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TRACKING INVENTORY IN TRANSIT WITH SAGE X3

With technology making the world just a bit smaller, many companies have extended their supply chain overseas. While sourcing goods from overseas can help keep costs down, it can also present operational challenges. The ability to track inventory in transit, monitor movement through the supply chain, and predict an on-time arrival can be important in maintaining customer satisfaction. Here's a quick review of the tools available in Sage ERP X3 to track inventory in transit.

The Transit Challenge

When compared to domestic suppliers, there can be added expenses and strict government regulations associated with importing that should be taken into consideration. What's more, unexpected events - like a storm at sea - can delay delivery for weeks. Therefore, the ability to closely track imports and get an accurate view of material availability is essential. It allows you to analyze replenishment cycles to determine future stock requirements and confidently commit to customer orders.



Sage ERP X3 Provides Tools to Track Inventory In Transit

Sage ERP X3 Import Tracking

Sage ERP X3 provides several tools to support an increasingly complex global supply chain including:

Shipment Management - allows shipments to be received by container versus individual purchase orders, providing improved planning for additional labor, time, and space required for receiving. In addition, companies importing food products or hazardous chemicals can require shipments to go through a series of internal controls for the necessary documentation required to meet country-specific regulatory demands.

Cost Management - Sage X3 offers a flexible landed cost structure which accounts for any additional expenses associated with receiving the product from overseas. It handles multiple title transfer points and provides the ability to calculate charges at the shipment or line level.

Material Visibility - this function delivers sophisticated lead-time management and provides for a mass update of receipt dates based on changes in travel time. The *import inquiry* displays details of the product's status (ordered, shipped, in port, released or dispatched). Plus, purchasing, sales, and customer service all have access to updated shipping and promise dates.

Cost Reconciliation - provides a check and balance for materials purchased and third party charges. It also provides a transaction history of all landed cost postings.

The ability to track imports, accurately account for landed costs, forecast stock availability, adjust for unexpected delays, and keep your customers informed is an important part of leveraging a global supply chain without sacrificing quality and accuracy.



Contact us if you need assistance setting up or configuring options for tracking inventory in transit using Sage ERP X3.

Just Let The Process Flow

With some ERP systems, it's easy to lose yourself in the complicated web of menus, wasting valuable time searching for the tasks you need to perform your job function. But rest assured, you'll never have that problem with the **Visual Process Flows** that are built into Sage ERP X3. These graphical, job-oriented diagrams are designed to help you navigate the system and perform your daily tasks quickly and easily.

How Visual Process Flows Work

Process Flows provide a visual workflow diagram that can be customized by department or for each individual user. It provides a clear view of the tasks you need to accomplish and walks you step-by-step through the process. A simple click on any of the process "milestones" will launch the underlying task/software function. And with the proper security rights, you can edit the process tree, add your own custom graphics, and really personalize the diagrams to meet your company-specific operational procedures.



Visual Process Flows provide graphical workflow diagrams that help you navigate Sage ERP X3 efficiently.

Improving Your ERP Experience

The primary goal of Visual Process Flows is to allow you to quickly identify the right tasks and launch screens without searching through the giant tree of menu items and icons within Sage X3. Process Flows also make it easier to visualize how individual tasks relate to the overall business process which can shorten the learning curve for new users. They also serve as a nice reminder that helps experienced users breeze through tasks that are infrequently performed like year-end processing. So in this case, a picture is worth a 1,000 hours of productivity.



[Contact us](#) if you'd like to learn more about using Visual Process Flows in your business.

NAVIGATING MENUS & PORTALS

An important element of using ERP software effectively is understanding how to navigate the system. To complement our earlier article on visual process flows, the video below provides a comprehensive review of the Sage X3 desktop, browser menu, saving favorites, and how to create your own custom portal.



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