

VARIETY WHOLESALERS, INC.

EMAIL/REPLY TROUBLESHOOT

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When we have a vendor set to “PO’s via EMAIL”, the EMAIL with the PO attached from orders@vwstores.com is sent with a read-reply-request. We expect/require the read-reply-receipt.

To update our purchasing system, we run a process that matches replies to EMAIL’d POs. We consider the ‘replied to’ EMAIL’d PO, confirmed. If we do not have reply matches, we consider the EMAIL’d PO un-confirmed. We follow up on un-confirmed POs.

Know the following general information about the read-reply-receipt:

- o In newer versions of OUTLOOK – when you open the EMAIL, a ‘read-reply’ is usually *automatically* sent. Be aware of your OUTLOOK’s (or email handling software’s) default setting for sending read-replies. **We expect/require a read-reply-receipt to our orders@vwstores.com.**

ABOUT the READ-REPLY:

- *The read-reply-receipt is our indicator that the emailed PO was received by the vendor.*
- *No ‘text in’ or ‘attachment to’ the reply is necessary.*
- *Leave our EMAIL’d ‘Subject:’ text intact (our system CROSS-REFERENCES read-replies).*
- *Replies should always include VARIETY’s purchase order number (already in ‘Subject:’ text).*
- *Answer ‘YES’ to “sender requests reply” pop-up question/window (if any).*
- **A MANUAL REPLY - is acceptable;** open the email, click ‘REPLY’, then click ‘SEND’.
- Opening EMAIL via a cell phone can produce un-predictable ‘reply’ results.

Here are a few possible problems that may interfere with your receiving our EMAIL’d POs or our receiving/matching the read-replies:

ON VENDOR’S SIDE:

- Invalid email address has been provided.
- System/firewall may be blocking EMAILs from our domain - ‘@vwstores.com’.
- EMAIL software other than OUTLOOK.
- Your EMAIL software’s default setting for read-replies may need to be adjusted.
- Recipient deleting or not opening our EMAIL with the PO attached.
- Recipient ‘manually’ replying and changing our SUBJECT text.
- Recipient looking at EMAIL via a cell phone (which may or may not automatically send a reply).
- Recipient may be *answering ‘NO’* to “sender requests reply” pop-up question/window (if any).

ON VARIETY’S SIDE:

- Invalid email address has been provided/entered.
- System/firewall may be blocking EMAILs from your domain.