date feature helps to view the chart clearly if the event is open for a long period of time.

Preliminary bids are initially plotted on the Y axis when the event opens for the first round. For subsequent rounds, preliminary bids are plotted on the date and time when the bids are entered.

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What's New in Release 10.0.1

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Data migration

You can now migrate your data to Emptoris Strategic Supply Management. You can migrate users, user groups, organizations, suppliers, location, and category data from Emptoris Sourcing to Emptoris Strategic Supply Management.

You can migrate from version 7.x onwards. Applications prior to version 8.0.3 must first upgrade to version 8.0.3. For more details, refer to the IBM Emptoris Suite 10.0.1.1 Migration Guide.

Projects

Projects are now available in Emptoris Sourcing as read only. Users can view legacy projects from the Utilities menu.

For projects to be migrated to version 10.0.1, the projects must be in completed state. You must mark project as 'complete' prior to migration.

All projects migrated to version 10.0.1 will automatically be moved to completed state.

Sourcing Desktop Intelligence

The following options are added in the Advanced Quantitative Report criteria:

- Lots and Items
- Field Totals
- Order Fields

Lots and Items

You can select the lots and items that you want to include in the report. You can now view and compare bid values of multiple lots and items of various suppliers in one report. This feature is available for all Advanced Quantitative reports.

Field Totals

You can now select any math operator and perform calculations for item attributes, bid attributes, and user defined formula fields of Sourcing Desktop Intelligence, by column or by row.

You can group the side by side bid comparison report by lot and analyze the selected fields. Doing so the data summarizes at lot level and rolls up to the event level. The Group by feature is applicable only for side by side bid comparison report that includes bid group sheet.

Order Fields

You can now change the order of fields in the report. Using this feature, you can design the layout of the report. This feature is available for all Advanced Quantitative reports.

User Interface Customization

Emptoris Sourcing supports all user interface changes on the existing build. Users are not required to take a new build after doing the branding changes.

Suite Custom Extension Package brands internal pages per customer specifications. The package is installed via EchOS. The following user interface customization changes can be made:

- Logo, colors scheme
- Menu names, colors, and fonts
- Replace IBM logo with customer logo throughout the application
- Replace IBM name with customer name throughout the application
- Customer specific NDA / Terms and Conditions
- Supplier attachment folder names. The sequence can be changed per customer requirements

Additional Language Support

Emptoris Sourcing now supports Korean language.

Integration Framework

The import template now has an additional column 'ID' added next to the supplier profile name, which helps in identifying the right supplier. You must use the new export/import template to export and import data.

Supplier Tutorials

Supplier users can now view tutorials for performing different functions in the Emptoris Sourcing application. You can use the tutorials to learn about accepting an RFX, creating supplier users, inviting supplier agents to place bids, uploading and downloading attachments, responding offline, responding to RFX's and auctions and many more functions.

Suppliers can view tutorials from the Utilities menu or by selecting the tutorial link available in the drop-down of the header bar.

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Single sign-on for IBM Emptoris Applications

Users can now access the Emptoris Sourcing application using the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management platform. Emptoris Strategic Supply Management is a suite comprising the following applications:

- IBM Emptoris Contract Management
- IBM Emptoris Program Management
- IBM Emptoris Spend Analysis
- IBM Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management
- IBM Emptoris Sourcing

Users can log on, using a single user account and access all applications that are integrated with the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management from the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management header bar. Users need the required permissions to access the applications.

Limited Support for Web Services

The Emptoris Strategic Supply Management provides a very limited support for web services. Customers must consult their implementation teams for using the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management web services.

Functionality moved from Emptoris Sourcing to Emptoris Strategic Supply Management

The following functionalities can now be performed in Emptoris Strategic Supply Management and can not be performed in Emptoris Sourcing:

- Creating and managing buyer organization
- Creating and managing business unit
- Creating and managing supplier organization

- Creating and managing internal and external user
- User preference settings
- Creating and managing category
- Password policy
- Notifications related to, organization, user, and user preferences

Organization

Buyer Organization

Buyer organizations are now created in Emptoris Strategic Supply Management as internal organizations, with details such as, name, code, and URL. Once created, the fields - Organization Name, Organization Code, and URL is synched to Emptoris Sourcing. The organization is further configured in Emptoris Sourcing with settings like currencies and so on.

The organization has to be activated in Emptoris Sourcing for use.

Business Unit

Business units are now created in Emptoris Strategic Supply Management. All child organizations of Emptoris Strategic Supply Management are mapped as business units in Emptoris Sourcing.

Supplier Organization

Supplier organizations are now created and can be mastered in the Virtual Supply Master of Emptoris Strategic Supply Management as external organizations and then synched to Emptoris Sourcing. Supplier organizations can now be created with duplicate names.

Supplier profiles now have system fields referred to as Golden Attributes which are configured and updated in Virtual Supply Master of Emptoris Strategic Supply Management.

Suppliers can make changes to the user defined profile attributes of their own organization. To do so the option - "Allow Maintenance by supplier" has to be enabled in Emptoris Sourcing.

Categories

Categories are now created and mastered in Virtual Supply Master of Emptoris Strategic Supply Management and synched to Emptoris Sourcing.

Category Information Attributes

Category Information attribute creation, item creation, and attachment upload, is performed and managed in Emptoris Sourcing.

Category Integration Framework now only supports creating new information attributes and updating values for these information attributes.

Category Re-parenting

You can now re-parent categories in Emptoris Strategic Supply Management. In re-parenting, the category selected, and all child categories and items underneath can be moved and placed anywhere in the category hierarchy. Historical events and items from category do not get impacted. The change applies only to new events.

Users

Buyer and Supplier users are now created in Emptoris Strategic Supply Management. For a user to be available in Emptoris Sourcing, the user has to be explicitly assigned to Emptoris Sourcing.

All user preferences such as role assignment, default landing page, business unit linking, category linking, preferred language, currency and so on is now set in Emptoris Strategic Supply Management.

User Roles

Roles are assigned to users in Emptoris Strategic Supply Management. User permissions related to management of users, categories, organizations, and suppliers are assigned in Emptoris Strategic Supply Management.

Password Policy

Password policy is now set in Emptoris Strategic Supply Management and is no longer controlled by Emptoris Sourcing.

Supplier Self Registration

Supplier Self Registration can now be done from Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management, if the Supplier Qualification is enabled in Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management.

User-defined Information Attributes

The following user-defined information attributes are now no longer available in Emptoris Sourcing:

- Buyer Organization Information attributes
- User Information attributes

Navigation

You can now navigate to products that you have access to from the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management header bar.

You can also navigate to products that are integrated with Emptoris Sourcing, by clicking the respective product fields available on the Emptoris Sourcing user interface.

Module Visibility

You can assign individual modules to users in the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management.

PDF Font

Porting of unicode font is no longer supported. Users have to download a new font pack to view PDF contents.

PDF reports are now displayed in HELVETICA font which is the default font and provided by PDF reader.

Terminology Change

The following terms applicable for organizations, users, categories, and items have changed:

- Approve to Active
- Unapprove to Inactive

Integration

Emptoris Sourcing can now be additionally integrated with the following products:

- Emptoris Program Management
- Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management

Integration with Emptoris Contract Management

The Supplier Master ID is used for Emptoris Sourcing and Emptoris Contract Management integration. The ExternalID is no longer required for integration.

Contracts creation

The following conditions govern the contract creation:

- Contract creation is supported only if the supplier has been mastered in Virtual Supply Master.
- While creating contracts, if multiple suppliers have the same Master ID, then the contract is created for the supplier that is marked as 'Primary' in Emptoris Contract Management.

Integration with Emptoris Spend Analysis

- The Category Master ID and Supplier Master ID is now used for Emptoris Sourcing and Emptoris Spend Analysis integration. The Spend Node ID and Spend Analyser ID is no longer required.

User Preferences

Language

Emptoris Sourcing supports fourteen languages whereas Emptoris Strategic Supply Management supports nine languages. For languages that are additionally supported by Emptoris Sourcing, the users can be assigned their language preference for the Emptoris Sourcing application from the user page of Emptoris Strategic Supply Management.

Languages supported by Emptoris Sourcing are the following:

- English
- German
- Spanish
- French
- Italian
- Japanese
- Brazilian Portuguesse
- Chinese Simplified
- Chinese Traditional
- Dutch
- Polish
- Russian
- Swedish
- Turkish

Languages supported by Emptoris Strategic Supply Management are:

- English
- German
- Spanish
- French
- Italian
- Japanese
- Brazilian Portuguesse
- Simplified Chinese
- Traditional Chinese

Date Format

Emptoris Strategic Supply Management supports six date formats out of which Emptoris Sourcing supports only three. If a attribute is assigned a date format that is not supported in Emptoris Sourcing, then the date format defaults to - MM/DD/YYYY.

Date formats supported by Emptoris Sourcing are the following:

- MM/DD/YYYY
- DD/MM/YYYY
- YYYY/MM/DD

Date formats supported by Emptoris Strategic Supply Management are the following:

- MM/DD/YYYY
- DD/MM/YYYY
- YYYY/MM/DD
- MM-DD-YYYY
- DD.MM.YYYY
- YYYY-MM-DD

Number Format

Emptoris Strategic Supply Management supports four number formats out of which Emptoris Sourcing supports only three.

If a attribute is assigned a number format that is not supported in Emptoris Sourcing, then the number format defaults to - #,###.##.

Number formats supported by Emptoris Sourcing are the following:

- # ###,##
- #,###.##
- #.###,##

Number formats supported by Emptoris Strategic Supply Management are the following:

- # ###,##
- #,###.##
- #.###,##
- # ###.##

Time Zone

Emptoris Sourcing follows the GMT convention, whereas Emptoris Strategic Supply Management follows UTC convention. When user views date or time information in Emptoris Sourcing, the information will be converted from UTC to GMT.

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Resolved Issues 10.0.1.3

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Several security issues are resolved in the 10.0.1.3 release of Emptoris Sourcing.

For more information about the security issues, refer to the Security bulletin published on 12th August, 2014 available at the following location:

<http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21680665>

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Resolved Issues 10.0.1.2

The following table provides information about issues resolved in version 10.0.1.2 release of Emptoris Sourcing.

Table: Resolved Issues 10.0.1.2

Function	Found in Version	Tracking Number/Sales Force Number	Description
Auctions	9.5.0.2	ESP-54664 / 5377-10665659	A timeout message is displayed during major auctions. The proxy server does not receive a timely response from the upstream server.
Buyer Survey	9.0.4.3	ESP-54646	The buyer survey link is not visible to non-registered respondents for languages other than the default language.
Surrogate Bidding	9.0.1.0.1, 9.0.2, 10.0.1, 9.5.0.2	ESP-49047/218825, 241643,0027428-1	The Item header and Buyer bid submission fields are not available in the buyer side offline response template in the .xls, .xlsx, or .csv format.
User Authentication		ESP-55202	Multi- Authentication Modes are supported for Internal Users. The product URL in the email (as mentioned in "epass.site.url" configuration key) contains a request parameter.
Analytics	10.0.1.1	ESP-55265/10733650	SDI reports have incorrect data for field totals of rows.
RFx	10.0.1.1.1	ESP-55182/10685129	A Salutation Error is displayed while trying to access an RFx.

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Resolved Issues 10.0.1.1

The following table provides information on issues resolved in version 10.0.1.1 release of Emptoris Sourcing.

Table: Resolved Issues 10.0.1.1

Function	Found in Version	Tracking Number/Sales Force Number	Description
Award	6.1_SP1_PL1, 9.0.3.4, 10.0.0.0.2	ESP-28165 / 43641, 272596	The award column of the supplier profile page does not display correct information. The award column displays the event as awarded for all the suppliers who are invited for the event, even when the event is awarded to only one supplier.
Award	9.0, 10.0.0.0.1	ESP-51656 / 258562	The award export template of a Reverse Auction displays canceled and invalid bids.
Report	10.0	ESP-53427 / 273704	The Activity log report and the event log table in the data base does not display the change in RFx status from created to canceled.
Report	8.0.1.4, 10.0.0.0.1	ESP-43783 / 148126, 261374	The Advanced Summary report in cross tab type format, displays the bid attribute delivery date as a number string and not as a date format.
Report	8.0.1.5	ESP-51491 / 140071	The activity log report of an event that is closed and awarded does not display the RFx status change from closed to awarded. It only displays the RFx status change from open to closed.

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Resolved Issues 10.0.1

The table below provides information on issues resolved in version 10.0.1 release of Emptoris Sourcing.

Table: Resolved Issues 10.0.1

Function	Found in Version	Tracking Number/Sales Force Number	Description
Auctions	8.0.3.21, 9.0.3.2	ESP-51521 / 256624	Formula bid fields are not updated in auctions when proxy bidding is defined as a bidding rule.
Auctions	9.5.0.2	ESP-52184 / 00262602	Auctions do not open or close at the scheduled date and time.
Auctions	9.5.0.2	ESP-52093 / 00262693	Users cannot add team members to a Dutch Auction when the auction is in the closed or paused state.
Categories	10.0	ESP-51745 / 00259844	User cannot see sub-categories that are created in Emptoris Strategic Supply Management Categories created in Emptoris Strategic Supply Management do not get synched to Emptoris Sourcing.
Categories		ESP-50503	If the default and additional languages in which category name and description are translated are different in Emptoris Sourcing and Emptoris Virtual Supply Master then category synchronization does not happen. For synchronization to happen, the default and additional languages should be same and should also be configured in the same order.

Table: Resolved Issues 10.0.1

Function	Found in Version	Tracking Number/Sales Force Number	Description
Categories		ESP-50674	The 'Key word' field of Category cannot be translated in Emptoris Sourcing, whereas it can be translated in Emptoris Strategic Supply Management. If 'keyword' is translated in Emptoris Strategic Supply Management, it is displayed in the default language in Emptoris Sourcing.
Categories		ESP-51862	If the Emptoris Sourcing root category code is renamed, a category with the same code as the Emptoris Sourcing root category should not be created in the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management.
Currency		ESP-50870	The Emptoris Sourcing application does not support all the currencies that are supported by Emptoris Strategic Supply Management. The following currencies are not supported by Emptoris Sourcing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angola New Kwanza (AOA) • Serbian Dinar (CSD) • Tajikistan, Ruble (TJR)
Integration		ESP-49156 / 145371	Users cannot see the Emptoris Spend Analysis bookmark list on the Edit Spend tile, when bookmarks have a apostrophe (') in the name.
Integration	8.0.3.20	ESP-52345 / 00216420	Users receive an error message when users access Emptoris Contract Management from Emptoris Sourcing and logout from Emptoris Contract Management.

Table: Resolved Issues 10.0.1

Function	Found in Version	Tracking Number/Sales Force Number	Description
Integration	9.5.0.0	ESP-51961 / 00261253	Fields containing values more than two decimal lengths when transferred from Emptoris Sourcing to Emptoris Contract Management get rounded off to two decimal places in Emptoris Contract Management.
Integration	10.0	ESP-50677 / 00144133	When users navigate from Emptoris Sourcing to Emptoris Spend Analysis that has multiple cubes, then the user has to go to the cube selection page to select the cube that the user wants to access. This happens when the cube is not set as the application default cube.
Integration		ESP-50704	For an awarded event, during the contract creation process, the approval form creation may fail if the supplier picked up as an external contact is not mastered in Emptoris Strategic Supply Management. To avoid this, the buyer users will now have to select the external contact while initiating approval in the Emptoris Contract Management application.
Integration	10.0.0.0.1	ESP-52085 / 262468	The category ID of items from Emptoris Sourcing is not transferred to Emptoris Contract Management when a user creates a contract in Emptoris Sourcing. The Lines tab displays the category name in the category ID column in Emptoris Contract Management.

Table: Resolved Issues 10.0.1

Function	Found in Version	Tracking Number/Sales Force Number	Description
Integration		ESP-50842	Users cannot access the Emptoris Spend Analysis application when users click on the bookmark configured on the Emptoris Spend Analysis tile on the user portal of Emptoris Sourcing, when the bookmark is deleted from Emptoris Spend Analysis.
Integration Framework		ESP-52466	An Organizational Supplier Manager (OSM) can create RFI, RFP, RFQ, Buyer Survey, and Auctions through user interface only. An OSM user cannot create line items, place bids or responses through IF.
Log in		ESP-52707	Users, using 3 tier login should use the following for login: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buyer and supplier users should login using the format - 'organisation_name\login_name'. • System users should login using login name only.
Migration		ESP-52253	Business units and categories migrate to Emptoris Strategic Supply Management to only ten level hierarchy. If levels of categories and business units exceeds ten, then the categories and business units do not migrate.

Table: Resolved Issues 10.0.1

Function	Found in Version	Tracking Number/Sales Force Number	Description
Organization		ESP-52804	Users receive error when they create two organizations with same name, one in upper case and another in lower, because the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management considers case sensitive names as duplicates due to which the unique ID for both the organization is set same. If users try to change the organization name, the user is not able to change the unique ID due to flag settings, hence is not able to change the organization name also.
Organization	9.5.0.2	ESP-51769 / 00260265	Corporate sourcing managers can see self service organizations on the Manage Organization page.
Organization	9.5.0.2	ESP-52061 / 00262364	Users cannot see the system organization on the View Organization page.
Organization	9.5.0.2	ESP-52062 / 00262474	Users cannot see business units in the business unit tab.

Table: Resolved Issues 10.0.1

Function	Found in Version	Tracking Number/Sales Force Number	Description
Organization		ESP-50574	<p>If organizations are created in the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management with the same name as that of Emptoris Sourcing system organizations that is, 'emptoris' or 'emptoris_hierarchy', then Emptoris Sourcing and Emptoris Strategic Supply Management synchronization fails.</p> <p>Also, if users created in the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management have the login name same, as that of Emptoris Sourcing seeded users, that is 'admin', 'admin2', 'notification', and 'messaging', then Emptoris Sourcing and Emptoris Strategic Supply Management synchronization fails.</p> <p>Workaround:</p> <p>You must not create organizations by the name, 'emptoris' or 'emptoris_hierarchy' in the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management.</p>
Offline bidding template	8.0, 9.5.0.2	ESP-46721 / 00256870	The offline bidding template does not export data correctly if the event has more than 50.000 rows of data.
RFx		ESP-52704 / 266767, 266768	Users cannot make changes in the Define Bidding Rules and Bid Fields page.
Sourcing Desktop Intelligence	9.5.0.0	ESP-50860 / 00244401	Sourcing Desktop Intelligence export does not work on 64-bit operating systems.

Table: Resolved Issues 10.0.1

Function	Found in Version	Tracking Number/Sales Force Number	Description
Sourcing Desktop Intelligence	9.5.0.0	ESP-50054 / 234041	The Advanced Side by Side report of Sourcing Desktop Intelligence displays bids placed in USD currency, in the currency that is set in the regional settings. When user places bids in USD and if the currency set in regional settings is Euro, the bids placed in USD are displayed with a 'Euro' sign.
Sourcing Desktop Intelligence		ESP-50741	If multiple supplier organizations are created with the same name with different users assigned to them and used in an event, then the Basic Bid report of the Sourcing Desktop Intelligence displays the bids of suppliers from only one organization. Supplier bids of other organization are not displayed.
Search		ESP-50431	In the Internet Explorer browser, the pop-up menu is not displayed when users perform a quick search and click the search results.

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Resolved Issues 10.0

The table below provides information on issues resolved in version 10.0 Release of Emptoris Sourcing.

Table: Resolved Issues 10.0

Function	Found in Version	Tracking Number/Sales Force Number	Description
Auction	8.0.1, 9.0.2.1, 9.0.3	ESP-50158 / 235521	In an auction, when some suppliers are invited at lot level and some are invited at item level of the same lot, then the suppliers who are invited at item level are revoked from the event. This happens when supplier invitation starts at item level and then moves to lot level.
Buyer Survey	8.0.2.14	ESP-50602 / 239751	Non-registered users are able to submit buyer survey responses by clicking the 'Previous' button.
Buyer Survey	8.0.2.14	ESP-50603 / 239752	The survey response window of a buyer survey displays the 'Save and Next' and 'Cancel' button as plain text with garbled characters when non registered users are responding to the survey.
Export	9.0.2.2.1	ESP-49705 / 230019	RFx export displays the Euro '€' symbol as '&euro'.
Export	9.5.0.1	ESP-50258 / 237351	The Auto RFx export after supplier bids, does not function properly. When the flag is set for auto export RFx after Supplier Bids, the event is not exported after the supplier has placed the bids.
Export	9.5.0.2	ESP-50906 / 242130	The export of an event fails when users try to export events to a remote server.
Export	7.1.3.5, 8.0.3.2, 8.0.3.9, 9.0.3.1	ESP-42736 / 00242370, 00242343	Users are not able to export events in XML, CSV, and XLS formats.

Table: Resolved Issues 10.0

Function	Found in Version	Tracking Number/Sales Force Number	Description
Integration		ESP-51019 / 243542	Authored contract creation fails if the event has user- defined formula bid field and a spacer row item definition field and the contract line definition do not contain these fields. This happens when the order of data definition header list and data list is not same.
Notice	9.0.1	ESP-49791 / 00230526	Users receive salutation error while creating Contract Award Notice.
Notification	8.0.2, 9.0.0.1, 9.0.2	ESP-49531 / 225588, 227689	Supplier users with different locales, that is different preferred language, preferred currency, preferred date, preferred number format do not receive messages with attachments. This happens when messages are sent to 'All Bidders' or multiple suppliers.
Notification	9.0.2.2.1	ESP-50394 / 00236487	If the character quote ' is used in the subject and content of a notification, then html entities (') are displayed instead of the quote.
RFx	9.0.2.1.1	ESP-49814 / 232120, 00232635	Users receive salutation error while creating RFx from templates.
RFx	9.5.0.1	ESP-50643 / 00235871	Users receive salutation error while creating approval forms, if event server is included in the installation.
Scenario	8.0.3.17	ESP-50179 / 235109	Scenarios that have scope set to lot and item level do not complete successfully.
User Interface	9.0.3	ESP-49601	If the character quote ' is used while creating question then html entities (') are displayed in the name instead of the quote.

Table: Resolved Issues 10.0

Function	Found in Version	Tracking Number/Sales Force Number	Description
Emptoris Strategic Supply Management		CFGS-1458	Installing applications from a previously saved configuration is not supported for this release. If you use a previously saved configuration, though the installation will be successful, the files will be split between two different installation directories. To avoid this issue, you must reinstall the application using the new templates.

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Behavioral changes

Roles

The discontinued roles of Emptoris Sourcing will be handled in the following way:

The users will be migrated to Emptoris Strategic Supply Management but will not be enabled for Emptoris Sourcing. The following roles will be assigned the Buyer Observers role:

- Feedback Survey Buyer
- Users with spend role
- Instant Feedback Survey Buyer

When custom roles are created in Emptoris Sourcing the custom role will be visible to Admin_custom role explicitly in roledef_custom.properties file.

For more information on mapping of Roles in Emptoris Sourcing and Emptoris Strategic Supply Management, refer to the IBM Emptoris Strategic Supply Management Administrators Guide.

Organizations

Organizations will be migrated to Emptoris Strategic Supply Management and will be listed in Emptoris Strategic Supply Management user interface and the Emptoris Sourcing user interface.

Module Visibility

The modules that are disabled through the Siteconfig file in Emptoris Sourcing, will show as enabled in the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management user interface after migration, but will not be visible in Emptoris Sourcing.

Users

Users can be assigned a currency that is not the same as the currency of the organization to which the users belong to.

IF Template Limitations

The following limitations exist for IF templates:

- The Emptoris Sourcing `style="font-weight: normal;" />` application does not support pre-10.0.1 RFX template. From version 10.0.1, a new column "ID" is added to the RFX excel import which is not available in the pre-10.0.1 RFX template.
- Users cannot export large number of events (more than 200 events) in XML in a single operation.
- When an RFX that contains a Decimal type of field is exported and a value that contains more than the allowed number of digits after the decimal point is entered, the value is accepted but it cannot be imported back.

Workaround: Use the information in the comment provided for the field to enter the correct number of digits for this field before you import it.

Please use the following suggestions:

- **Unfreeze panes** - If the comment appears at the top of the window or worksheet and the bottom or right half of the comment is cut off, you may have frozen panes. To view the entire comment, on the **Window** menu, click **Unfreeze Panes**.

- **Enlarge the comment box** - Right-click the cell that contains the comment, click **Edit Comment** on the shortcut menu, and then drag the handles until you can see all of the comment text.

Currency Administration

Procedure of Currency Conversions When Exchange Rate Information is Missing

Pulling Catalog Data (Historical Pricing) into an RFX When Exchange Rate Information is Missing

The system uses an implicit exchange rate of 1 to convert the organization/system primary currency value for the product into the RFX currency value in the following situations:

- The currency table does not exist.
- There is no current currency table.
- The currency table exists but the necessary exchange rate has not been defined.

Pushing RFX Data (Award Data) into the Catalog When Exchange Rate Information is Missing (Note: This applies only to organizations with SourceLink enabled.)

The system uses an implicit exchange rate of 1 to convert the RFX currency value for an item to the organization/system primary currency value if the following information is missing:

- The currency table does not exist.
- There is no current currency table.
- The currency table exists but the necessary exchange rate has not been defined.

Reports use an Implicit Rate of 1.00 when Exchange Rate Information is missing.

Import/Export

Settings for Sourcing Desktop Intelligence Report

- To run Sourcing Desktop Intelligence, the security setting in Microsoft Excel must be set to Medium (recommended) or Low.
- Enable Macros if you set the security setting to Medium.
- The user guide for Sourcing Desktop Intelligence is available only in English.

Considerations for RFP reports using the crosstab option (For Excel 2003 only)

When running RFP reports using the crosstab option, users can select a large number of suppliers and run the report in the .XLS format. The report is generated successfully but it may not open in Microsoft Excel 2003.

Reason: Microsoft Excel 2003 supports 256 columns and if the report contains more than 256 columns it cannot be opened in Microsoft Excel 2003.

Workaround:

- Reduce the number of suppliers for the report.
- Select only the required score-types, either raw or weighted.
- Do not include the question/questionnaire details option.
- Include the My Score option.
- Run the report by supplier, questionnaire, or item instead of cross-tabs. Suppliers are displayed as rows in these options.

Offline Bidding template

When users place bids in an offline bidding template that is downloaded from a version prior to 9.0.3, and use this template to import the bids and responses, then though the import job is displayed as 'Done', the responses and bids do not get imported.

Workaround:

Users must download the latest offline bid template and place bids.

RFX

Manual Invitation Limitation

When an RFX, which has manual invitations enabled, is set to Pending Invitation status for subsequent rounds, the RFX is no longer visible to the included supplier until the RFX is set to Pending or Open.

Precaution While Entering URL

Importing an RFX or Line Item attribute with an invalid URL or creating a Text_Single attribute field with an invalid URL does not result in a failure. It is not possible for the system to validate the URL format completely.

Workaround: Verify that a URL is valid before entering it.

Approach for Rounding Bids

System generated bids such as Proxy Bids and bids created by the Take Lead feature use a rounding mechanism based on auction type. To calculate the effective PPU, a Forward Auction rounds up the Ceiling Price and Reverse Auction rounds down the Floor Price. If

the PPU equals 1.66666666, for example, then depending on the type of auction, Emptoris Sourcing does the following:

- Forward Auction - Ceiling Price is rounded up to 1.67.
- Reverse Auction - Floor Price is rounded down to 1.66.

When the Minimum Bid Change feature generates a bid, the bid is always rounded up. In the above example, a PPU of 1.66666666 generated with the Minimum Bid Change feature is rounded up to 1.67 for a Reverse Auction.

Categories

Category Creation

When a category is created in Emptoris Strategic Supply Management with the name root category, it has the following implications in Sourcing:

- If a parent category is created in Emptoris Strategic Supply Management with the name 'root category', the synchronization between Emptoris Strategic Supply Management and Emptoris Sourcing fails.
- If a child category is created in Emptoris Strategic Supply Management with the name 'root category', the synchronization between Emptoris Strategic Supply Management and Emptoris Sourcing happens but the category becomes the child of the Emptoris Sourcing applications - system category referred to as the "root category".

Category Reparenting

If a user creates a formula using inherited category information attributes and then reparents the category and tries to change the formula, the Emptoris Sourcing application may display an error. This might happen because the formula contains previously inherited information attributes. Users can update the formula and save it.

Notifications

After the 10.0.1.2 release, if a user has old notification messages, the application URLs in the previous notifications will not work. Notifications should be re-sent to users so that the users have the correct updated URL in the external notifications.

This chapter provides information on known issues that may be experienced while working on Emptoris Sourcing. The table below lists the issues that are either not fixed or not implemented in this version. A few of them may have workarounds.

Table: Open Issues

Function	Tracking Number / Sales Force Number	Description
Category	ESP-50383	When users search subcategories of a category, the search result displays all the categories in the list including the categories that are not the child of the parent category.
Formula	ESP-50917	Formula editor does not work in Mozilla Firefox version 15 and 16 due to a regression in the browser software. It works in version 14 and version 17.
Help		The online help does not contain swedish translations for the 10.0.1 updates.
Help		The online help is not displayed properly in the Internet Explorer 10 browser.
Language	ESP-38925	The search icon does not appear in the Online Help for the Chinese Traditional and Chinese Simplified languages.
Integration	ESP-44060/00151553 & 00206061	The Emptoris Sourcing application displays an error when users try to retrieve contracts for a supplier profile that has more than hundred contracts.
Integration Framework	ESP-43522	If the same table type question is used in two different questionnaires of an RFX, an error occurs when users try to import the offline response template after responding to the questionnaires offline.
Integration Framework	ESP-43199	If a large number of supplier profile information attributes are defined, the task of exporting all supplier profiles may take a long time to complete or may even fail.

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Function	Tracking Number / Sales Force Number	Description
Import	ESP-44311	Workbook protection does not work in the .xls format but works fine in the .xlsx format. The worksheet protection works in both .xls and .xlsx formats.
Report	ESP-50600	Buyer Survey reports do not get generated properly when buyer application managers select the valid and draft option types of responses.
Search	ESP-50490	Users with corporate sourcing manager and divisional sourcing manager role can search for categories even when they do not have category permissions. If they click the subcategory link of the searched category, the application displays an error message.
Supplier	ESP-50248	The Date Established field of a supplier profile, displays the date and the time the organization was created, even when time is not an input value during supplier organization creation in Emptoris Strategic Supply Management.
Upgrade	ESP-42652 / 00128518	After migrating to the latest version, buyer application managers cannot view the reverse auction templates, created by content managers in the earlier version of the application.
User Interface	ESP-43524, ESP-43526, ESP-44623	An error message is displayed when some characters or words are used in the application. The error may occur if certain special characters (such as @, , #, %, \, and more) are used in names for Binders or Business Units. Some restricted words, such as <script, <link, <iframe, <a if used in category name may display an error message.

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