

# An insightful guide for Improving Supply Chain Resilience



Now more than ever, you may have noticed gaps in your supply chain that are causing challenges for your business. Whether that's rapid changes in consumer demand, to the way you are sourcing your products due to a global disruption. But now is the time to get the right solutions in place to improve real-time visibility across your supply chains, so you can react faster and mitigate risk to ensure a streamlined and efficient way of working.

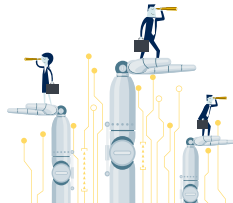
This helpful guide explores several supply chain pain points that many businesses are currently facing, along with strategies to address them. This guide will allow you to identify those pain points that best reflect your business, and establish the next steps to move to a more proactive and resilient supply chain.

## Common pain points in this complex, supply chain environments. Do you need to...



1. Keep track of every order – whatever it's source – and minimise the risk of human error by ensuring no rekeying of data?

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2. Fully optimise warehouse staff – whilst remaining socially distanced – to speed up productivity and keep up with demands?

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3. Find cost savings through agile planning and distribution across multiple locations?

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4. Respond to the never-ending changes in consumer demand and ensure you stay ahead of the competition?

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# To optimise order management...

**“Integrated EDI enables us to receive daily EDI orders as late as 1:30pm and still have the lorries loaded and on-route to retailers by 4pm on the same day.”**

- **Faccenda Foods**, Poultry Supplier

Understand how **Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central** gives you complete visibility across all your operations to help optimise order management.

# To improve warehouse efficiency...

**“Since implementing Dynamics 365 Business Central and integrated devices in our warehouses, we have reduced our inventory by ~25%.”**

- **Cameron Price**, Plastic Injection Specialists

Learn more about how we can support your warehouse efficiency with **Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central**.

Integrate online orders from your e-commerce site to your core business system to remove the manual process of rekeying individual orders.

Investigate whether OCR document capture software would be a more beneficial solution for the processing of purchase orders sent by email.

Explore whether visibility of shipping timescales for end-consumers would help set expectations to support warehouse staff.

Maintain clear communication with vendors up and down the supply chain, as it is vital to ensure order accuracy and minimising delays.

Integrate EDI orders with your major retailers to your core business solution to automatically receive and process orders, as well as send ASNs (Advance Shipping Notifications) and invoices.

Identify the need for a single, fully integrated business system to deliver up to the minute stock availability.

Introduce an accurate, integrated barcoding system that helps you pick items faster than ever, and gives you complete visibility of what stock is available and where.

Use handheld devices to eliminate manual and time-consuming tasks - such as keying in individual items when receipting purchases - to speed up processes and reduce the risk of human error.

Pick items via the most efficient routes depending on location and priority with directed picks. If an order is for Next Day Delivery or has specific temperature requirements, the system will direct you to pick those at the most appropriate point.

Keep the whole business up-to-date on product availability. As soon as an item has been picked, stock levels are immediately updated and potential customer dissappointments are avoided.

Provide employees easy-to-use, handheld devices that even glove-wearing staff can use. Alternatively, use wearable or voice activated devices to be completely hands-free – it's easier than ever to pick and go.

## To optimise cost savings in planning and distribution...



Discover how to synchronise all your business operations - including planning and distribution by watching this [Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central](#) demo.

Synchronise logistics across sites, warehouses, and transportation modes to ensure you're not wasting valuable time and money. Having a single and centralised system will ensure every area of your business is on the same page.

Manage your own transportation by selecting the appropriate containers, loads, vehicles and routes to meet customer deadlines whilst delivering products cost-effectively.

Record as many expected costs per item, per country of origin, shipment method, currency, and date – including automatic recalculations that occur during the goods journey – to accurately reflect the true, landed costs of imported items.

Save hundreds of hours by handling your shipping agent integration from your core business system, so you can easily create important documents (such as labels) in a much more cost-effective and streamlined way.

## To improve demand forecasting and planning...



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Use powerful reporting to analyse previous seasonal peaks and troughs to understand and predict future trends and purchasing patterns and compare that against current stock availability.

Look to integrate sales and marketing pipeline data into the planning process to better forecast demand.

Gain full visibility on imported stock items/materials, whether they have left the manufacturer, made the journey overseas or stuck at the docks.

Systemise your purchase planning by setting minimum / maximum order quantities, minimum stock levels and lead times within your business system.

Easily create what if scenarios and efficiently and cost effectively plan for and meet demand.

# Make sure your supply chain is ready for what's next.

If the common pain points resonated with some challenges within your business, then it's time to look to a solution that can help alleviate those supply chain nuisances.

If you need help reducing supply chain challenges or checking off the boxes on this list, our experts can help.

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