

## Order transmission interface (Purchase Order)

With the purchase order interface, you can process Unite orders faster and more efficiently.

### Explanation of transmitted information

The following data is transmitted by Unite for each order:

#### Information on header level

| Description                          | openTRANS segment       | Specifications  |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Order number</b>                  | ORDER_ID                | Max. 21 characters; must be used as a reference number in every transaction.<br><br>For more information about the order number, <a href="#">see the EDI interface overview page</a> .                                      |
| <b>Buyer address</b>                 | BUYER_PARTY             | Address of the ordering customer (buyer), including PARTY_ID and VAT ID (depending on delivery country). For regular orders (via Spotmarket and Single Creditor BusinessShops), this refers to the respective Unite entity. |
| <b>Supplier specific customer ID</b> | BUYER_PARTY/PARTY_ID    | Used to assign the order to your specific customer account.   |
| <b>Supplier address</b>              | SUPPLIER_PARTY          | Supplier's address, including PARTY_ID.   |
| <b>Unite supplier number</b>         | SUPPLIER_PARTY/PARTY_ID | Please include the supplier number on every response document.  |
| <b>Invoice address</b>               | INVOICE_PARTY           | Address of the invoice recipient (identical to BUYER_PARTY).  |
| <b>Delivery address</b>              | DELIVERY_PARTY          | Delivery address of the goods recipient (customer). Note: The name fields within the address lines (NAME, NAME2, NAME3) may contain up to 70 characters each.   |

#### Information on item level (line level)

| Description       | openTRANS segment | Specifications  |
|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| Line item number  | LINE_ITEM_ID      |   |
| Item number       | SUPPLIER_AID      | Item number from your submitted catalogue. May also be used for shipping cost items.                              |
| Unite item number | BUYER_AID         | Derived from SUPPLIER_AID with a Unite catalogue prefix.  |
| Quantity ordered  | QUANTITY          |   |
| Order unit        | ORDER_UNIT        |   |
| Unit price        | PRICE_AMOUNT      | Net unit price of the item based on the price quantity (see PRICE_QUANTITY).                                      |
| Total price       | PRICE_LINE_AMOUNT | Net total price for the item line ( $PRICE\_LINE\_AMOUNT = PRICE\_AMOUNT \times QUANTITY \div PRICE\_QUANTITY$ ). |
| Price quantity    | PRICE_QUANTITY    | Quantity on which the unit price (PRICE_AMOUNT) is based. If the quantity is 1, this field is not transmitted.    |

## Supported format and transport protocols

Unite uses the proven **openTRANS 1.0** (ORDER) data format to automatically and accurately transfer orders into your system. The transfer is sent via **email** by default or, optionally, via **HTTPS**.

If you require a different format or transport protocol, please reach out to your Unite contact.

## Sample files for order transmission

Below you'll find sample files with comments and specifications:

### Order using openTRANS Order

For orders placed via the Spotmarket or Single Creditor BusinessShops, Unite acts as both the buyer and invoice recipient.

 [supplier\\_order.zip](#)  
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### Order using openTRANS C-Order

For orders from an Exclusive Catalogue or BusinessShop (transacting service: order forwarding), the end customer acts as the buyer, including an individual customer ID.

 [supplier\\_c-order.zip](#)  
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