**NA ME898**

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**Short Text**

Order unit &1 cannot be used

**Diagnosis**

Unit  is **not** intended as an order unit.

**System Response**

The system checks whether the order unit you entered is allowed for this purchase order by comparing the order unit you entered with the order unit that the system determined.

The system checks the potential sources of the order unit in the given sequence. If a source is not available (if the purchase order is not referenced to a preceding document, for example) then the system checks the next possible source (such as a purchase requisition):

1. If you create a purchase order with reference to a preceding document (purchase order, contract or request for quotation), the system copies the order unit from the preceding document.  
The *Var. OUn* (Variable order unit) indicator must **not** be selected in the purchasing info record.

2. If you create a purchase order with reference to a purchase requisition and the *Var. OUn* indicator is selected in the purchasing info record, the system copies the order unit from the purchase requisition.  
In the Enjoy purchase requisition (ME51N), you can maintain the order unit on the item detail screen on the *Source of supply* tab.

3. When the purchasing info record for the combination of supplier and material exists, the system copies the order unit from the purchasing info record.

4. If you create a purchase order with reference to a purchase requisition and the *Var. OUn* is **not** selected in the purchasing info record, the system copies the order unit from the purchase requisition.

5. If you create a purchase order with reference to a purchase requisition and there is no existing purchase info record for the combination of supplier and material, then the system copies the unit of measure from the purchase requisition item in the item overview.

6. If you create a normal purchase order, the system copies the order unit from the material master.

7. When you create a stock transport order, the system copies the unit of measure from the material master.

8. If the order unit and the unit of measure were **not** defined in the material master, the system copies the material's base unit of measure.

9. If you create a service item, the system copies the default unit of measure.  
You can define the default unit of measure in Customizing for *External Services Management* under *Source Determination and Default Values -> for Client*.

**Note**  
If the *Var. OUn* indicator is selected in the purchasing info record or in the material master (if no purchasing info records exist), it means that the system can use any unit of measure that has been defined in the material master.

**Procedure**

1. Check the relevant documents and master records (contract or purchasing info records).

2. Select the *Var. OUn* in the purchasing info record or in the material master, if necessary.