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# Supplier Manual

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## 1. Introduction

The procurement process is part of the Procure-to-Pay process chain (P2P – from purchase order to invoice) and Ringier is optimising all aspects of it in light of this. The cloud software solution Coupa enables everything from requisitions and purchase orders through to supplier invoices to be created electronically. Procurement of goods and services is therefore primarily handled via this P2P portal, which leads to greater efficiency.

This guide introduces the Coupa P2P portal to suppliers to Ringier AG (and associated subsidiaries and holdings in the Ringier Group) and assists them in registering with and using Coupa.

### 1.1 *Benefits for suppliers*

Coupa not only helps Ringier to optimise its P2P process, it also offers the following benefits for suppliers:

- Lays the foundation for a long-term business relationship
- Bundles business needs for preferred partners
- Reduces costs and work effort through automated processes on the supplier side
- Greater efficiency (no delay in payment runs thanks to end-to-end electronic processes)
- Increased transparency (view transfer status of all invoices)
- Very user-friendly
- Free to use
- Reduces error rate
- VAT-compliant invoicing
- Payment terms of 15 days net



I admire our customer Ringier for finding the strength and courage to use such a tool. There is a feeling of respect for the vendor and a desire to conduct business openly and effectively. Coupa gives us the expected transparency in financial settlement: the client creates an order for your work, you execute it and create the bill, and then at any time, you can see its status.

The Coupa Supplier Portal even sends me text messages – my favourite ones start off with ‘An invoice has been paid’!

Dmitry Ermakov, VP Business Development, iTechArt Group, Minsk, Belarus

### 1.2 *The Procure-to-Pay solution from Coupa*

Coupa is a cloud-based spend-management solution. For more information, go to [www.coupa.com](http://www.coupa.com).

Coupa supports the integration of multiple technologies for electronic document transfer. The type of technological integration required is determined jointly by suppliers and Ringier. The following types are generally recommended:

- cXML: for suppliers with a high volume of transactions
- CSP: general recommendation for all suppliers not integrated via cXML.

### 1.3 Onboarding – Overview of supplier integration

Ringier works with each supplier to define integrations for the following Procure-to-Pay process steps. Connection types are agreed individually. They can come in any technical combination but must be checked for plausibility.

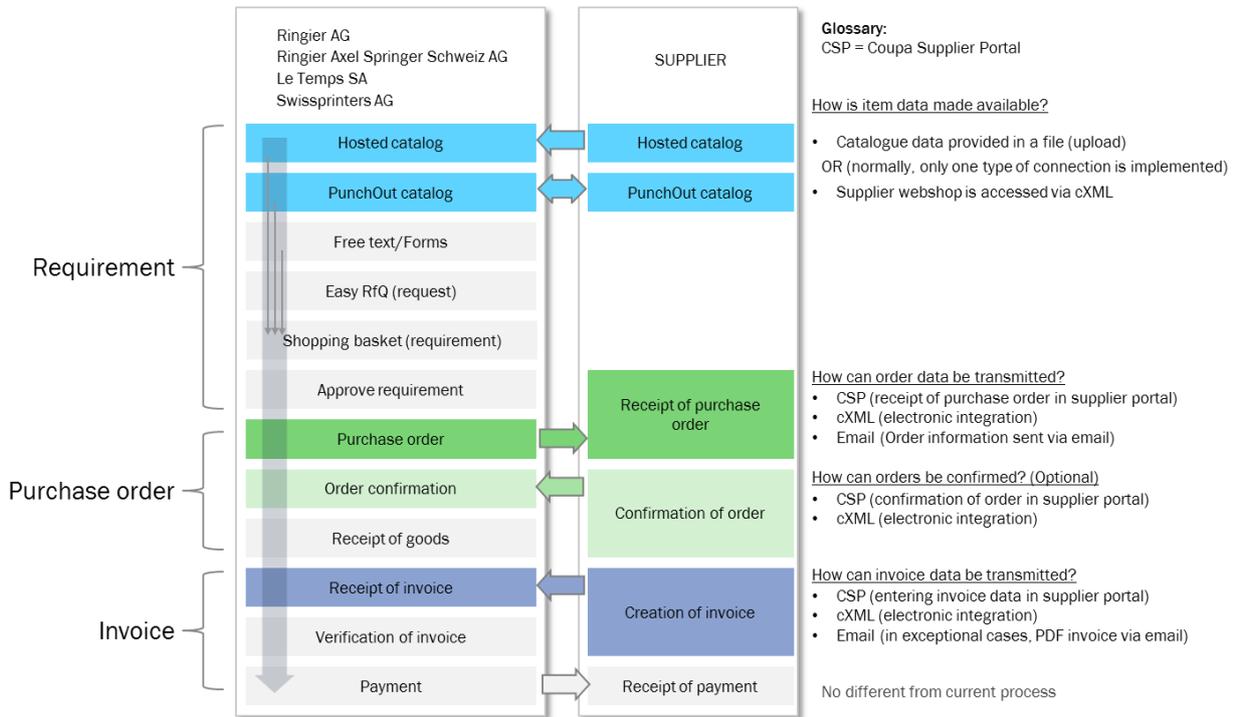


Figure 1: Overview of cooperation process

### 1.4 Contact

#### Procurement

Tel. +41 44 259 66 12  
Email [coupa@ringier.ch](mailto:coupa@ringier.ch)

#### Creditors

Tel. +41 62 746 33 44  
Email [kreditoren@ringier.ch](mailto:kreditoren@ringier.ch)

## 2. Coupa Supplier Portal (CSP)

Coupa offers a free Coupa Supplier Portal (CSP) for suppliers who wish to share their procurement transactions with their customers: [supplier.coupahost.com](http://supplier.coupahost.com)

CSP is a free web portal for suppliers. It enables suppliers to easily share electronic data and transactions with customers who use Coupa. Ringier suppliers can use a variety of functions in CSP:

- Retrieving, displaying and confirming purchase orders.
- Creating, displaying, adjusting and sending invoices.
- Creating and managing customer-specific electronic catalogues.
- Managing company profiles (public and customer-specific).
- Checking the status of transactions.

Ringier is not currently using the following CSP functions:

- Displaying, creating, editing and transmitting service and completion confirmations.
- Creating, editing and transmitting advance shipping notices (ASN).

For more information, see [success.coupa.com/Suppliers/For\\_Suppliers/Coupa\\_Supplier\\_Portal](http://success.coupa.com/Suppliers/For_Suppliers/Coupa_Supplier_Portal).

### 2.1 Coupa documentation and guides

Coupa provides comprehensive functional documentation, technical specifications and guides:

- For suppliers, [success.coupa.com/Suppliers/For\\_Supplier](http://success.coupa.com/Suppliers/For_Supplier) offers an overview of all of Coupa's functions.
- A more detailed description of the CSP is available online at [success.coupa.com/Suppliers/For\\_Suppliers/Coupa\\_Supplier\\_Portal](http://success.coupa.com/Suppliers/For_Suppliers/Coupa_Supplier_Portal).
- The CSP user guide is available at [success.coupa.com/@api/deki/files/3381/CSP\\_Guide.pdf](http://success.coupa.com/@api/deki/files/3381/CSP_Guide.pdf).

### 2.2 Technical requirements

- Internet access
- Browser (ideally Google Chrome, alternatively Mozilla Firefox or Safari)

### 2.3 Electronic data interchange via cXML

Coupa uses the cXML standard for electronic data interchange. More information on cXML can be found in 'Annex 1: Electronic data interchange via cXML'.

### 2.4 Registering with the Coupa Supplier Portal (CSP)

To register, contact [coupa@ringier.ch](mailto:coupa@ringier.ch). Ringier will then email you an invitation to log in via the CSP and complete your profile information.

The CSP can accommodate multiple users within the same company. You can choose from two options here:

- General email address:  
one-off registration in the CSP via a central email address. Account management and invoicing are performed via one login. If several users will be using the CSP, we recommend having each user register via their own individual email address (see next point).
- Individual email addresses:  
if several users will be using the CSP, we recommend creating a separate login for each user via their own individual email address. In this case, one user will be designated as the administrator and be able to manage all of the other users.

The following profile data must be provided for new registrations:

- Entity Name
- Country
- Address Line 1
- City
- Postal Code
- VAT ID
- Bank Name
- Account Number\*
- IBAN
- SWIFT Code

\*Only required for suppliers outside of Europe without an official IBAN.

You can register with the CSP in six easy steps, which are explained in 'Annex 2: Registering with the Coupa Supplier Portal (CSP)'.

### 3. Procure-to-Pay in the CSP

#### 3.1 Requirement: catalogue data

Complete, up-to-date, well-described item data is a key success factor in catalogue use. It enables the Ringier requester to find and order the right items. High-quality master data also guarantees a fast and error-free process.

There are generally two types of catalogue integration:

- Hosted catalog: catalogue data can be uploaded in Coupa in the form of a CSV file. Commas should be used to separate fields. Use UTF-8. Information on CSV files and an associated example (Excel Template Catalogue) can be found in 'Annex 3: Hosted catalog template'.
- PunchOut catalog: To enable PunchOut catalogs, the supplier's webshop needs to have a cXML interface. General information on cXML can be found in 'Annex 1: Electronic data interchange via cXML'. Additional requirements are defined in 'Annex 4: PunchOut Catalog fact sheet'.

Suppliers work with Ringier to determine the type of catalogue integration and catalogue maintenance. To get started, contact: [coupa@ringier.ch](mailto:coupa@ringier.ch)

	Order type	Order despatch
Option1	Catalog (hosted)	Email and/or CSP
Option2	Catalog (PunchOut)	Email, CSP and/or cXML
Option3	Web form/free text	Email, CSP and/or cXML

#### 3.2 Purchase order

Ringier transmits purchase orders from Coupa and sends them to the supplier by email or cXML.

Order transmission paths are defined together with Ringier. The level of technological integration determines whether email or cXML is more suitable for order despatch.

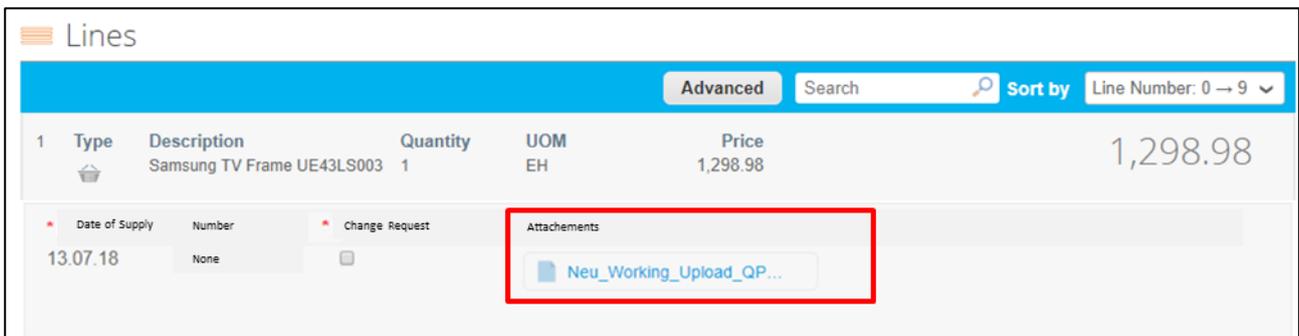
Purchase orders that have been triggered via Coupa have a PO number that begins with **5000**. The PO number is cited clearly in our purchase order (in the email header) and should appear on the invoice:

Ringier AG Bestellung N: **5000002166**

Purchase orders may contain attachments. In the case of purchase orders transmitted by email, the attachment can be downloaded from the purchase order:



In the CSP, the attachment can be downloaded in the order line:



Suppliers can view all current purchase orders in the Orders tab in the CSP.

### 3.3 Order confirmation

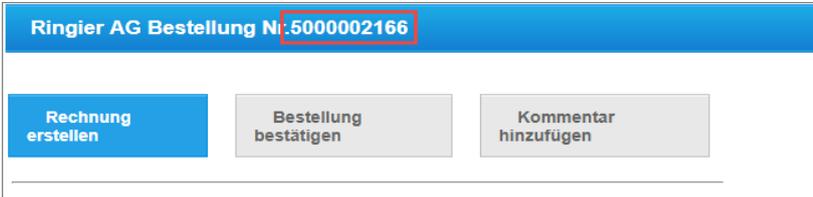
Purchase orders that require an order confirmation are marked with the following note:

Please confirm every purchase order by clicking the 'Confirm purchase order' button or via the Coupa Supplier Portal! If you notice any errors, please add a comment.

The supplier can create an order confirmation directly from the email or via the CSP. Any errors in or questions relating to the purchase order can be flagged directly via the portal's integrated comment function.

### 3.4 Invoice

Purchase orders that have been triggered via Coupa (through email) have a PO number that begins with **5000**. The PO number is cited clearly in our purchase order (in the email header) and should appear on the invoice:



For invoices created directly in the CSP (manually or via cXML), Ringier currently offers **payment terms of 15 days net**.



#### **No paper invoices by post**

Invoices for purchase orders whose PO number begins with **5000** can only be processed by Ringier electronically. (Paper invoices will be refused.) Suppliers can choose from two methods for sending invoices:

- **CSP (Coupa Supplier Portal) – the preferred method**

This is the submission method that Ringier generally recommends, regardless of the number of invoices. All transmitted purchase orders and invoices are clearly displayed in the CSP, making it a fast, efficient and transparent tool for suppliers, who should therefore endeavour to use it.

A step-by-step guide to invoicing in the CSP can be found in 'Annex 5: Invoicing in the CSP'.

Coupa also provides a detailed guide:

[success.coupa.com/Suppliers/For\\_Suppliers/Coupa\\_Supplier\\_Portal/Work\\_with\\_the\\_CSP/Create\\_an\\_Invoice\\_from\\_a\\_PO](https://success.coupa.com/Suppliers/For_Suppliers/Coupa_Supplier_Portal/Work_with_the_CSP/Create_an_Invoice_from_a_PO)

- **cXML – electronic invoicing**

The electronic interchange of invoice data between a supplier's ERP and Coupa takes place via cXML. Adopting electronic invoicing can entail conversion costs, so it is only possible with selected suppliers.

The objective of electronic invoicing via cXML is to automate generated data for further review and processing on the supplier side. Other ways in which suppliers can benefit from cXML integration include:

- greater customer loyalty between Ringier and suppliers
- earlier payments
- automated payment assignment on the supplier side, if necessary

General information on cXML can be found in 'Annex 1: Electronic data interchange via cXML'.

#### **Binding nature of invoices**

Please note that all invoices submitted through the Coupa order portal are VAT-compliant and binding. **Copies of other, redundant, invoices sent by post or through multiple channels** will not be accepted.

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## Annex 1: Electronic data interchange via cXML

Coupa uses the cXML standard for electronic data interchange. For additional information, Coupa recommends the cXML User Guide from cXML.org.

Coupa provides its own documentation on the following topics:

- Purchase orders: [success.coupa.com/Suppliers/For\\_Suppliers/Purchase\\_Orders/cXML](https://success.coupa.com/Suppliers/For_Suppliers/Purchase_Orders/cXML)
- Invoices: [success.coupa.com/Suppliers/For\\_Suppliers/Invoices/cXML\\_Invoices](https://success.coupa.com/Suppliers/For_Suppliers/Invoices/cXML_Invoices)
- Additional information on how to handle special characters in cXML can be found here: (Login required) [sucess.coupa.com/Suppliers/Integration\\_Resources/cXML\\_Error\\_Handling/Handling\\_Common\\_Special\\_Characters\\_in\\_cXML](https://success.coupa.com/Suppliers/Integration_Resources/cXML_Error_Handling/Handling_Common_Special_Characters_in_cXML)
- In-depth information on cXML topics such as error handling can be found at: [success.coupa.com/Suppliers/Integration\\_Resources](https://success.coupa.com/Suppliers/Integration_Resources)

## Annex 2: Registering with the Coupa Supplier Portal (CSP)

### Step-by-step guide



You can find a more detailed guide [in the video](#) on new registrations with the CSP.

#### Step 1

Compile the following master data before you register:

Coupa field name	Example	Company master data
Entity Name	CSP Test AG	
Country	Switzerland	
Address Line 1	Bärengasse 3	
City	St. Gallen	
Postal Code	9001	
VAT ID	CHE-116.302.542	
Bank Name	PostFinance AG	
Account Number*	-	
IBAN	CH3709000000800135033	
SWIFT Code	POFICHBEXX	

\*Only required for suppliers outside of Europe without an official IBAN.

#### Step 2

Ringier will send you an invitation via email. Click the last link in the email (To confirm this request...). You will then be able to perform a one-off registration in the CSP.

Ringier Business Services would like to be connected with you on Coupa Supplier Portal.  
You will be able to:

- Manage your company information
- Configure your PO transmission preferences
- Create an online catalog
- View purchase orders
- Create electronic invoices

By participating, suppliers gain access to a low cost, high volume order channel. They increase their order-taking efficiency, reduce mistakes and delays fulfilling orders, and maintain a better presence with their key customers.

You can also find more information here:

Overview: <http://www.coupa.com/e-procurement/innovations/supplier-network>

Getting started guide: <https://success.coupa.com?cid=supplier-getting-started>

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Ringier Business Services

To confirm this request or forward to someone else at your company, please click the link below:  
<https://supplier-test.coupa.com/signup/c25d81a3b287e61790e05d5af3e7ca4d004731e6>

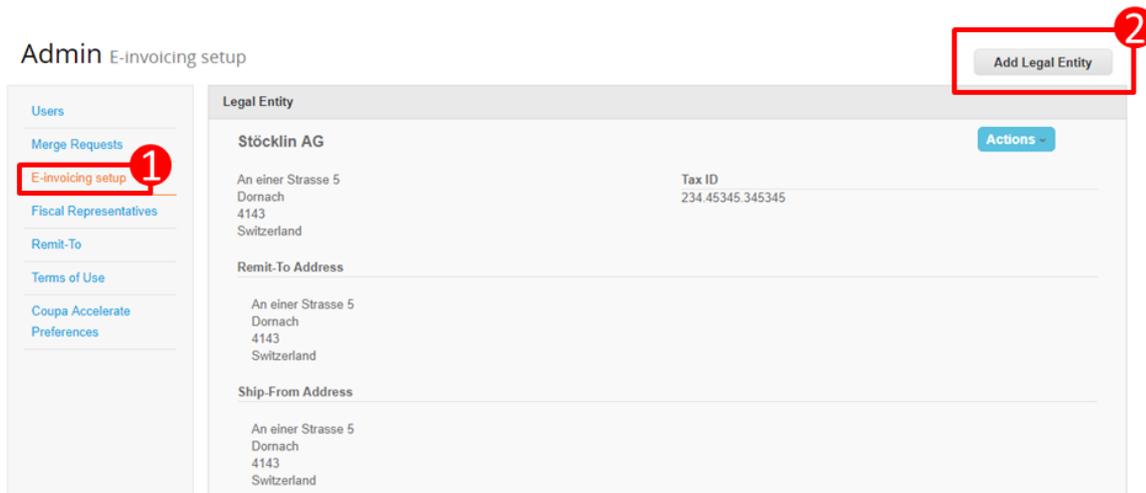
### Step 3

After registering, click the Admin tab. You will then be able to complete your profile as described in the following steps.



### Step 4

Go to 'E-invoicing setup' (1) and click 'Add Legal Entity' (2), to enter your payment data (see Step 1 Master data).



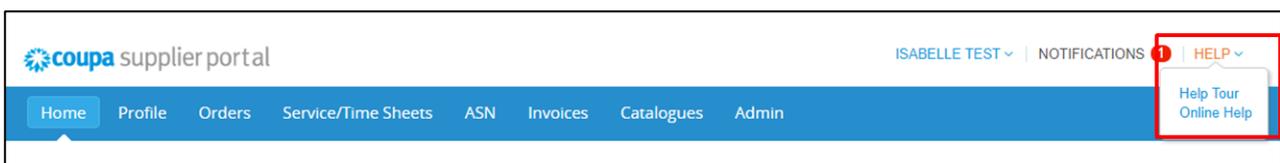
The following payment data is required:

- Entity Name
- Country
- Address Line 1
- City
- Postal Code
- VAT ID
- Bank Name
- Account Number\*
- IBAN
- SWIFT Code

\*Only required for suppliers outside of Europe without an official IBAN.

### Step 5

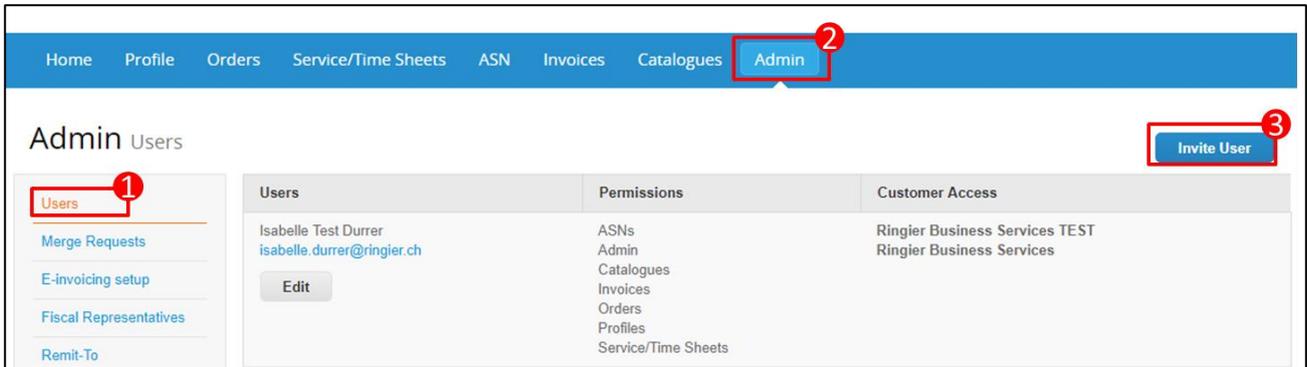
If necessary, go to HELP in the top right of the screen and start the 'Help Tour', then finish entering your profile information. Depending on the tab, there is an 'Online Help' as well as a 'Help Tour'.



**Note:** the language setting can be changed at any time in the portal at the bottom of the screen.

### Step 6

If the Coupa Supplier Portal is to be used by multiple users, they can be invited into the system. To do so, click the 'Admin' tab. In the Users area, you can click the 'Invite Users' button and enter the email addresses of these additional users.



The screenshot shows the 'Admin Users' page in the Coupa system. The navigation bar at the top includes 'Home', 'Profile', 'Orders', 'Service/Time Sheets', 'ASN', 'Invoices', 'Catalogues', and 'Admin'. The 'Admin' tab is highlighted with a red box and a '2' callout. On the left sidebar, the 'Users' link is highlighted with a red box and a '1' callout. In the top right corner of the main content area, the 'Invite User' button is highlighted with a red box and a '3' callout. The main content area displays a table with columns for 'Users', 'Permissions', and 'Customer Access'. The table contains one user entry: Isabelle Test Durrer (isabelle.durrer@ringier.ch) with permissions for ASNs, Admin, Catalogues, Invoices, Orders, Profiles, and Service/Time Sheets, and customer access for Ringier Business Services TEST and Ringier Business Services. An 'Edit' button is located below the user entry.

Users	Permissions	Customer Access
Isabelle Test Durrer isabelle.durrer@ringier.ch <a href="#">Edit</a>	ASNs Admin Catalogues Invoices Orders Profiles Service/Time Sheets	Ringier Business Services TEST Ringier Business Services

## Annex 3: Hosted catalog template

With the Hosted Catalog variant, catalogue data can be loaded in Coupa in the form of a CSV file.

Remember to

- use commas to separate fields
- Use UTF-8

You can request the Excel file 'Ringier\_Template\_Catalogue\_CSV' with all CSV-file fields by contacting [coupa@ringier.ch](mailto:coupa@ringier.ch).

Below is a list of CSV-file fields (with descriptions) that suppliers must fill in. The asterisk (\*) is part of the field name and does not have any additional meaning in itself.

Coupa field name in the template	Field description	Example
Supplier Part Num*	Supplier part number	14706
Name*	Item name	Braufrisch crate
Description*	Item description	0.33 / 20-pack crate
Price*	Net price	25.16
Currency*	Currency	CHF
UOM code*	Unit of measurement	ST
active*	Availability	yes
UNSPSC Code	UNSPSC classification	50000000
Lead Time	Standard delivery time	3
Image Url	Image URL link	https://image.jimcdn.com
No free text	Standard value	yes
Supplier Item no free text	Standard value	yes

## Annex 4: PunchOut Catalog fact sheet

We prefer that our suppliers access the supplier webshop via cXML as this involves the least amount of effort for both parties. Coupa uses the cXML standard for electronic data interchange. For additional information, Coupa recommends the cXML User Guide from cXML.org. Coupa also provides its own documentation on purchase orders:

[success.coupa.com/Suppliers/For\\_Suppliers/Purchase\\_Orders/cXML](https://success.coupa.com/Suppliers/For_Suppliers/Purchase_Orders/cXML)

Depending on Ringier's requirements, the supplier's webshop PunchOut catalog must fulfil several conditions:

### Mandatory

- Ringier must be able to limit the items it wishes to display. For example, Link 1 should display the full deliverable range. Link 2 should only display a portion of the range, not including product category XY or individual dedicated items.
- The webshop needs to display items that were created/manufactured especially for Ringier and that are only available to Ringier.

### Optional

- Items have UNSPSC codes.
- This type of view can incorporate the Ringier logo.

Ringier will work with the supplier to define the scope of the catalogue.

## Annex 5: Invoicing in the CSP

### Step-by-step guide



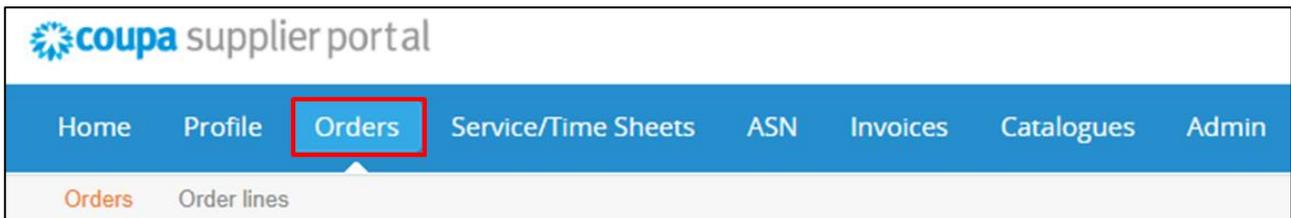
You can find a more detailed guide [in the video](#) on invoicing in the CSP.

#### Step 1

Log in to the Coupa Supplier Portal with your user information.

#### Step 2

Click the Orders tab (1).



#### Step 3

You should now see an overview of all the purchase orders that Ringier has lodged with you. You can view the details for a purchase order by clicking the PO number (1). If you want to create an invoice for a purchase order, click the money icon (2) .

Purchase Orders

View All Search

PO Number	Order Date	Status	Acknowledged At	Items	Unanswered Comments	Total	Actions
<a href="#">5000002819</a>	07/11/18	Soft Closed	None	1 Einheit of Delta Falthandtücher - Policart Eco Green No V2 - ...	No	100.00 CHF	
<a href="#">5000001891</a>	04/17/18	Soft Closed	None	3 Each of Scott MAX Rollenhandtuch weiss	No	200.10 CHF	
<a href="#">5000000772</a>	01/17/18	Soft Closed	None	2 Karton of Kleenex 6340 Schaumseife 3 Pack of Scott MAX Rollenhandtuch weiss	No	270.80 CHF	

#### Step 4

All of the information for the invoice is taken from the purchase order. You only need to add your supplier-specific information. Enter your reference number for the purchase order in the invoice number field (1).

Create Invoice Create

General Info

\* Invoice #

\* Invoice Date

Payment Term 0300

From

\* Supplier Seyfried.com GmbH (117633)

Supplier VAT ID

\* Invoice From Address Michael Seyfried  
Test 123

If you need to specify quantity (1) or price differences (2) for the invoice, you can do so in the 'Lines' section.

Lines						
1	Type	Description	Quantity	UOM	Price	
		Samsung TV Frame UE43LS003	1	EH	1,298.98	1,298.98

Select the correct VAT rate for the order item.

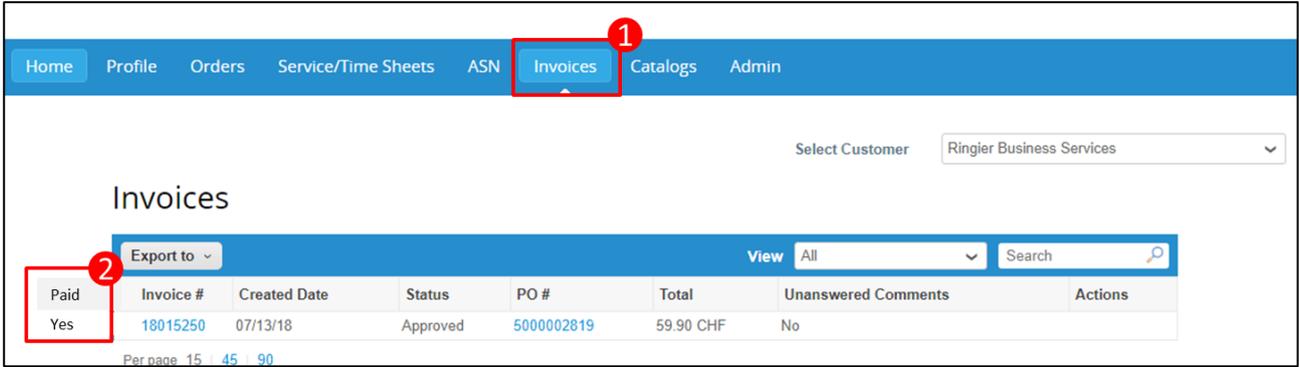
Taxes		
VAT	VAT Amount	Tax Reference
7.7%	92.40	

Extraordinary costs (delivery costs, processing costs, miscellaneous costs) can be listed at the bottom of the invoice (1). Select the correct VAT rate for these costs as well (2) and click Calculate to check the invoice total (3) – this will factor in your changes and update the invoice total. To approve the invoice for payment, click Submit (4). Your invoice will be transferred to Ringier automatically.

Subtotal	10,000.00
Shipping	
VAT Rate (Shipping)	0.000
Handling	
VAT Rate (Handling)	0.000
Misc	
VAT Rate (Misc)	0.000
Total VAT	0.00
<b>Gross Total</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>

### Step 5

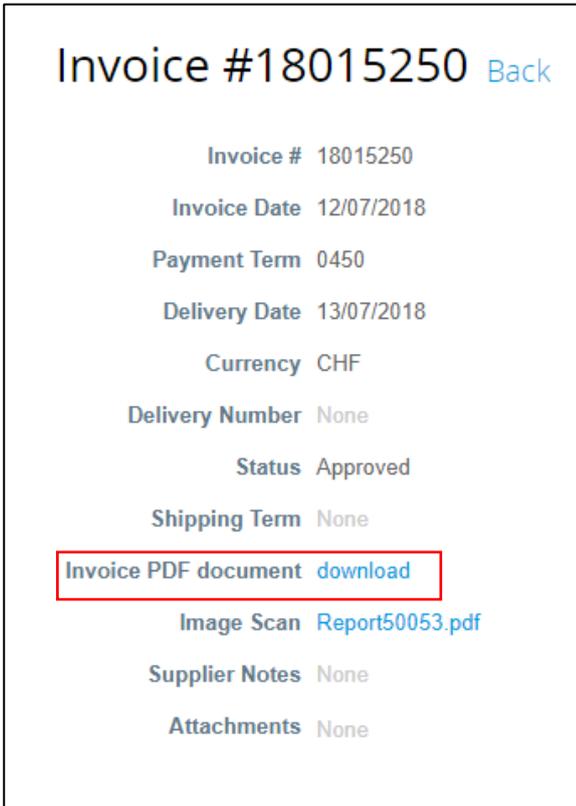
The Invoices (1) tab shows all of the invoices you have ever created. The Paid (2) field shows whether your invoice has been paid already.



The screenshot shows the Coupa Invoices page. The navigation bar at the top includes Home, Profile, Orders, Service/Time Sheets, ASN, Invoices (1), Catalogs, and Admin. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Select Customer' dropdown menu set to 'Ringier Business Services'. The main heading is 'Invoices'. Below the heading, there is an 'Export to' dropdown, a 'View' dropdown set to 'All', and a search box. The table below has the following columns: Paid, Invoice #, Created Date, Status, PO #, Total, Unanswered Comments, and Actions. The first row of data is: Paid: Yes (2), Invoice #: 18015250, Created Date: 07/13/18, Status: Approved, PO #: 5000002819, Total: 59.90 CHF, Unanswered Comments: No. At the bottom of the table, it says 'Per page: 15 45 90'.

### Step 6

Click the invoice number to download a VAT-compliant invoice for your records.



The screenshot shows the details for Invoice #18015250. The heading is 'Invoice #18015250' with a 'Back' link. Below the heading, there are several fields: Invoice # 18015250, Invoice Date 12/07/2018, Payment Term 0450, Delivery Date 13/07/2018, Currency CHF, Delivery Number None, Status Approved, Shipping Term None, Invoice PDF document download (highlighted with a red box), Image Scan Report50053.pdf, Supplier Notes None, and Attachments None.