

Sedex Advance Feature Glossary

As we transition from Sedex Advance to the current Sedex platform, some features will be retired, replaced, or enhanced. To help you understand these changes, we've created this glossary outlining key features affected by the transition. Whether you're familiar with these features or new to them, this guide provides clarity on what's changing.

Non-SMETA Audits

Previously, members could upload non-SMETA audits to Sedex Advance, allowing them to view all audits in one place. Currently, this isn't possible on the new platform, but later this year, we'll introduce a new process allowing Approved Audit Companies (AACs) to upload non-SMETA audits.

Follow-up Audit

With the launch of the Digital Audit Tool on the current Sedex platform, all full SMETA audits are now conducted there. As a result, follow-up audits will no longer be supported on Sedex Advance. We recommend completing follow-up audits within six months of the full audit. If another audit is needed, schedule it as a periodic audit on the new platform.

Agent Self-Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ)

This is a self-assessment questionnaire designed specifically for Agent business types on Sedex Advance. We will be updating this feature so that agents can complete it directly on the current Sedex platform.

Agent definition: Agents are crucial for providing links between production factories and Buyers. Agents supply their customers with a finished product that was manufactured or produced by another entity. Work is not usually carried out at Agents sites', and they do not employ workers themselves

Custom criticalities

This feature allowed members to assign specific criticality ratings to sites based on their individual needs. We are turning off this feature as members increasingly rely on our standardised criticalities.

1st/2nd party audits

These audits allowed members to conduct their own 1st or 2nd party audits. However, most members now prefer SMETA audits conducted by Approved Audit Companies (AACs) for quality and consistency. Therefore, we're discontinuing this feature.

Sedex Virtual Assessment (SVA)

Introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sedex Virtual Assessment (SVA) allowed members to monitor risks within their supply chains through remote assessments when on-site audits were not feasible. As the need for virtual assessments has significantly decreased, this feature will be phased out.

Legacy Self-Assessment Questionnaires (SAQs)

If you've completed any SAQs on the Sedex Advance platform in the past, we want to ensure you have all your records in order. With the upcoming platform changes, these legacy SAQs will be removed on 4 February 2025. To avoid losing any important information, please take a moment to download them for your records.

Rest assured, all SAQs completed on the current platform will remain unaffected by this change.

Member directory

The Member Directory on Sedex Advance is a networking tool which displayed company details, site information, and certificates of supplier members. We are looking at how to enhance this feature in the future to better meet the evolving needs of our members.