Oracle ERP View Documentation: AP.AP_SUPPLIERS

Overview

The `AP.AP_SUPPLIERS` table in Oracle ERP holds essential information about suppliers engaged in business transactions. It serves as the foundation for managing vendor details in procurement, accounts payable, tax reporting, EDI integration, and compliance. It supports supplier master data, financial configurations, legal identifiers, receipt tolerances, and verification statuses. The table's extensibility and integration make it central to supplier lifecycle management.

Core Identification and Status

- 1. VENDOR_ID: Unique supplier ID (Primary Key).
- 2. VENDOR_NAME / VENDOR_NAME_ALT: Supplier's official and alternative names.
- 3. SEGMENT1'5: Business-defined segmentation codes for classification or legacy ID mapping.
- 4. SUMMARY_FLAG / ENABLED_FLAG / ONE_TIME_FLAG: Indicates type and active status.
- 5. EMPLOYEE_ID: Optionally links to an internal contact or account manager.
- 6. PARENT_VENDOR_ID: Supports hierarchical vendor groupings (e.g., holding & subsidiary).

Audit and User Info

- 7. LAST_UPDATE_DATE / LAST_UPDATED_BY / LAST_UPDATE_LOGIN: Audit trail fields.
- 8. CREATION_DATE / CREATED_BY: Record creation metadata.
- 9. REQUEST_ID / PROGRAM_ID / PROGRAM_APPLICATION_ID / PROGRAM_UPDATE_DATE: ERP program tracking data.

Organizational & Payment Info

- 10. ORG_ID / SET_OF_BOOKS_ID: Defines the accounting environment.
- 11. TERMS_ID / TERMS_DATE_BASIS / PAY_GROUP_LOOKUP_CODE / PAYMENT_PRIORITY: Payment conditions and priorities.
- 12. PAYMENT_METHOD_LOOKUP_CODE / EXCLUSIVE_PAYMENT_FLAG / PAYMENT_CURRENCY_CODE: Methods and constraints.
- 13. DISTRIBUTION_SET_ID: Defines AP distribution defaults.
- 14. ACCTS_PAY_CODE_COMBINATION_ID / PREPAY_CODE_COMBINATION_ID

EXPENSE_CODE_COMBINATION_ID: Accounting linkages for expenses and prepayments.

15. ALLOW_AWT_FLAG: Indicates if automatic withholding tax applies.

Tax & Regulatory Information

- 16. VAT_CODE / VAT_REGISTRATION_NUM / OFFSET_VAT_CODE / UNIQUE_TAX_REFERENCE_NUM: Key tax identifiers.
- 17. TAX_REPORTING_NAME / TYPE_1099 / NUM_1099 / INDIVIDUAL_1099: U.S. tax reporting references.
- 18. CIS_ENABLED_FLAG / VERIFICATION_NUMBER / VERIFICATION_REQUEST_ID / CIS_VERIFICATION_DATE: Fields for Construction Industry Scheme compliance.
- 19. FEDERAL_REPORTABLE_FLAG / STATE_REPORTABLE_FLAG: Flagging for U.S. tax filings.

Supplier Categorization & Certification

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- 20. VENDOR_TYPE_LOOKUP_CODE / ORGANIZATION_TYPE_LOOKUP_CODE / STANDARD_INDUSTRY_CLASS: Defines business classification.
- 21. MINORITY_GROUP_LOOKUP_CODE / WOMEN_OWNED_FLAG / SMALL_BUSINESS_FLAG: Supplier diversity indicators.
- 22. BUS_CLASS_LAST_CERTIFIED_DATE / BY: Business classification verification metadata.
- 23. ATTRIBUTE_CATEGORY / ATTRIBUTE1'ATTRIBUTE15 / GLOBAL_ATTRIBUTE1'20 / GLOBAL_ATTRIBUTE_CATEGORY: Custom attributes for segmentation and localization.

Banking and EDI Information

- 24. BANK_ACCOUNT_NAME / BANK_ACCOUNT_NUM / BANK_NUM / BANK_BRANCH_TYPE: Supplier banking information.
- 25. EDI_PAYMENT_METHOD / FORMAT / REMITTANCE_METHOD / INSTRUCTION / TRANSACTION_HANDLING: Configurations for electronic data interchange (EDI).
- 26. IBAN, CHECK_DIGITS: Support for international bank validation.
- 27. BANK CHARGE BEARER: Who bears transaction fees.
- 28. FUTURE_DATED_PAYMENT_CCID: AP code for future payments.

Hold and Control Flags

- 29. HOLD FLAG / HOLD REASON / HOLD BY / HOLD DATE: Controls on supplier usage.
- 30. HOLD_ALL_PAYMENTS_FLAG / HOLD_FUTURE_PAYMENTS_FLAG / HOLD_UNMATCHED_INVOICES_FLAG: Payment restrictions.
- 31. PURCHASING HOLD REASON / CREATE DEBIT MEMO FLAG: Procurement control.
- 32. MATCH_OPTION / MATCH_STATUS_FLAG: Invoice-to-PO matching behavior.

Invoice & Receipt Configuration

- 33. ALLOW_UNORDERED_RECEIPTS_FLAG / RECEIPT_REQUIRED_FLAG / INSPECTION_REQUIRED_FLAG: Receipt process controls.
- 34. PRICE_TOLERANCE / QTY_RCV_TOLERANCE / DAYS_EARLY/LATE_RECEIPT_ALLOWED: Tolerance levels.
- 35. RECEIVING_ROUTING_ID / QTY_RCV_EXCEPTION_CODE / RECEIPT_DAYS_EXCEPTION_CODE: Receipt validation workflow fields.
- 36. ENFORCE_SHIP_TO_LOCATION_CODE / SHIP_TO_LOCATION_ID / BILL_TO_LOCATION_ID: Logistics enforcement fields.

Tax Calculation Settings

- 37. AP_TAX_ROUNDING_RULE / AUTO_TAX_CALC_FLAG / AUTO_TAX_CALC_OVERRIDE / AMOUNT_INCLUDES_TAX_FLAG: Auto-calculated tax setup.
- 38. OFFSET_TAX_FLAG / EXCLUDE_FREIGHT_FROM_DISCOUNT: Additional tax or discount rules.
- 39. AUTO_CALCULATE_INTEREST_FLAG: System-calculated interest based on invoice terms.

Legal & Personal Details

- 40. PARTY_ID / PARENT_PARTY_ID: Supplier party integration across ERP modules.
- 41. FIRST_NAME / SECOND_NAME / LAST_NAME / SALUTATION: Contact person's details.
- 42. TRADING_NAME / COMPANY_REGISTRATION_NUMBER / NATIONAL_INSURANCE_NUMBER / NI_NUMBER:

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Company identifiers and tax references.

43. WORK_REFERENCE / NAME_CONTROL: Internal or external references.

Compliance, Verification, and Matching

- 44. TCA_SYNC_* Fields: Synchronization with Trading Community Architecture (TCA).
- 45. VERIFICATION_REQUEST_ID / VERIFICATION_NUMBER / MATCH_STATUS_FLAG: Invoice validation control.
- 46. PAY AWT GROUP ID / AWT GROUP ID: Withholding tax groups.
- 47. EDI & PROGRAM flags support automation and compliance workflows.

Inferred Relationships & Business Logic

- `VENDOR_ID` links this table to AP invoices (AP_INVOICES_ALL), checks (AP_CHECKS_ALL), and PO modules.
- Tax fields connect to tax reporting tables and configurations.
- `PARTY_ID` and TCA fields align suppliers with CRM/contact management modules.
- Distribution sets and code combinations tie into GL for automatic journal generation.
- Supplier controls influence behavior in P2P cycle (holds, receipts, tax).
- This table acts as a central supplier master, and feeds into downstream systems including payments, tax filing, and supplier performance analytics.