



SHIP CONFIRMATION COLLABORATION

Collecting Consistent Shipping Information for Smoother Supply Chain Processes

Dock workers need to know three simple things about each inbound shipment to keep operations running smoothly: what it is, where it goes and the purchase order (PO) number for receipt. Unfortunately, suppliers don't always make this easy. Some make that information hard to find. Some don't provide enough. Some don't provide any. This means dock workers spend too much time deciding what to do with each and every box. The receiving bay becomes a choke point where it's easy to lose track of critical shipments. And the more suppliers a company has, the bigger the potential problem.

TAKE Supply Chain Ship Confirmation Collaboration

Ship Confirmation Collaboration from TAKE Supply Chain changes business-as-usual by making suppliers responsible for providing the right shipment information in the right format. For each shipment, suppliers enter information — including PO numbers and quantity — on a Web-based portal. Ship Confirmation Collaboration performs a “trial receipt” against the receiving controls. When all the information is verified, the supplier can print a label with the format and information that the recipient's dock needs. Unauthorized or out of tolerance shipments never leave the supplier's location. When dock workers scan an incoming shipment, they instantly know what to do with it: get it ready for putaway, flag it for inspection or transfer it to the line that's waiting for it. They handle each shipment less and make fewer mistakes. Materials managers always know exactly what's in transit from which suppliers and what to do when those shipments arrive.

Integration, Compliance, Simplicity

Ship Confirmation Collaboration works with the ERP and procurement systems already in place. The rules engine uses information from these other systems to validate each shipment and to stop problem shipments before they leave the supplier. As a result, suppliers can't slip in early shipments or “cherry pick” the most profitable purchase orders. Ship Confirmation Collaboration also captures tracking information for each package so companies can monitor shipments from dock to dock and enforce carrier compliance to help contain shipping costs. When labeling requirements or formats need to be changed, the changes are instantly available to all suppliers.

Eliminate “rogue” shipments

Link shipments to purchase orders

Reduce shipment handling times

Improve shipment visibility

Enforce supplier compliance

Feature

Benefit

Create consistent shipping processes across all suppliers

Performs a trial receipt against receiving controls for each shipment and generates compliant labeling tailored for the receiving process.

Integrate with existing ERP and procurement systems

Works with the enterprise applications already in place for better shipment visibility and automated processes.

Eliminate inaccurate and unwanted shipments

Links each shipment to a purchase order line item to reduce "rogue" shipments.

Reduce shipment handling times

Provides receiving personnel with handling instructions, including putaway, inspection or direct transfer to a manufacturing line.

Monitor shipment status with all suppliers

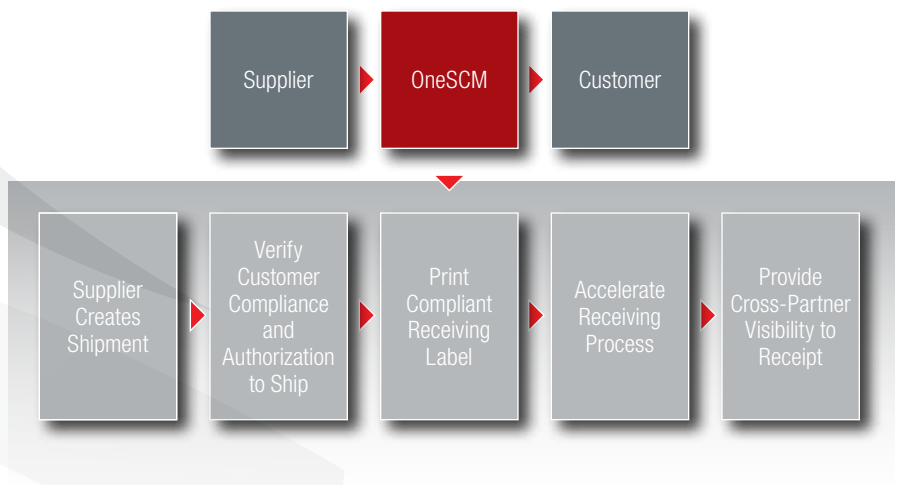
Provides a consolidated view of all incoming shipments across all suppliers.

Simplify label printing for suppliers

Helps suppliers print compliant labels and makes label changes available to them immediately.

Enforce carrier compliance

Reduces shipping costs by mandating shipment through the agreed-on carrier.



TAKE Supply Chain's Proven Experience

Since 1994, TAKE Supply Chain has assisted more than 320 clients in automating and controlling process execution within their extended supply networks. TAKE Supply Chain extends corporate policies and procedures through the corporation and its supply chain using industry best practices for distribution and fulfillment, supplier relationship management, trading partner integration and reverse logistics, mobile data collection and barcode label management that complement the existing ERP infrastructure.



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