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|  | You are receiving this communication as you have been identified as a person within one of our Suppliers currently supplying Ford North America. Up to now you have amended your data your Supplier data in GSDB Online. This is about to change. |
| ***What is Changing & Why*** | |  | |
| ***Warning outline*** | **SAP Business Network (SAPBN) and Supplier Lifecycle Performance (SLP)** are one element of Ford’s I-ERP program of new business processes and systems.  SAPBN will replace GSDB Online to collect information from Suppliers. This will happen both as part of the initial quoting and Sourcing process and on an ongoing basis to maintain Supplier data.  In addition to foundational data held in GSDB today, (Legal entity definition, address, bank, tax, sanctions status etc.), SAPBN and SLP assists Suppliers and Buyers in the collection of further data that will be essential to Support both our businesses going forward  . |
| ***When are Suppliers to FNA going to be impacted?*** | | |
| Internet with solid fill | **Suppliers must get ready now!**  You need to act in GSDB Online now to ensure that any changes you make can be fully implemented ahead of SAPBN & SLP introduction  This is especially important for changes the required Ford approvals (e.g. Supplier/Legal entity name change)  You must instigate any upcoming urgent or important changes now.  Your organisation will have already been contacted by the i-ERP Supplier Onboarding to get Registered in SAP BN. Your site must then be fully qualified in SAPBN in order to add and amend data on that site. You should put even greater priority on completing this qualification activity if you anticipated changes of your data.  See “Key Dates” below/attached. |
| ***Will I get training for SAPBN?*** | | |
| Teacher with solid fill | Yes - All Suppliers that are impacted by the FNA launch (irrespective of location) will receive a communication from the I-ERP Supplier Onboarding team, inviting you to SAPBN Supplier Training. You may have already attended one of these sessions.  If you are a Supplier supplying FNA and your SAP business lead has not been invited to training, please contact [sfordan1@ford.com](mailto:sfordan1@ford.com)  . |
| ***What suppliers will this impact?*** | |
| Handshake outline | Initially any Supplier supplying Production or FCSD parts into North America (Canada, Mexico, U.S.).  The i-ERP Supplier Onboarding team will proactively ask Suppliers to get Registered and Qualified for SAPBN as a part of the FNA i-ERP launch activities.  At this time you should only qualify sites supplying into Ford in North America, later, all Suppliers (and Buyers) globally across Production, FCSD and Indirect will use SLP, with GCRP and GSDB Online being decommissioned. |
| ***Does my buyer know about this?*** | |
| Handshake outline | Yes, all buyers globally impacted have been communicated to and are receiving training over the coming weeks. |
| ***Key Dates where you must take action:*** | |
| Daily calendar outline | * 8 weeks ahead of SLP Launch - **(Now!)**   + Suppliers to FNA are required to instigate any urgent/important changes in GSDB Online * 4 weeks ahead of SLP Launch (27th February)   + No further additions or changes for Suppliers into FNA allowed in GSDB Online that required to be approved by your buyer or STA.   + If you have requests to change data that have not been approved at this time, in the first instance, please contact your buyer. If you are aware your buyer is absent and this change request is urgent, please raise a helpdesk ticket.   + You can continue to add and change data that does not require any Ford approvals (e.g. bank, tax, contacts etc.) * 2 weeksahead of SLP Launch (14th March)   + All requests requiring Ford approvals that are outstanding will be automatically cancelled   + You should manage all routine additions and changes via SLP   + You can continue to add and change data that does not require any Ford approvals (e.g. bank, tax, contacts etc.) * 28th March - SLP launched for Production & FCSD Suppliers to FNA   + All changes and additions for Suppliers supplying FNA Production to be managed via SLP   + You cannot change any data on GSDB Online   + All outstanding GCRP requests (i.e. requests not fully implemented in GCRP) will be cancelled automatically, with changes having to be re-stared in SLP |
| ***FAQ’s*** | |
| Badge Question Mark with solid fill | Q1) **I have an unexcepted change or addition during the blackout period, what can I do?**  A1) Changes that can be enacted during the normal course of business must enact those changes via SLP. Suppliers should be able to enact their own changes within 15 business days of SLP launch.  If you have an emergency (e.g. immediate production stoppage, sales impact etc), please contact the SLP team at [sfordan1@ford.com](mailto:sfordan1@ford.com)  Q3) **How can I tell if my site should be managed by SLP?**  A2) GSDB Online will display a message indicating that the site is now managed via SLP.    Q5) **I am about to re-structuring my business (i.e. selling or buying another business), how do I enact a re-parenting action in SLP?**  A5) Until May 2023, all re-parenting requests will continue to be managed within GSDB, you should request your Buyer raise a GCRP request and the GSDB team will manage this.  Q8) **I have a question not covered in the above FAQs, how can I get further help?**  A8) Firstly, please ensure you have attended the SAPBN training sessions  Should you require help please contact [sfordan1@ford.com](mailto:sfordan1@ford.com) |
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