

When the next step matters

What is new, existing and coming

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Warehouse activities for subcontracting, sustainability reversal and Report Inbox API access are BC29 changes. Modern list search is an existing preview; its mandatory transition moved to BC30. Posted-shipment and return-receipt email is an April 2026 discovery. These labels describe the documented capabilities, not a test of your particular environment. The examples in these notes are hypothetical and the suggested process checks have not been performed for a customer.

Mixed status: BC29 GA, existing preview, planned BC30 transition and April GA

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The warehouse activity is the change

For teams that send production operations outside the company

BC29 lets basic warehouse activities participate in subcontracting. For a final operation, an inventory put-away records output and capacity; an intermediate operation does not create physical item or warehouse entries. That distinction matters when a person receives something tangible that is still unfinished. Consider a hypothetical product passing through two external operations: ask which step produces final output rather than assuming every receipt means finished stock. Supported final-output tracking must not be confused with tracking on a WIP transfer.

BC29 GA enhancement; subcontracting itself is established

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[Use inventory put-aways and picks for subcontracting](#)

Optional technical notes - routes and posting boundaries

For the person checking the manufacturing and warehouse setup

The Microsoft Subcontracting extension and vendor-linked work centers, locations and routings must be configured. WIP movement uses its own ledger, not normal item/value/warehouse postings. In-transit routes support warehouse handling in both directions. A Direct Shipment-and-Receipt return cannot use inbound warehouse handling; the distinct Direct Transfer posting mode is unsupported for WIP. WIP lines have no serial/lot tracking, reservations or planning supply/demand. Inventory picks/put-aways and warehouse shipments/receipts can handle WIP, but warehouse pick/put-away documents are not created. Check the documented combination rather than relying on similar page names. Open WIP transfer orders prevent finishing production.

Current BC29 documentation

[Use inventory put-aways and picks for subcontracting](#)

[Transfer WIP items between subcontractors](#)

[Set up subcontracting](#)

Components and unfinished products answer different questions

Optional technical notes - material provision and production closeout

Component supply determines who provides materials and how they reach the operation. The vendor can supply them, the company can replenish its own consignment stock at the subcontractor, or components can be transferred for an individual order. These established choices are separate from moving the unfinished production parent. WIP restrictions should not become blanket claims about component supply. To close production, review WIP entries and quantities at the subcontractor or in transit. Optional cleanup posts balancing adjustments; it does not independently establish that the physical work returned. Resolve the physical outcome before relying on a zero balance.

Established process context for BC29 warehouse handling

[Transfer WIP items between subcontractors](#)

[Manage components in subcontracting](#)

Start with the origin of the entry

For a finance team correcting sustainability data

The new BC29 reversal action supports journal-origin entries. Document-origin mistakes need corrective documents instead. A reversal adds a linked counter-entry rather than deleting history; it retains the original date and negates recorded values, without recalculating carbon factors. Ask where the mistake entered the process before choosing the correction.

New BC29 GA action

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[Chart of sustainability accounts and ledger - reversal](#)

Optional technical notes - separate ledgers

For whoever owns correction permissions and reconciliation

Reversal does not automatically change G/L entries, sustainability value entries or documents; G/L reversal does not automatically reverse sustainability entries either. Permissions, account eligibility and dimensions remain prerequisites. All selected entries validate before any reversal.

BC29; not compliance certification

[Chart of sustainability accounts and ledger - reversal](#)

A completed report can become an input elsewhere

For teams that repeatedly move report files into another process

BC29 adds APIs for existing Report Inbox output. The established inbox contains scheduled reports, not every report printed or downloaded elsewhere. The new access therefore starts with a report already generated in the right place. A hypothetical archive integration could retrieve that output; it would still need its own destination, handling rules and failure recovery. Retrieving a file, sending it and having a person review it are three different outcomes. The API makes the handoff possible, not automatically complete.

New BC29 / 2026 wave 2 API capability

[Work with report inbox items through the API](#)

[Get report inbox content through the API](#)

[Share and export reports with the report inbox](#)

Optional technical notes - separate content and status

For developers designing a report-output handoff

Entry access provides details and an editable read flag. Content access provides filename, output type, size and document content; company-level information includes entry/unread counts and latest-change time. None of those fields proves downstream delivery. Define your own success criterion before deciding when to update read status. Existing OneDrive sharing is another distinct path: it shares a copy, and Business Central expiry does not automatically remove that copy. Include the destination's retention and access rules in your design instead of treating inbox expiry as universal cleanup.

BC29 APIs; existing sharing behavior is not a new release

[Work with report inbox items through the API](#)

[Get report inbox content through the API](#)

[Work with report inbox companies through the API](#)

[Share and export reports with the report inbox](#)

A different match is not necessarily missing data

For users and support teams investigating a familiar record

Modern list search is an existing production-ready preview, not a newly launched BC29 engine. It matches words in any order and word prefixes, rather than arbitrary fragments inside a word. Only designated columns participate, and background indexing can briefly lag behind changes. When a known record does not appear, investigate the query and eligible fields; legacy search can help distinguish those cases. Do not assume that an empty result proves the record was deleted.

Existing preview; mandatory transition moved to BC30

[Sort, search, and filter data in lists, reports, or XMLports](#)

[Optional features that are now mandatory](#)

Optional technical notes - prepare the environment, not a slogan

For administrators and extension developers

Optimized-field support predates BC29: the developer documentation covers BC25 onward. The current mandatory-feature guidance moves the transition from BC29 to BC30, without establishing an exact date here. Use that distinction to prepare representative searches rather than announce everything as new. Search-language configuration is environment-wide, defaults to Neutral and triggers full reindexing when changed. It is not the user's personal interface-language preference. Agree who owns that setting and which real search examples will be checked after a change.

Established capability with a planned BC30 transition

[Optional features that are now mandatory](#)

[Enable optimized text search on table fields](#)

[Configure text search language for multilingual environments](#)

Send the document that matches the moment

For a person communicating a shipment or received return

Since April 2026, posted sales shipments and return receipts support email actions, including sending and attaching a PDF. This useful BC28 discovery separates communication about goods from later invoice communication. A hypothetical recipient may need the shipment document now, not the invoice later. Choose the correct posted document and recipient for that purpose. The feature does not mean posting automatically sends a message.

BC28 GA from 1 April 2026; not October news

[Send posted sales shipments and return receipts by email](#)

[Update 28.0 for Business Central 2026 release wave 1](#)

Check sending, not the printed counter

A small operational distinction that prevents a false conclusion

Generating the PDF can update the printed counter even if the message is never sent. Use Sent Items and the Outbox to distinguish sent messages from drafts and failures. Even a sent message is not evidence that its recipient has read it. In your own process, define whether the necessary next step is sending, delivery follow-up or an explicit response; do not ask a document counter to prove something it does not measure.

Established email-status behavior accompanying the BC28 feature

[Send documents and emails](#)