

# AGILE PRODUCT SUPPLIER COLLABORATION FOR PROCESS

## KEY FEATURES

Agile Product Supplier Collaboration for Process is a Web-based application with a zero-client footprint that is accessible anytime, anywhere over a security-based Web browser. It provides prebuilt integrations with all bundles and modules within Oracle's Agile product lifecycle management for process. Features of the two modules are listed below.

### Supplier Portal Module

- Available in multiple languages
- Access to specifications, policies, procedures, and contacts based on security profile
- Ability to publish supplier specifications automatically based on specification and sourcing workflows
- Ability to publish documents automatically based on document workflow
- Secure login based on specific company authorization

### eQuestionnaire Module

- Supplier collaboration solution for purchased materials
- Automated process to solicit, review, enrich, and approve specification data from suppliers
- Ability to solicit and receive specification attachments and supplier documentation
- Automated creation and updating of specifications

*Today, successful consumer goods companies are accelerating product innovation and development while effectively leveraging outsourced manufacturing. To stay competitive, you must improve information visibility across the supply chain, ensure supplier compliance, and optimize supplier collaboration throughout the extended enterprise. Oracle's Agile Product Supplier Collaboration for Process, an option that can be bundled with Oracle's Agile Product Data Management for Process, helps you achieve seamless integration of outsourced development, supply, and manufacturing resources with its Supplier Portal and eQuestionnaire modules.*

### Supplier Portal

The Supplier Portal module of Agile Product Supplier Collaboration for Process provides a central Web-based portal location that your suppliers can use to access information such as specifications, policies, procedures, and contacts. You can grant access to the suppliers through a simple administrative interface. Through the Web interface, your suppliers can monitor their compliance with your sourcing and procurement processes and data. The security model embedded in Oracle's Agile product lifecycle management for process controls the information presented to suppliers. You can present the information in multiple languages to facilitate supplier collaboration throughout your extended global supply networks.

### Provide Supplier Collaboration and Information Visibility

The Supplier Portal gives your suppliers visibility into their specifications, as approved by you. They can consult all the required documents, standards, and policies that apply to them. The Supplier Portal also facilitates the collaboration process by allowing your suppliers to maintain their own contact and role information for their facilities.

### Ensure Supplier Compliance

The Supplier Portal allows your suppliers to ensure compliance with their specification data and alert you if they are not compliant. The Supplier Portal maintains all policy and procedure documents in one place and provides your suppliers with easy access to this data, greatly facilitating the compliance process.

### Integrated Security Model

You can grant your suppliers access to the Supplier Portal through a simple administration user interface. The specifications and documents visible on the Supplier Portal are tied to the security model embedded in Agile product lifecycle management for process. For example, you can stipulate that a specification be published to a specific supplier if such a specification is approved for that supplier

only. You can also mark a specification “proprietary” and exclude it from publication on the Supplier Portal, or mark it “general” and make it available to all suppliers in a particular category.

### **eQuestionnaire**

The eQuestionnaire module of Agile Product Supplier Collaboration for Process enables you to electronically solicit, review, enrich, and approve specification data from suppliers. It allows you to capture and streamline the specification data using common, user-friendly templates for multiple specification types.

eQuestionnaire is designed to provide a flexible architecture for soliciting information from suppliers and integrating this information within internal work processes. eQuestionnaire greatly facilitates the process of creating and maintaining specifications into a “single version of the truth,” enabling you to enhance collaboration with suppliers, remove the need to maintain hard copies of supplier specifications, eliminate rekeying of data, improve the integrity of specifications, and ultimately speed up the product development process.

### **Track Incoming Materials Electronically**

Many companies receive specification data from suppliers in the form of product data sheets. These data sheets contain different information depending on the supplier and the product category, making it difficult to standardize data. This in turn makes it impossible to use normalized data throughout the specification and formulation management processes, resulting in significant productivity loss and high opportunity costs.

eQuestionnaire allows you to receive, review, and store specification data electronically, making the data readily available for use in new product development, specification management, and formulation management. With eQuestionnaire, you will be able to ensure the completeness, accuracy, integrity, and traceability of the specification data from the early stages of product development.

### **Improve Supplier Collaboration**

Suppliers are always looking for ways to support the product development process of their customers. eQuestionnaire provides them with a simple and user-friendly electronic document that lets them more-effectively support their customers’ development process.

### **Maintain Data Specification Integrity Over Time**

One of the pervasive issues in the industry is that companies do not have a simple and systematic way of ensuring their specification data remains accurate over the lifecycle of the raw materials. Suppliers might introduce significant changes into their products, but fail to communicate these changes to their customers, thereby creating potential issues in the areas of compliance, nutrition, and labeling.

eQuestionnaire can be easily integrated into a periodical recertification program to maintain the accuracy of all specifications. You can generate eQuestionnaire documents from existing specifications, and send them to your suppliers electronically for review. After your suppliers make required changes and send them back to you, you can then determine the disposition of the updated data and easily

## RELATED PRODUCTS

Agile product lifecycle management for process is a fully integrated, comprehensive suite of software and services for collaborative product lifecycle management in the consumer goods industry. Agile product lifecycle management for process solutions provide visibility across product portfolios, projects, activities, and suppliers, allowing you to achieve optimal results from your innovation efforts.

### AGILE PRODUCT LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT FOR PROCESS BUNDLES

- Agile Product Data Management for Process
  - Agile Formulation and Compliance for Process
  - Agile Product Supplier Collaboration for Process
- Agile New Product Development and Introduction for Process

update specifications if necessary. This recertification effort can be, for example, a rolling program based on product categories and the criticality of each category.

### Improve the Product Development Process

Users involved in product development often need to experiment with new raw material specifications, which can be a time-consuming process. As your technologists solicit and receive specification data in a manual, nontraceable environment, they might inadvertently create many isolated islands of information.

eQuestionnaire allows you to solicit specification data electronically from existing and potential suppliers. You can collaborate on the electronic specification data with the suppliers, automatically import the data, and create specifications from it.

When implemented with the Design Workbench module of Oracle's Agile Formulation and Compliance for Process, eQuestionnaire enables you to incorporate the resulting specifications into your formulation work and understand, in real time, whether the specification being considered will fit the design objectives in terms of compliance, nutrition, ingredient declaration, allergen statement, cost, and other formulation requirements. With eQuestionnaire, you will be able to increase the speed and integrity of the product development process.

### Contact Us

For more information about how your organization can leverage the power of Oracle's Agile Product Supplier Collaboration for Process, please visit [oracle.com](http://oracle.com) or call +1.800.ORACLE1 to speak to an Oracle representative.

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