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Introduction 1

About this Document

This document provides information about new features, resolved issues, and open issues for IBM® Emptoris® Supplier Lifecycle Management in the 10.x release.

Information About Emptoris Strategic Supply Management Platform

The Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management application is installed on the IBM Emptoris Strategic Supply Management platform.

Please refer to the new features, resolved issues, and open issues for the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management platform in the latest *IBM Emptoris Strategic Supply Management Platform Release Notes*.

System Requirement Documents

For information about 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

Scope

This chapter contains information about the new features that are available with the 10.0.1 release of Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management.

Workflow Enhancements in Supplier Qualification

With 10.0.1, the supplier registration workflow is enhanced.

Users can now cancel the supplier registration process if they do not want to complete the registration process.

Users can also re-open the supplier assessment for internal or external respondents in the Supplier Qualification module.

Updating Supplier Registration Information through Adhoc Assessment

With 10.0.1, users can now update the supplier registration information by creating an adhoc assessment series for the registered supplier in the Supplier Qualification module.

For more information, see the IBM Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management 10.0.1 Supplier Qualification Guide.

Other Supplier Qualification Enhancements

The following additional enhancements are done in the Supplier Qualification module:

- After a supplier is cleared and registered successfully, the supplier is created automatically in the Emptoris Virtual Supply Master module of the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management platform.
- During registration of a potential supplier, the user with the Clearing role defines a
 user ID and user contact login name in the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management
 platform.

- While initiating spontaneous supplier registration, a new disabled field is added to the registration template that displays the registration template link.
- You can now select a region based object type for the Entity answer type to
 provide additional restrictions while answering state and country specific questions.

Generating Hardfacts in Performance Evaluation

With 10.0.1, users can now generate hardfacts from the Performance Evaluation module. Hardfacts can be generated for a criterion, chapter, or the Performance Evaluation result.

For more information, see the IBM Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management 10.0.1 Performance Evaluation Guide.

Support for Notifications in Supplier Classification

With 10.0.1, notifications are triggered by the application on account of a user action or status change in the Supplier Classification process. All user communication with internal or external users is done through notifications.

Depending on different system based triggers, emails are generated and sent to users during the Supplier Classification process.

For more information, see the IBM Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management 10.0.1 Supplier Classification Guide.

Usability Enhancements

The following usability enhancements are done in the Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management application for the 10.0.1 release:

- In the Supplier Qualification and Performance Evaluation modules, if the user clicks the **Submit** button to submit an incomplete questionnaire, links are displayed at the top of the questionnaire to re-direct to the incomplete section.
- The Strategic Importance notification templates are enhanced. New notification bundles are now available in the Strategic Importance module to communicate with internal and external users.

- In the Supplier Development module, you can now provide information about the goals and the result in separate fields. The fields are editable based on the assigned user roles.
- With 10.0.1, multiple users can work together on an assigned task in different modules of Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management.

Korean Language Supported

With 10.0.1, the Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management application supports the Korean language.

About

This chapter contains information about the new features that are available with the 10.0 release of Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management.

Portfolio Analysis Reports

The following new reports are added with the 10.0 release of Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management:

• Supplier Qualification

- Approval/evaluation portfolio
- Approval/strategic importance portfolio
- Approval/classification portfolio
- Approval/risk portfolio

• Performance Evaluation

- Evaluation/approval portfolio
- Evaluation/classification portfolio
- Evaluation/strategic importance portfolio
- Evaluation/risk portfolio

• Strategic Importance

- Strategic Importance/approval portfolio
- Strategic Importance/evaluation portfolio
- Strategic Importance/classification portfolio
- Strategic Importance/risk portfolio

• Supplier Classification

- Classification/approval portfolio
- Classification/evaluation portfolio
- Classification/strategic importance portfolio
- Classification/risk portfolio

• Supplier Risk

- Risk Portfolio
- Risk/approval portfolio
- Risk/evaluation portfolio

- Risk/strategic importance portfolio
- Risk/classification portfolio

For more information, see the IBM Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management 10.0 Basic Functionalities Guide.

Enhanced Follow-up Business Actions

You can now initiate a business action by using the follow-up option in the Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management application for all possible business objects. Some of the business actions that can be initiated as follow-ups are:

- Supplier Qualification assessments series
- Action for Supplier Development

You need to configure the follow-up actions after installation. For information on configuring the follow-up actions, see the IBM Emptoris Suite 10.0 Installation Guide.

Supplier Risk - Enhanced Alerting

With 10.0, users can now configure alerts that can be triggered upon a threshold breach or change over time. You can define risk indicators and rules while configuring alerts to be triggered. Alerts can additionally be sent out as a notification to responsible users.

In the Supplier Risk module, a new **Recent Alerts** menu is added to allow users to see recent alerts and also search for them if required.

Strategic Importance - Change in Workflow

With 10.0, the Administrator or Responsible user role can now activate or deactivate the Strategic Importance evaluation. Notifications are no longer received for the Strategic Importance module.

For more information, see the IBM Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management 10.0 Strategic Importance Guide.

Enhanced Home Page

The Home page of the Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management application is enhanced so that the users can view their open tasks across all modules in the application. Moreover, they can also view the objects that were recently opened in the Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management application.

RESTful Interfaces

The Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management provides RESTful interfaces. This allows other business applications to gather strategic business information from its various business modules to drive business processes in these applications. All HTTP enabled clients, for example portlets, mobile devices, browsers, or even ERP systems can obtain data from these interfaces. Business data from following modules is available in the current release:

- Master Data (suppliers, regions, organization, and categories)
- Supplier Qualification
- Performance Evaluation
- Supplier Classification
- Supplier Risk

For example, the approval status of a supplier based on the assessments in the Supplier Qualification module, the risk impact and risk likelihood scores derived from the Supplier Risk module, and so on.

In this release, it is only possible to fetch data from Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management via HTTP GET requests and the following resource representations (response formats) are supported in this release:

- XML
- JSON

Integration with other IBM Emptoris Applications

Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management is now integrated with IBM Emptoris Spend Analysis and IBM Emptoris Contract Management.

You can view the spend data from Emptoris Spend Analysis and the header information of the contracts of suppliers from Emptoris Contract Management in the 360° view section of suppliers in the Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management application.

Additional Languages Supported

The following languages are now supported for Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management:

- Japanese
- Simplified Chinese
- Traditional Chinese

Resolved Issues in Release 10.0.1.2

This chapter lists the resolved issues in 10.0.1.2 for the Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management application.

Note: For the list of resolved issues for the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management platform, you must refer to the *IBM Emptoris Strategic Supply Management Platform 10.0.*1.3 *Release Notes.*

Table: Resolved Issues in Release 10.0.1.2

Component	Found in Version	Tracking Number	Sales Force Num- ber/Parature number	Description
RESTful Inter- faces	10.0.1	SRM-11162	5377- 10518423	When the template_title search query parameter was executed, the correct set of Answersheet results were not retrieved.
Performance Evaluation	10.0.1	SRM-11279	5377- 10524818	When you run the Bulk Actions functionality to release the scorecards, an # Objects are not processed error message was displayed.
Supplier Development	10.0.1	SRM-11361	5377- 10536569	The user who was assigned the Responsible user role was not displayed correctly.
	10.0.1	SRM-11501	5377- 10543614	When a user exported data from the Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management application, the file name contained an under- score after the file extension.
	10.0.1	SRM-12236	5377- 10478968	Attachments that were more than 7 days old were deleted from the Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Managementapplication.

Resolved Issues in Release 10.0.1.1

This chapter lists the resolved issues in 10.0.1.1 for the Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management application.

Note: For the list of resolved issues for the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management platform, you must refer to the *IBM Emptoris Strategic Supply Management Platform 10.0.1.1 Release Notes*.

Table: Resolved Issues in Release 10.0.1.1

Component	Found in Version	Tracking Number	Sales Force Num- ber/Parature number	Description
Performance Evaluation	10.0.1	SRM-10357		If an external user tried to access the My Performance Evaluations menu, an SqlDataException error message was displayed.
Performance Evaluation	10.0.1	SRM-10900	273828	When a user tried to initiate the Performance Evaluation process, an internal application error message was displayed.
Supplier Qualification	10.0.1	SRM-9971		You could not complete the clearing task in Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management even when a supplier was mapped correctly to a specific state and country in the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management platform.
Supplier Qualification	10.0.1	SRM-10014	244530, 274609	When a supplier tried to submit an application for supplier registration, an unknown error message was displayed.
Supplier Qualification	10.0.1	SRM-10146	N/A	If countries were updated in the Emptoris Virtual Supply Master module of Emptoris Strategic Supply Management platform, they were not mapped correctly for active questionnaires in Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management.

Table: Resolved Issues in Release 10.0.1.1

Component	Found in Version	Tracking Number	Sales Force Num- ber/Parature number	Description
Supplier Qual- ification	10.0.1	SRM-10450	N/A	The answer task in the Suspended status was not listed if the external answer task was saved as draft.
Supplier Qualification	10.0.1	SRM-10552	N/A	During supplier assessment, even if the user clicked the Suspend & Close button without saving the answers, the task was displayed in Execute Tasks.
Supplier Qualification	10.0.1	SRM-10617	N/A	The mandatory attachment question was not highlighted as other mandatory questions.
Supplier Qualification	10.0.1	SRM-10687	N/A	During supplier registration, when an internal respondent could only view the questions and did not have a task to answer the questions, the Internal Answer Task step was skipped, and the status of registration changed to In Clearing.
Supplier Qual- ification	10.0.1	SRM-10705	N/A	In an Invited registration, the pre-filled default values from the questionnaire were not displayed as historical answers in the Change History section.
Supplier Qual- ification	10.0.1	SRM-10726	N/A	If the last respondent in a questionnaire was not assigned the Releaser user role, the Auto release functionality did not work.
RESTful Inter- faces	10.0.1	SRM-10701	272923, 265670	While accessing RESTful interfaces, the HTTP 500 Response error message was displayed for some users with restricted permissions other than the system administrator.

Table: Resolved Issues in Release 10.0.1.1

Component	Found in Version	Tracking Number	Sales Force Num- ber/Parature number	Description
	10.0.1	SRM-10872	5377- 10517476	In the spend 360 degree view, the currency symbol was not available as prefix.
	10.0.1	SRM-10923	271236	A Hardfacts value greater than 100 was not supported in the application.

This chapter lists the resolved issues in 10.0.1 for the Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management application.

Note: For the list of resolved issues for the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management platform, you must refer to the *IBM Emptoris Strategic Supply Management Platform 10.0.1 Release Notes*.

Table: Resolved Issues in Release 10.0.1

Component	Found in Ver- sion	Tracking Num- ber/Sales Force Number	Description
Supplier Qualification	10.0	SRM- 9991/	If the questions had some dependency rules defined, some of the questions did not appear in the questionnaire.
Supplier Qualification	10.0	SRM- 9344/	You could not automatically start an assessment after registration because the external respondent created in the Clearing Task was not assigned automatically to the assessment because of delayed reasons.
Supplier Qualification	10.0	SRM- 9839/	In the Compare Suppliers menu, while comparing complex questions only the first two answers were seen.
Supplier Qualification	10.0	SRM-9904, SRM- 9905/	Invited registration process did not send reminder notifications to the respondents.
Supplier Risk	10.0	SRM- 9765/	The "View assigned" permission was not sufficient to see the assigned alerts in a risk assessment.
Supplier Risk	10.0	SRM- 9890/	Even if the default value was changed automatically by Hardfacts, the criterion still showed the default value.
Supplier Risk	10.0	SRM- 9875/	Even without risk assessment permissions, a user could see the risk results in the Risk portfolio report.

Open Issues

This chapter lists the open issues in the Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management application.

Note: For the list of open issues for the Emptoris Strategic Supply Management platform, you must refer to the *IBM Emptoris Strategic Supply Management Platform 10.0.1.1 Release Notes*.

Table: Open Issues

Component	Tracking Num- ber/Sales Force Number	Description
Performance Evaluation	SRM-9010/	The report preview is not displayed correctly.
Supplier Clas- sification	SRM-9023/	If set symbols are more than the allowed limit in the Comment field for deactivating or reactivating the Supplier Classification, an SqlDataException error message is displayed.
Supplier Development	SRM-10354/	Users with restricted View all permissions for attributes and organization do not see all actions and tasks listed under the project.
Supplier Development	SRM-10360/	When a user with limited permissions logs in the Emptoris Supplier Lifecycle Management, the title and code filters for projects marked for deletion does not work correctly.
Supplier Devel- opment	SRM-10557/	You can delete a user with Respondent role while assigning bulk participants.
Supplier Qualification	SRM-9236/	The wiki-style text elements are displayed in a different style in the questionnaire detail report.
Supplier Qual- ification	SRM-10612, SRM-10420/	Some notifications are not generated on time for assessment series.
	SRM-9708/	User groups "SLM Internal User" and "SLM External User" are assigned as default groups and cannot be removed from the users. Workaround: Yes. Give only minimum or no permissions for these user groups.

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