

# Why **E-Invoicing** and how **Digital** **Signature** play a vital role in this **Transformation?**

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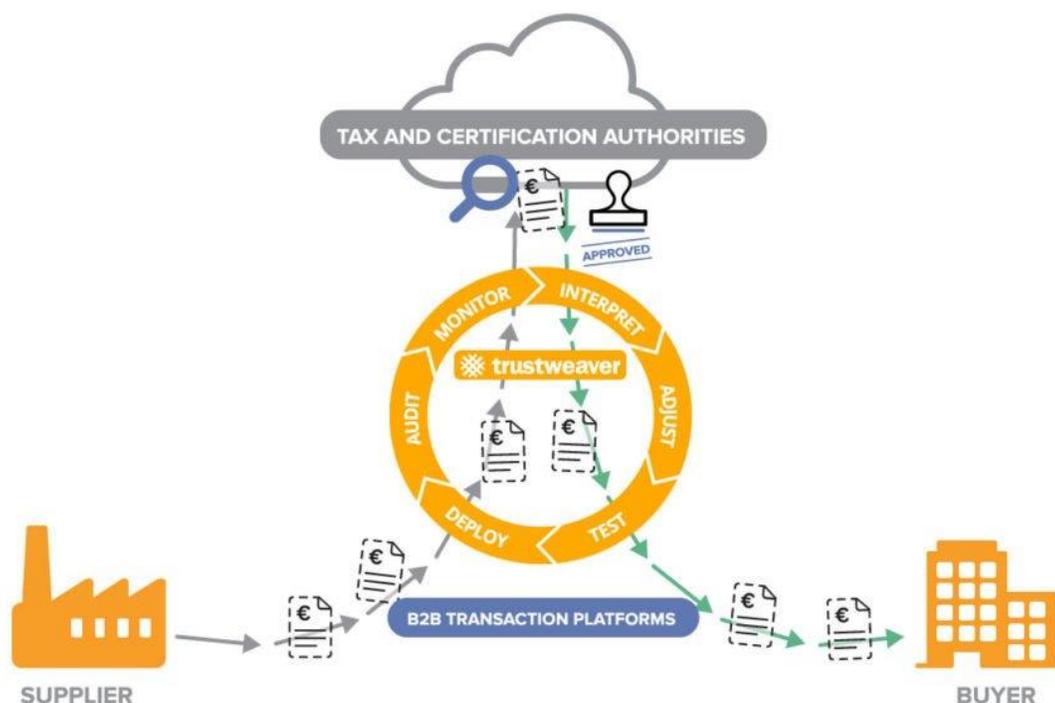


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## 1. What is E-Invoicing?

E-Invoicing means Electronic Invoice, as we are aware at the press briefing after the conclusion of the **35th GST Council meeting**, the revenue secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey said that after some months finally, council approve the system

of E-Invoicing. The Top companies in the country may soon have to rely on a common goods and services tax portal to issue invoices to their customers. The government is looking at the process under GST. This can help the government to analyze every transaction on the GST network automatically.



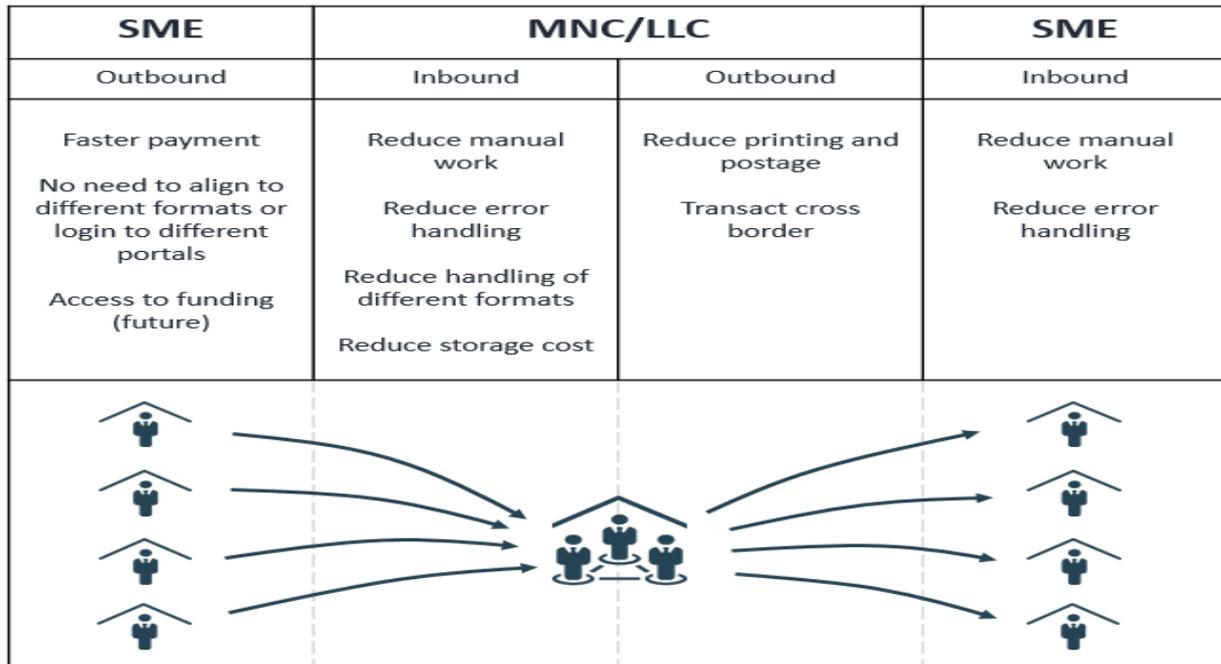
## 2. Why E-Invoicing?

This process works in such a way that the invoice is generated on a portal, and is verified by the government agency.

Once the invoice is verified by these government agencies, a unique identification number will be issued, which will act as the invoice number.

This invoice then can be issued to buyers.

- E-invoicing will allow the government to capture transactions on a real-time basis.
- For companies, it will make compliance, as well as getting their tax credits, more easier
- E-invoicing is a way to ensure that fake invoices are not generated and input tax credit against them is not claimed.



### 3. Analyzing E-Invoicing models across the world

The tasks of the committee include, among others, to analyze and compare e-invoicing models and potential technical infrastructures in various countries in,

but not limited to, Latin America, Europe and Asia, in order to find the best fit for the Indian market.

Their tasks also include the analysis of the current e-way bill structure and can be used for the potential e-invoicing infrastructure?

## **4. When will E-invoicing get implemented?**

While no exact date has been decided yet, electronic invoicing is proposed to be implemented from January 2020. Similar to the new return filing system, the electronic invoicing system will first be available on a trial basis to certain taxpayers.

## **5. How will Electronic invoicing benefit businesses?**

- Businesses will have the following benefits from using e-invoice initiated by GSTN:
- E-invoice resolves and plugs a major gap in data reconciliation under GST.
- E-invoices created on one software can be read by another, allowing interoperability and help reduce data entry errors
- Real-time tracking of invoices prepared by the supplier is enabled by e-invoice.
- Backward integration and automation of the tax return filing process – the relevant details of the invoices would be auto-populated in the various returns.
- Faster availability of genuine input tax credit.
- Lesser possibility of audits/surveys by the tax authorities since the information they require is available at a transaction level.

## **6. How organization will sign there E-Invoices?**

Companies have shifted from traditional, paper-based signatures to digital variants. There has been an increase in the usage of digital signatures for tax filing and identification and for providing certificates by the public and BFSI sectors. This not only hastens the process of customer ID verification but also lessens the paperwork involved, which, in turn, reduces the operational cost.

## **7. What are the key benefits of signing the documents digitally within SAP?**

### **-Be More Efficient at Work.**

Processing of physical documents on a daily basis takes a lot of effort. Compute the time it took you to print those documents one by one, have the documents signed, prepare the documents for sending and wait for the post office or the courier to reach your recipient.

1. The total amount of time you can save up-to 86% with the help of Digital Signatures.
2. We can do signing of bulk documents.
3. Once you prepare a document using SAP, All you need to do is sign it using a Digital Signature and email the document to your recipient.

### **-Save Money from Paper Supply Costs**

You will save space in your office when bulky drawers are replaced with compact hard drives or convenient cloud storage. With few clicks, you will get the document you need right in front of your screen as opposed to endless rifling through paper stored files.

1. Digital Signatures will save you a huge deal on paper supplies.
2. Doing your document processing online, you'll be saving at least 20,000 sheets of paper annually and saves trees.
3. Also be cutting printing charges and equipment maintenance.

### **-Make Your Business Move Faster Than Ever**

Sooner all companies adopt Digital Signatures because of E-Invoicing. As well as internal business also being improved, business to business transactions will happen faster than ever before.

1. Payments will be easier to make and sales quotations and invoices will be received immediately.
2. The amount of time spent in processing contracts will be cut drastically,
3. Allowing more business projects and deals to be finalized in a short amount of time.
4. You can digitally sign multiple documents with just few clicks of your mouse.

## **8. Why digital signature is important and necessary for E-Invoicing and other output document management system?**

1. If you want to make sure that no changes are made to the PDF files sent (Invoices, Delivery Notes, Order Confirmations and other documents extracted from your SAP ERP system ),
2. You can always validate the documents to be authentic.
3. With the digital signature, the SAP system provides you with a tool to sign and approve documents.
4. The digital signature ensures that the signatory of a digital document can be identified unambiguously and his or her name is documented together with the signed document, the date, and the time.
5. You can use the digital signature to approve documents in all applications that are set up for its use.

## **9. How are documents managed securely?**

1. In the present time of online working, any skilled con artist can forge your signature. Digital Signatures eliminate that concern by having your

electronic identity and signing credential verified by a third-party company called a Certificate Authority.

2. They will make sure that the one deploying the signature is you and that you are indeed a genuine member of the company you represent. Think of it a digitalized notary of your digital signature.
3. All Digital Signatures come with a timestamp feature, verifying the exact time and date the document was signed. That's something no con man can ever replicate.
4. No document is secured if it is signed outside the SAP, because the SAP is one of the most secured software in terms of business and documentation if somebody is extracting the document away from SAP is a concern of safety and other auditing issue.

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