



Dear client, and all those interested in logistics,

There is hardly any area in logistics that will have to face as many fundamental challenges over the coming years as the international transport sector. Apart from the prospect of facing the constant increase in transport costs effectively, changes in customs procedures will set demands on those responsible for logistics management. From July 1, 2009, exporting companies will have to be able to deal with customs formalities electronically and this is driving up the demand for appropriate software solutions. Companies are well advised now to really keep an eye on all challenges in international transport and to avoid procuring new and unnecessary interfaces and consequent sources of error.

Efficient customs management is only provided if it is an integral component of end-to-end supply chain execution. It is only in this way that it can be integrated within optimisation processes. On top of that, compliance requirements are becoming ever more complex in international transport and can only be optimally solved with a unified view of the supply chain.

Shipment delays or problems with authorities can effectively be avoided if all customs formalities are already taken into account during early

planning phases and incorporated within the optimisation processes. In this way, customs management becomes an integral element of supply chain execution.

We are taking this into account by means of our global partnership with MIC Datenverarbeitung GmbH. It aims for seamless specialised and technical integration of the sophisticated MIC application systems within the inet-logistics software solutions. The logistics-server[®] is in this case the ideal platform for assuring the functional interplay of all systems. On the basis of this unified web-based software solution, companies will get the challenges in international transport and customs under control: they will be able to compensate for the increase in transport costs, observe all legal requirements and fulfil regulatory compliance requirements.

This issue of inet-News provides an initial overview that we would like to deepen by means of a personal discussion with you.

Best regards,

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«ANNOUNCEMENT»

Common strengths

→ inet-logistics and MIC

On December 1, 2008, inet-logistics GmbH and MIC Datenverarbeitung GmbH, Linz, entered a global partnership. The objective is a seamless integration of the globally-leading customs software program MIC Customs Solutions (MIC) into the logistics-server® software suite.

Both functionally and technically, the MIC and inet-logistics software solutions complement each other ideally. Because of seamless integration via the logistics-server® integration platform, companies are provided with a closed solution that can solve the tasks involved in the planning, control and execution of cross-border transports as a single source solution. The inet-logistics software solutions and MIC customs management work together completely smoothly and in this way, both companies are addressing an essential market requirement. To meet the increased customs requirements simply by using a single customs software brings new interface challenges that can be automated with the full solution. It is not until the customs software interacts seamlessly with downstream and upstream IT systems that all data, for example, from transport planning and optimisation can be automatically transferred

and customs aspects be taken into account in optimisation.

The MIC customs management software, which can be used in 35 countries, contains complex checking routines ensuring transport preparation and execution that is compliant to legal requirements and directives. This includes, for example, comparing delivery addresses against embargo lists and offering online monitoring, as well as sophisticated risk management. "Working together with logistics-server® as a collaborative cross-company integration platform, the benefits of the MIC software really become apparent," reports a delighted Alfred Hiebel, Managing Director of MIC Datenverarbeitung GmbH. "In such structures, international transports can be optimally planned, controlled and consequently cost-effectively performed."

«Fact Box»

Customs requirements are increasing

Because of increased security requirements in cross-border transport, the European Commission has adapted to the existing customs code and levelled the path to a redesign of customs arrangements. Companies involved in export business are thus confronted with increased requirements being put on customs management. One of these changes concerns electronic customs processing that will be obligatory for all companies with effect from July 1, 2009. From this point in time, each exporting company will be required to transfer its export details electronically across Europe to the ATLAS (Automated tariff and local customs accounting) customs system.

«MIC GLOBAL CUSTOMS MANAGEMENT»



⇒ MIC Customs Solutions (MIC)

MIC Customs Solutions (MIC) is a globally leading software product that consists of various customs management modules. These support customs processes efficiently, save time and money and increase compliance.

All MIC modules are designed so that they fulfil the multi-regional and multi-national requirements of large companies in terms of customs data and compliance management. They integrate WTO and WCO standards, while fulfilling regional and national declaration and documentation requirements. Each MIC module can be used on its own or together with the other modules, in order to use the MIC customs data management with maximum efficiency. All MIC products facilitate simple data transfer between the central MIC customs management system, ERP and registration systems, as well as other systems with company data that are relevant for customs purposes.

Logistics and service partners can be linked in directly or by web access. The resultant thin and cost-effective customs processes are highly flexible and can be quickly adapted to the changing demand of companies and authorities.

«Info on the web»www.mic-cust.comwww.inet-logistics.com/en/partnerships.html

«THE INET-LOGISTICS SOFTWARE SUITE»



The logistics-server® platform optimises the planning, execution, control and billing of transport costs in complex processes across companies. This modularly-constructed solution offers effective system support and efficient integration of all supply chain partners with low rollout costs.

The collaborative cross-company communications platform can be used by all involved from their own IT environment. Important information such as contractual conditions is saved centrally. The easy end-to-end and functional scalability also represents a strategic advantage. Features of the logistics-server® are operated at high availability computer centres and provided by Internet or Extranet connections. As an alternative, the software can be operated onsite by the user. Certified interfaces to leading ERP systems facilitate simple integration into existing IT environments and all conventional standard protocols are supported.

The logistics-server® platform is designed as an end-to-end and scalable solution suite and features transport, freight costs, procurement and container management. Apart from that, inet-logistics offers related modules for business intelligence, event and exception handling, as well as document management.



«SCRUTINY»

Compliance in logistics

➔ Transport and customs management in supply chain execution

“Globalisation is irreversible,” summarises Prof. Dr. Frank Strauber, Logistics Chair at the TU Berlin from a recently presented study entitled “Trends and strategies in logistics” that was presented at the 25th German Logistics Congress.

Apart from some others, the subject of compliance takes on outstanding significance. International transports variously get affected by legal requirements and company compliance guidelines. To prevent delivery delays at borders, the observance of customs law in all its facets is unavoidable. But also guidelines such as the EU anti-terrorism directives represent an obligation for companies. The MIC IT systems contain the complex checking routines that ensure transport preparation and execution that is compliant with laws and directives. They compare for example delivery addresses against embargo lists and offer online monitoring, as well as sophisticated risk management. All of these

complex routines require the data from the downstream systems in good time to constantly be able to analyse on the basis of comprehensive and current data.

In a fully different direction, observance of compliance directives also serves to fight corruption such as in the case of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX) directives. This is where the inet-logistics freight cost management solution seals the gaps that are found these days in almost all supply chains with a high transport volume. Because of the high degree of manual work in controlling and an unacceptable lack of transparency concerning the transports that have actually taken place, a complete audit of all incoming transport invoices is not possible in practice. Such discrepancies are not in fact permissible when looking at the SOX directives in greater detail and it is possible that management permitting this be called to account.

«Fact Box»

MIC – Experts for worldwide customs management

1989	founded in Linz, Austria
1990	MIC market leader in Austria, EU expansion begins in Germany
1995	MIC is selected by HP to implement a unified central customs solution for the EU
2000	MIC expands into the Asia Pacific region with solutions for Thailand and Australia
2003	MIC develops for ATLAS in Germany
2003	MIC USA is founded
2008	MIC takes over the support of Datateam customers, thus strengthening its presence in Switzerland