

A photograph of a warehouse interior with high ceilings and metal shelving units filled with cardboard boxes. In the foreground, a man in a light blue shirt is looking at a tablet. In the background, two other workers are visible: a woman in a blue shirt handling a box and a man in a white shirt looking down. The scene is brightly lit, and the overall atmosphere is one of active logistics work.

Value Added Logistics

Stay in control. Connect VAL activities with your WMS.

Simply storing goods no longer offers logistics service providers the distinctive character that meets their customers' demand. Offering a large variety of Value Added Services, however, does. Do you already support your customers' business with (extended) VAL activities or are you considering adding this to your portfolio? But are you looking for a way of working where you can easily record the associated activities at any time? Do you struggle to meet your customers' growing need for more information? Or do you feel that you are giving away your services?

Avoid an administrative chaos and a loss-making organization. Capture the VAL process accurately and integrate it fully with 3PL Dynamics' WMS. This way you know exactly what the impact is on the stock levels of both the resources and the end product. And invoicing your additional activities becomes a piece of cake. Generate the invoice without any difficulty, with VAL services listed as separate services. And with just one mouse click you can get insight into the services provided.

Gain more insight and opt for more profit: integrate your VAL activities with the WMS

Do you provide additional services for your customers? Then you want at least to have the flexibility to add extra activities to an order or product at any given time within the logistics process. But vital with VAL activities is that standard times and actual hours are specified. After all, you want to prevent that you unintentionally give away your services for free by miscalculating the estimated. However, experience shows that only 50% of the WMS packages can support you there.

With the Value Added Logistics module, you can capture and track the VAL process. And it is also integrated across the WMS. This means, for example, that VAL activities are included along with the scanning process. During production process activities, the VAL module directly impacts stock levels of both the resources and the end product. Furthermore, each VAL activity is automatically included in the invoicing process. VAL services are listed as a separate service on the invoice for your customer, giving them optimal insight into the services provided.

Stop wasting time and money on repacking

Do your customers deliver 'bare' products? Are boxes damaged or not packaged in the desired form? Packing and/or repacking can take a lot of time. Prevent yourself from losing money and record these activities directly in the WMS.

Shooting serves with sorting and price tagging

Sometimes products need a supplementary action to make them suitable for the (end) customer. For example, in the case of a promotional campaign, where you must provide the goods with a price. Or perhaps not all products are of the same quality and must be sorted. We are talking about a labor-intensive process that requires extra people to be deployed. Prevent you are robbing yourself and store all activities effortlessly in the system.

Keep track of the quality without getting stuck on your administration

Obviously, you check on delivery if there is no damage. But certain products require some additional quality control throughout the process.

By connecting wireless terminals or tablets to the WMS system, allows you to check the quality of goods at all times during the logistics process. Colour, maturation stage, temperature or amount per package: you determine which features you want to perform inspections. The results of the quality control are linked in the WMS to the respective goods, products, lots or batches. This way you have registered everything neatly and you have all the necessary data at your fingertips.

Prevent the assembly process from stopping

Do you handle the assembly for your customers into a semi-finished product or end product? Then you do not want your employees to run out of stock and must wait for a new batch. Record materials on entry and assembly in the WMS and gain real-time insight into the available raw materials, semi-finished products, and items per production order. This ensures that the assembly process runs like a well-oiled machine and enables you to charge costs correctly and keep track of the actual number of hours invested.

Get a grip with track & trace

Have the wrong goods been delivered? Or is there a recall? Whether it is due to an error in the production process, a technical defect or because the product does not meet the quality requirements. Your client wants to do everything to restore the customer's trust. But at the same time, a recall requires quite a bit of your logistics process. Stay on top of things and know exactly what has been delivered with an extensive track & trace functionality. With 3PL Dynamics' VAL module, you are able to follow orders throughout the entire process. From batch and batch number to serial number and IMEI registration. In the unlikely event that something has gone wrong, you will always be able to track the goods.

Reverse logistics: take it to the next level

Although reverse logistics is not a new phenomenon, the rise of e-commerce does have a huge impact on logistics processes. Whereas in the past this mainly concerned taking back packaging material, but nowadays we're talking about at least five different types of return. From defective products to orders that customers

simply changed their mind about. All these types of returns must be settled in a different way. Luckily, 3PL Dynamics' WMS offers the tools to stay in control. Simply determine which steps must be executed and what information must be recorded.

Weighing: measurement is the key to knowledge

Do you work with weight items? Or do you invoice based on actual kilograms? Then it is important to register the correct weights. After all, you don't only want to weigh the goods but also check that what is stored leaves the warehouse again. Standard interfaces with scales and weighbridges make it possible to provide data on scanners or touch screens and direct registration in the WMS system. As soon as you close the order, the system checks whether the weight used is equal to the weight reported. Is there a difference? Then the system prompts you to question to indicate where the difference comes from. For example, due to production loss, rejection, etc.

The advantages:

- One integrated solution
- Flexible to set up
- More efficient operations
- Higher service level to customers
- High delivery reliability
- Lower costs
- Current and reliable steering information
- Increased employee productivity

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