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Cycle Counting
Structured counting of your stock for an accurate inventory

There are plenty of situations to think of which create a difference between the current stock in your warehouse and the administrative stock. For example, an incorrect scan action, a box that falls from the pallet or an item that has accidentally been returned together with the packaging. Anyway, the result is the same and happens to every logistics service provider. However, the manual counting of the stock is a cumbersome (and therefore expensive process). First you have to book time for your colleague, who has to count everything, compare this with the administration and register the difference. Besides being error prone, it is also inefficient. Could this not be done in another way?

Elevate-IT's Cycle Counting module makes it possible to systematically manage real-time counts and to instantly process these administratively. Thanks to the different layout options, you can seamlessly integrate these with your warehouse processes, which means that you barely spend extra time.

Correctly inform your partners and the tax authorities

Complete accurate insight into the stock is crucial for you as a warehouse owner. For your own administration, for customer communication and information towards the tax authorities. They require that you value the stock correctly. Are you unable to correctly inform your customers or the tax authorities? In that case, you will incur problems and most likely costs.

Design it in a way that suits you best

by dividing the annual inventory count into smaller parts and multiple moments, you spread the bother that comes with it. How you divide it, is entirely up to you. Determine the span of control, the counting frequency or the level at which you want to count yourself. Setting up your preferences can be done in no time, after which you can get started right away.

Add Cycle Counting to every order picking activity

A practical way to apply Cycle Counting is to combine it with the order picking process. Is an employee going to the warehouse to pick loose packages? Then the system automatically asks to count the current stock of the relevant items. An efficient interpretation.

Enter a periodic Cycle Counting assignment

You can also choose to carry out a counting order per fixed period. Whether this is per week, per month, per quarter or every other day: it can all be set up in your WMS. The system checks when the last count took place. If this is longer than the period you specify yourself, you will be asked to carry out a count.

Replenishment on time by counting on article level

In addition, there is the possibility to configure Cycle Counting on customer item. So you determine per article from which quantity a counting activity is required. In this way you limit the risk of a shortage considerably and replenishment always takes place on time.

Let the system perform Cycle Counting ad hoc

Also, you have the option to let the system determine everything for you. In ad hoc counts, the system asks you to count when you are near a particular location or customer item. When locations or articles are not approached for a long time, the system will not ask you to do a count. You can then start a controlled counting task.

A solid counting process, controlled by your WMS
Basically, Cycle Counting is the division of the annual count of the entire stock into smaller parts, divided over several periods. As soon as the WMS defines a new Cycle command, new rules are added to the Cycle Counting temporary table. This actually means that you are tracking a shadow budget of the stock. Once the counting order is (successfully) met, the shadow budget disappears and an exact stock remains. This way you will not face any unpleasant surprises.

Decide for yourself how you manage the counting tasks

As you can see, there are *countless* possibilities to set up Cycle Counting in your Warehouse Management System. Here, too, you create a piece of customization in a standard solution. Whether you place all locations within the filter, count on the basis of the customer item or a set location, or based on a specific Cycle Counting method: there is always a solution that fits your organization best.

Easily complete assignments via RF Scanners

Chances are that you work with scanners if you are ready to introduce Cycle Counting. Here you have lots of flexibility as well. For example, employees can perform a 'blind count' (they enter the number without any input). Or, when a count deviates, you can show the expected amount so they can check it with a recount. You can also choose to let the staff know the differences themselves or have another extra check carried out by a second person.

Usually implemented within a day

Where Cycle Counting saves you hours of unnecessary work, implementation hardly takes any time. Our experienced consultants come to you at a desired time and directly set it up for you. Exactly like you are used from Elevate-IT. The investment is therefore small and the benefits are enormous. The Cycle Counting module is completely up and running and before you have counted your inventory.

All benefits together

- Limit counting errors to a minimum
- Realize an up-to-date inventory
- Improve your information provision
- Design the counting process to detail in one day
- Make just-in-time replenishment the standard

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