



Acsis Supplier Integration Solution

Supplier Integration Challenges

In today's "automated everything" world, it can be surprising how disconnected and manual manufacturers still are when it comes to working with extended supply chain partners. Only 10% believe that they've successfully integrated supply chain partners into their IT systems. In the typical supply chain, over 70% of orders are processed manually. And 32% still use fax machines to exchange production information with partners! Every manual order management process (including email, phone calls, faxes and spreadsheets) takes a toll on a company's flexibility, velocity and visibility, and ultimately, on the value it provides to the customer.

Acsis Supplier Integration

Acsis enables companies to automate supplier onboarding, processing and integration. Our supplier integration solution fills the visibility gaps in systems across extended supply partners. Partners can exchange data using technology they already have – from a web portal to automated data capture systems – and Acsis directly integrates that information with the manufacturer's existing ERP system (ensuring it remains the system of record for all supply chain data).

KEY FEATURES:



Supports All Methods of Communication

Acsis Supplier Integration sits on top of your existing network and allows partners to exchange data using the technology and format of their choice. This enables you to implement quickly and collaborate with partners easily. Communication methods include:

- Web Portals
- File Exchange – Flat Files, XML, Excel
- EDI
- Direct System-to-System APIs
- E-mail



Full, Bi-directional Integration

Acsis provides bi-directional document and messaging integration with all partners' ERP systems, including orders, acknowledgements and Advanced Shipping Notices (ASNs). With Acsis, you will not only eliminate the manual errors from data entry, but also the lag in visibility. The information is available in your ERP system in near real time, so you can find out what you need to know, when you need to know it.



Seamless, Compliant Labeling

Partners are not only able to share and view information, but also print shipping labels and other shipping documents, including:

- Product barcode labels, which ensure accurate product identification and enable the receiving party to simply scan the label to receive and process shipments
- Compliance labeling for regulatory or customer requirements

Labels created by the Acsis solution or the manufacturer's ERP system are automatically routed to the supplier and printed on demand. Manufacturers can change labels or add label information that the supplier may not have access to. This eliminates the need to relabel products as they are received. Acsis can also generate ASNs automatically, as a part of the remote labeling process.

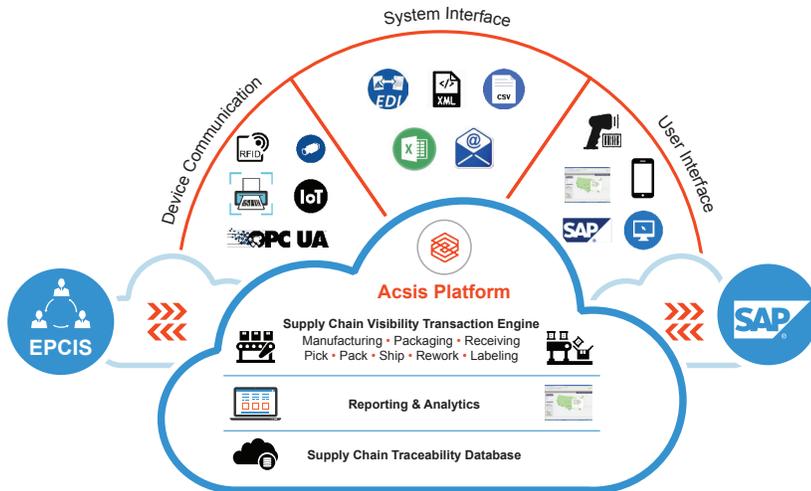


Event Monitoring and Notifications

Manufacturers are automatically notified of date or quantity changes as they occur during order acknowledgement or shipping preparation. With this visibility, the manufacturer can take immediate action to alleviate any possible complications.

Acsis Supplier Integration: How Does It Work?

The Acsis Supplier Integration solution is comprised of a cloud layer that allows partners to connect via a web portal, file interface or EDI message. Acsis acts as an information hub, allowing suppliers to interact and exchange messages or documents. All information, whether from a web page or message interface, is normalized into standard message formats. Transactional data is routed through the Acsis connector to the manufacturer's ERP system.



Acsis Supplier Integration: How it works

Acsis in Action: An Example Using Web Portal Integrations

Purchase Orders and Acknowledgements

As purchase orders are released from the manufacturer's system, they are received or retrieved by the Acsis connector and made available to suppliers through the Acsis web portal. By logging on to the portal, suppliers are able to review a new purchase order, acknowledge receipt of the order, and accept the terms, quantities, and delivery dates on the order. The order can be downloaded or delivered electronically to the supplier's system. Supplier acknowledgement is captured and recorded in the manufacturer's ERP system.

Shipment Preparation

When suppliers prepare a shipment, they log on to the Acsis portal and access the purchase order data to record quantities shipped, optional packing information, number of pallets and gross weight. The Acsis solution then generates customer-specific or manufacturer-specified barcoded shipping labels (depending on where the item is shipping to). The labels are printed at the supplier's location and applied to the containers or pallets ready for shipment. Acsis also creates an ASN that is recorded in the manufacturer's ERP system as an inbound delivery.

In addition, Acsis can transmit shipment preparation information to a freight carrier for automatic scheduling of the shipment appointment.

The manufacturer or supplier can configure alerts to signal that shipment preparation did not take place, was delayed, or did not match quantity requirements. Reporting and evaluation of supplier performance is available through an Acsis dashboard and embedded reporting and visualization tools.

Manufacturer Benefits

- Increased customer service and satisfaction levels due to order accuracy and confirmed delivery times
- Lower costs related to supplier's shipment processes and manufacturer's receipts processes as a result of on-demand, intelligent labeling
- Reduction of stock outs and late deliveries because adjustments can be made upon notification
- Reduced inventory buffers as a result of end-to-end supply chain visibility
- Faster order-to-cash cycle due to order accuracy

Supplier Benefits

- No need for Value Added Network (VAN), EDI or individual compliance labeling solutions
- Reduction in manual data entry, document creation and information reporting
- Option for full integration with supplier's ERP system
- Automated freight scheduling
- Availability of Purchase Orders as soon as they are released

We have 20 years of experience dealing with the intricate details of data capture and product traceability in complex, global manufacturing supply chains and the execution systems that feed SAP and other ERP systems of record. We've worked with AbbVie, American Health Packaging, Ashland, Cintas, DuPont, Glatfelter, Hershey's and OSRAM – and hundreds more companies – who consider us the go-to experts in data collection solutions.

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