

# CROSS-DOCKING

## OUTSOURCE YOUR INTERMEDIATE WAREHOUSING

With cross-docking, we check incoming goods, repackage them, combine them with goods from other suppliers and prepare them for onward shipment. Cross-docking enables you to greatly simplify your logistics. You can even outsource all your intermediate warehousing.

### IT + cross-docking = no intermediate warehousing

Thanks to sophisticated IT, logistics with cross-docking allows goods from one or more manufacturers destined for one or more recipients to arrive in our logistics centre at the same time. We then perform incoming goods and quality checks, repackage the items, combine goods from different senders into consignments for the various recipients, and prepare them for onward shipment, usually within 24 hours. The goods are not stored with cross-docking.

For example, the company Elektronik-Handels AG has 14 branches spread across Switzerland. It arranges for the DVD/HD recorders of manufacturer A from its factory in Ireland and the Blu-ray disc players from the same manufacturer, but from a different factory in Portugal, plus the MP3 players of manufacturer B and the digicams of manufacturer C to arrive at our logistics centre in Dintikon at the same time. We check the goods, repackage them, assemble the shipments (consisting of DVD/HD recorders, digicams, MP3 players and Blu-ray disc players) for branch 1, branch 2, etc. and get them ready for onward shipment – all within 24 hours! Thanks to cross-docking, Elektronik-Handels AG can manage without a central warehouse. In addition, it cuts down the manufacturer-to-branch time, making the whole process more cost-efficient.

### The advantages of lean logistics

The following arguments underscore the benefits of entrusting us with your cross-docking needs, either wholly or in part:

- You can hand over the entire flow of goods from the producer to the end consumer to a single partner – Swiss Post – without having to touch the goods even once. With cross-docking and an electronic merchandise information system, you can even eliminate the need for your own warehouse



- The goods reach end customers more quickly as we perform the necessary processing and they do not need to be transported from our platform to you and then back again
- Your set-up/warehouse capacities need not be designed to cope with rarely occurring peaks
- As you no longer need to worry about any logistics operations, you can concentrate on your core competencies

### Cross-docking

With cross-docking, all incoming goods are swiftly checked, repackaged, labelled, combined with other products and prepared for onward transport.

### Cross-docking billing options

We can bill you for our cross-docking services in a number of different ways, for example:

- Flat fee per order
- Price per transport unit
- Price per hour according to time required
- Price per waybill line item or per sales unit

**Included**

As a rule we carry out the following within 24 hours:

**When accepting consignments**

- Check quantities: compare the quantity delivered against the waybill
- Check incoming goods for external damage
- Send goods received notification to customer

**When combining consignments**

- Merge and pick goods for the specified recipient

**When preparing consignments for onward shipment**

- Package and prepare goods for onward shipment
- Print outbound goods labels
- Outbound goods check against customer's order
- Generate delivery documents
- If dispatched as postal parcels: create, label and frank parcels, register parcel numbers (consignment tracking)

**Additional services available**



Thanks to our extensive range of additional services, you can entrust us with even highly complex cross-docking operations:

- Express throughput in under 12 hours
- Unloading non-pallet goods and breaking up mixed pallets
- Sampling
- Setting up orders for acceptance between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. to be delivered the following day
- Management of empty containers, packaging and consumables
- Disposal
- Picking by SSCC or article
- Request delivery of orders placed with your suppliers
- Invoicing, reporting
- Provision of auxiliary/out-of-hours staff
- Service level agreement

**Acceptance (Mon to Fri)**

- Ordering 24 hours in advance is usually sufficient
- By calling 058 448 65 92 or e-mail to [crossdocking@post.ch](mailto:crossdocking@post.ch)

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