

Manage your global supply chain in a coherent, efficient way.

The import tracking functionality builds upon the core inventory management capabilities within Sage ERP X3 to provide your business with the visibility of imported, in-transit inventory so that it can be considered when committing orders to a customer and when determining future purchase requirements.

By increasing the visibility of your inbound goods and their associated costs, you can better control your transportation expenses and inventory levels while increasing your order fulfillment rate.

Key features of Sage ERP X3 Import Tracking include:

Shipment management allows shipments to be received by container versus individual purchase orders. Increased visibility enables the warehouse to plan in advance the labor, time, and space required for incoming containers instead of managing the container deliveries as they come in. Companies importing food products or hazardous chemicals can require shipments to go through a series of internal controls required to meet country-specific regulatory demands.

Cost management provides a flexible landed cost structure, which accounts for all the expenses associated with receiving products from overseas. It handles multiple title transfer points and provides the ability to calculate charges at the shipment or line level. By linking all costs connected with a specific container and associating them with the items delivered, companies can positively impact margin analysis and provide for accurate margin-based commissions.

Material visibility enables sophisticated lead-time management and provides a tool for mass update of receipt dates based on changes in travel time. Also, the import inquiry feature gives details of the product's status (ordered, shipped, in port, released, or dispatched) at all times. Customer service, purchasing, and sales have the ability to query the system for customers to obtain shipping and promise dates. Additionally, accurate status dates are available for financial reporting purposes (date of ownership). Sage ERP X3 becomes the repository and processor of all information regarding the container.

Cost reconciliation provides a check and balance for materials purchased and third-party charges. All costs associated with a container are linked together and then associated with the items delivered. Accurate costs impact margin analysis and make for accurate margin-based commissions. It also provides a transaction history of all landed cost postings.

System integration ensures all import functions are within one database in Sage ERP X3. Off-system spreadsheets are reduced. Information is shared throughout the organization instantaneously, enabling real-time access to mission-critical information and improving productivity and collaboration.

Benefits of Sage ERP X3 Import Tracking

- Streamline the processing of overseas shipments and avoid any delays in transit.
- Reduce demurrage and per-diem charges.
- Improve visibility into what inventory is in which containers and where the container is in transit, and confidently commit orders to customers.
- Sufficiently analyze stock to determine future purchase requirements.
- Accurately value import goods for margin analysis and financial reporting purposes.

Features and functions

Shipment Management

Vessels and containers
Multiple statuses and dates
Content management
Receipt by container

Material Visibility

Sophisticated lead-time management
Mass update of receipt dates
Import inquiry by site
Available-to-promise feature

Cost Management

Material cost and duty calculation
“Point in Time” in-transit visibility
Flexible landed cost structure
Calculate charges at shipment & line level
Support multiple title transfer points
Set up flexible accounting options

Cost Reconciliation

Reconciliation of materials purchased
Reconciliation of third-party charges

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