

Stock Taking



Efficient stock control enables you to have the right amount of materials and goods in the right place at the right time. It ensures continued production and customer deliveries - even when the supply chain experiences minor hiccups - and assures that your capital is not tied up unnecessarily in stocks.

The challenge: Stock taking causes major disruption to operations

For most companies the phrase “stock taking” equates to halted operations, overtime hours incurred, and repeated counts and recounts to solve discrepancies. Manual stock-taking processes are prone to errors and burn valuable resources. For these reasons, many companies conduct stock takings only once or twice per year.

But physical inventory checks are still needed - everyone agrees on that. Because stock data accuracy declines extremely rapidly over time, and in order to avoid stock-outs, the only thing you can do is to keep higher-than-optimal stocks to cover for the inaccuracies.

An even more severe challenge is the visibility of stock levels at your customers. Once products have left the production plant, the ability to track them is lost. But in order to improve production planning and thus reduce overall stock levels throughout the supply chain, having access to customers’ stock data and estimates is paramount.

Our intelligent solutions give you end-to-end inventory visibility

REAL-TIME VISIBILITY THROUGHOUT SUPPLY CHAIN

- » Fewer production and delivery disturbances due to stock-outs
- » Increased data accuracy
- » Significantly improved management of limited-shelf-life items

LOWER COST OF LABOR

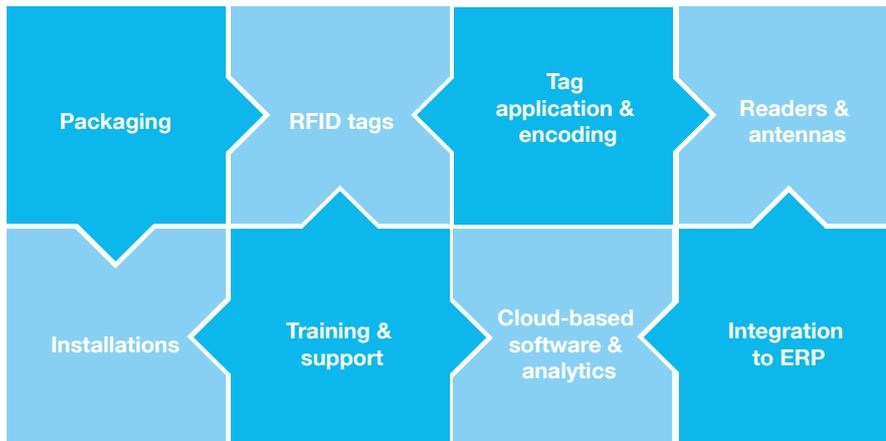
- » Automated processes and greater efficiency
- » Stock taking without disturbing operations
- » Fewer errors and reduced need for error-solving

LOWER OPERATING CAPITAL

- » Reduced capital tied up in stocks
- » Freed warehouse space
- » Ability to better plan production



The Stock Taking solution from Stora Enso



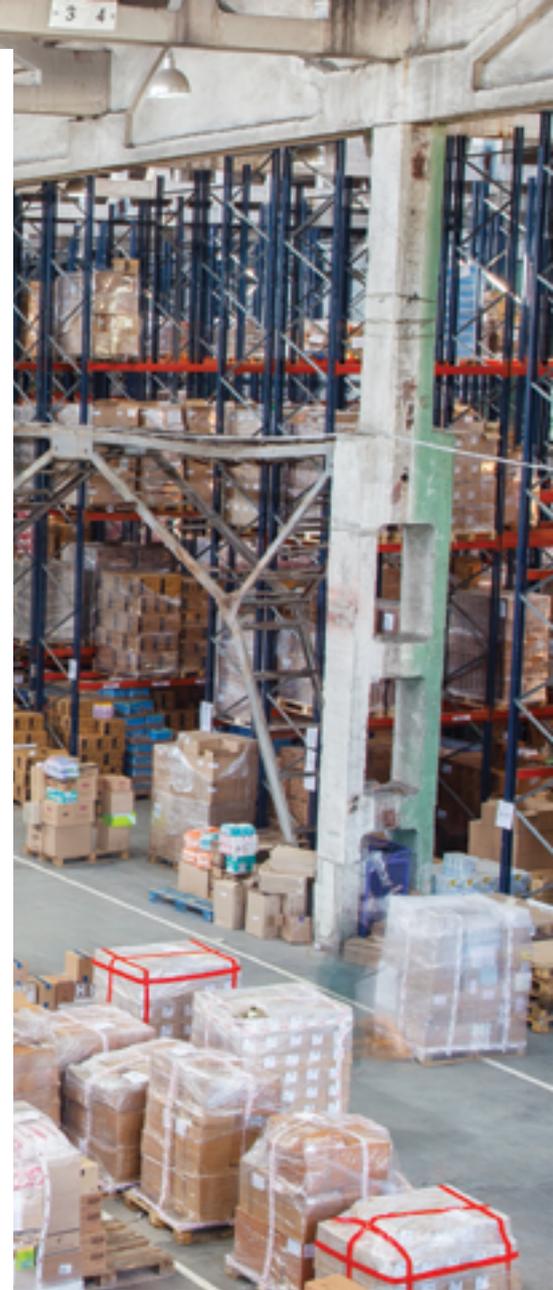
Now you can manage what you can't see: Stora Enso's Stock Taking solution gives you end-to-end inventory visibility and data accuracy.

Stora Enso Stock Taking is an auto-identification solution that significantly reduces the time and effort needed to carry out stock taking. It gives you visibility to your stocks wherever they are – at your warehouse or at a customer's premises halfway around the globe.

The first step is to make items in your supply chain intelligent by applying RFID tags to the packaging. We can select or even tailor-make the tag for you. Ensuring the tag components are designed for your specific needs translates into optimal quality, reliability and yield.

We help you set up the optimal infrastructure, tools and processes. Hardware is planned in a bespoke process together with your supply chain personnel. Readers and antennas are designed to identify several hundred items per second and with significantly higher accuracy than barcodes. Our network of carefully selected partners will handle installation even in the most sensitive, high-security deployment situations.

Finally, there is no need for integration with your ERP system in order to run a pilot. When moving to full deployment, integration is managed by our IT specialists and leading partners together with your system providers.



Getting started is easy and risk-free

Schedule a site survey with us at your premises. Together we will develop a proof of concept and an initial business case. Prior to deployment, the solution is carefully tested using your materials and approved at our Pack Performance Centre.

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