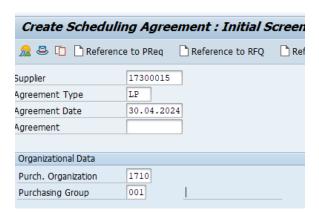
Create a scheduling agreement: ME31L

When purchasing demand can be planned in the long-term scheduling agreements can be very useful. They lock-in price and delivery dates over the life of the agreement.



Let's create a scheduling agreement using transaction code M E 31 L and pressing enter.



The first field we need to enter is our supplier. We'll enter 1 7 3 0 0 0 1 5. Next, is our agreement type. We want a standard scheduling agreement, so we'll choose type LP. Next, the agreement date is auto-populated with today's date. This is the date the agreement is created. So, we'll leave this set to today. Our organizational data with purchasing organization and purchasing group is also auto-populated. So, we'll click, overview.



The system throws an error. We must enter our validity end-date. We'll choose one year from today, and press enter.



This brings us to our item overview screen. In the first line item, we'll begin by entering our material, R M 1 7. Next, we'll enter our target quantity of 50,000, and our net price of 80 cents. Now, we'll enter our plant, 1710, and press enter. We're now ready to save the scheduling agreement. We'll click, save. We now have a success message that shows our scheduling agreement was created and assigned a document number.



We're not done. We still need to define the delivery schedule. To do this, we'll type, slash N, for a new transaction and enter transaction code M E 38, and press enter.



The agreement we just created has been auto-populated for us, so we'll click overview. We can see that our target quantity and open target quantity are set at 50,000, as no deliveries have been scheduled, yet.



Let's schedule our deliveries. We'll click our line item and choose delivery schedule. We'll enter our first delivery. We'll set it for one month from, today, for scheduled quantity of 10,000. For our second delivery, we'll set it for two months from today. Again for 10,000, and press enter. Looking at the cumulative scheduled quantity column, we can see that after the second delivery, there will have been 20,000 pieces of our agreement delivered.



We'll now click the overview button. Looking at the target quantity field, we see 50,000, but now that we've scheduled two deliveries, the open target quantity is 30,000. We're now ready to save. We get a success message that the agreement has been saved. This scheduling agreement has locked-in a long-term price and some agreed upon delivery dates, so we can meet the predictable demand of our customers.