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Quick Facts

Summary

With the SAP® BusinessObjects™ Global Trade Services application, you can streamline global trade processes by automating compliance checks and processes and securing the supply chain. Protect revenue by delivering products and services to customers on time, increase customer loyalty, more easily enter new markets, improve cash flow, reduce costs, avoid fines and penalties, and protect your company's brand.

Business Challenges

- Greater emphasis on global security
- Increasing global trade regulations
- Pressure to meet high customer demand
- Management and minimization of supply chain costs

Key Features

- **Export management** – Manage the complete export process and gain supply chain visibility
- **Import management** – Manage entire import process
- **Specialized customs procedures management** – Carry out tasks associated with customs warehouses and inward and outward processing relief
- **Trade preference management** – Support multiple global free trade agreements
- **Restitution management** – Gain insight into restitution-related activities
- **Support for Excise Movement and Control System** – Monitor movements of excisable goods under duty suspension
- **Next-generation interface for sanctioned-party-list screening** – Increase productivity and collaboration using Web-based interface

Business Benefits

- **Automate global trade compliance** with faster compliance checks, support for e-filing, and centralized management
- **Protect revenue** by meeting deadlines and increasing customer loyalty
- **Establish secure global business** with export and import licensing, security filings, and screening of partners and transactions
- **Gain global trade visibility** with integration into event management and instant notification of delays

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International Trade: A World of Opportunity and Growth

Opportunities in the global marketplace are immense. And your goal is to manage the complex and ever-changing trade regulations that underlie those opportunities. The SAP® BusinessObjects™ Global Trade Services application lets you automate global trade compliance. Create a rapid, reliable, and secure global supply chain that protects revenue, minimizes costs, and differentiates you from the competition.

MANAGE THE GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN

The ability to open new markets, use specialized manufacturing, and find multiple suppliers around the world is key to success. So is avoiding those hidden costs within the international supply chain that can erode margins and make you miss revenue opportunities. So how can you best meet global trade regulations, manage export and import security, and address the requirements of modern filing systems?

A well-managed and profitable global supply chain must run seamlessly, meeting all regulations and security requirements in a timely manner while meeting customer demand. SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services provides a single, integrated global trade platform to help you run that supply chain. Automation, user productivity, and supply chain visibility features enable you to:

- Gain a centralized view of all processes, activities, and data, resulting in increased visibility, fewer errors, and greater efficiency
- Complete compliance checks more quickly and easily
- Facilitate compliance with e-filing mandates worldwide
- Have timely insights into filing status, import and export processes, and potential compliance violations
- Reduce lead time, increase working capital, and lower inventory carrying costs
- Automate trade management and eliminate errors resulting from manual procedures
- Maintain compliance with new and changing global trade regulations
- Reduce duties and lower landed cost – that is, the total costs involved in importing a product, including transportation, taxes, import expenses, and so on
- Increase supply chain security and enable proactive risk management

In addition, the software supports global trade requirements in over 65 countries and in more than 25 industries.

SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services is powered by the SAP NetWeaver® technology platform, which enables you to integrate systems running SAP and non-SAP software. For example, using prebuilt interfaces, you can link applications, data, and business partner information across all of your global trade processes. You can do this even if you are running software from Oracle or JD Edwards or accessing filing systems used by government agencies.

"An interagency review of the current export system directed by the Obama administration concluded that the current export control system is too complicated, contains redundancies and diminishes our ability to focus our efforts on the most critical national security priorities."

Source: Export Management Benchmark Study: Initiative and Action – Reform, NEI, Best Practices & Technology
– American Shipper in partnership with Beth Peterson Enterprises Inc., October 2010

Export Management

SUSTAIN GLOBAL REVENUE GROWTH

Meeting or exceeding customer expectations in your exports business creates customer loyalty necessary to sustain consistent revenue growth. As illustrated in Figure 1, revenue from exports is significant. SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services supports an integrated, automated process for managing export activities from start to finish. You have complete visibility and greater control at every step, as export management processes are tightly integrated within the supply chain as well as the specific global trade processes for financial institutions.

With the software, you can comply with laws and regulations that are constantly in flux. You can communicate the right information to the right party at the right time and in accordance with diverse sets of standards – even when the data you need resides in fragmented systems across different departments.

For example, you can check sanctioned-party lists (SPLs) screening business partners and documents at each point throughout the order-to-cash lifecycle while maintaining a complete audit trail. At the same time, you can determine export licenses and license assignments for business transactions, track quantity and value depreciation of exported goods, check for potential embargo situations, and generate and distribute export documents. When processes are automated and supported by a single application, you can avoid compliance failures, delays resulting in missed customer commitments, and unforeseen costs.

"The reality is that today's export controls cost companies sales. Thirteen percent of our survey respondents cited lost sales due to ITAR [International Traffic in Arms Regulations] controls and license requirements, while 11 percent of companies cited serious delays."

Source: Export Management Benchmark Study: Initiative and Action – Reform, NEI, Best Practices & Technology
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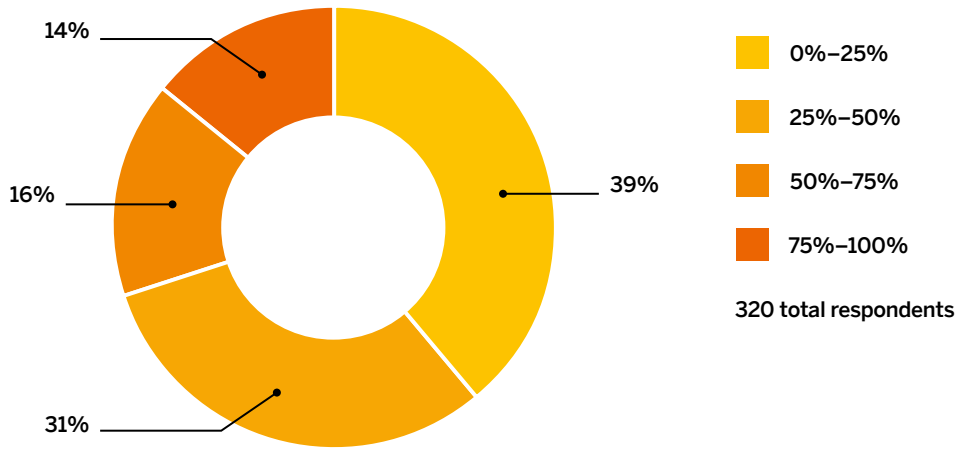
Embargo Checks and Export Licenses

With the SAP software, you can monitor both inbound and outbound shipments in real time to determine if there are restrictions on the country or countries involved. You can do this at the source, at the destination, or in transit. If SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services identifies a problem, it automatically blocks the relevant sales and purchase orders and logs the reasons – so you can be confident that you are compliant.

In addition, compliance with export controls is streamlined with SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services. The application identifies whether licenses are required for a particular transaction; determines licenses on file or the suitability for license exceptions, license exemptions, export permits, or other export authorizations; and then performs the appropriate assignment. In addition, integrated monitoring functions help you track remaining quantities, values, and validity periods. These checks do not end once a delivery has been made. For example, you can use the application to determine the U.S. compliance implications of goods exported from the United States and then reexported to other countries.

Figure 1: Revenue from Exports Significant and Continuing to Grow



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The Secure Global Supply Chain

COMPLY WITH GLOBAL SECURITY REGULATIONS

SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services helps you comply with global security and environmental regulations such as Importer Security Filing (ISF) and International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR). Integration with environment, health, and safety solutions helps you meet the terms of compliance for Registration, Evaluation, Authorization, and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH).

ISF Compliance

Compliance with ISF, also known as "10+2," is required by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Your organization is most likely affected if it imports goods into the United States. SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services helps you comply with the ISF regulation by making it easier for you to submit required data electronically. The software tracks all necessary fields, automatically prepopulates forms, and tracks and manages filing status to provide visibility.

ITAR Compliance

If you deal in goods, services, or intellectual property included in the United States Munitions List (USML), you are responsible for ensuring that all related transactions conform to ITAR. SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services lets you take the strain and uncertainty out of key ITAR processes. Where USML-listed hardware is concerned, for example, SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services enables you to:

- Efficiently classify your products by assigning them the correct USML numbers
- Automatically screen sales and purchase orders to pinpoint items requiring a license, and block affected transactions until one is available
- Maintain a complete audit trail to show authorities, when required, how you classified products, screened partners, and assigned licenses
- Reliably dispatch mandatory electronic communications to the Automated Export System – the single point of entry to U.S. customs for electronic submissions of export shipment data required by multiple agencies

REACH Compliance

REACH compliance uses several SAP software systems, including the SAP ERP application; the SAP Environment, Health, and Safety Management (SAP EHS Management) application; and SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services. SAP EHS Management checks items for compliance, and the results of these checks are saved and transferred to SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services, where the statuses of these items are set in relevant customs documents. These hazardous substance checks help you comply with the European Union's REACH program by supporting the following actions:

- Import bans for substances from specific countries in import-relevant documents
- Quantity restrictions for substances in import-relevant documents
- Export bans for substances to specific countries in export-relevant documents
- Quantity restrictions for substances in export-relevant documents

This prevents further processing of the business transaction as the software blocks the corresponding customs document and also blocks the logistics process in the feeder software of SAP EHS Management. This lets you block a sales document, for example, for further process steps if the hazardous substance check determines a quantity overrun.

SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services helps you comply with global security and environmental regulations such as ISF and ITAR. Integration with environment, health, and safety solutions helps you meet the terms of compliance for REACH.

KNOW YOUR BUSINESS PARTNERS AND PROTECT AGAINST ALL THREATS

Not all business partners who are threats exist outside your country. In fact, many terrorist regimes and enemies of the state reside within domestic borders. SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services lets you check all business partners against both official and company-specific SPLs. You can automatically screen business partner information as well as documents, such as sales orders and purchase orders, against such lists, eliminating time-consuming, error-prone manual checks. Sophisticated algorithms help ensure highly accurate checks, enabling you to precisely identify sanctioned parties while avoiding false alerts. You can automatically upload to the software lists from external data providers, which helps keep your database complete and accurate at all times. In addition, comprehensive audit trails enable you to provide authorities with details of all compliance checks.

Advanced SPL screening functionality in SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services includes:

- An intuitive Web-based user interface
- Streamlined processes for SPL exception resolution
- Escalation features that allow for both ad hoc and fully automated workflows
- Zero-footprint case management
- A simplified and flexible application structure

This equates to greater user productivity through increases in usability, more accuracy in compliance decisions, and increased compliance through auditable and collaborative case management. It also helps lower cost of ownership.

Looking ahead in 2011 and 2012 in the United States, you can expect new regulations requiring compliance. These include the Export Control Reform, which will create a single, combined export regulation, and the National Export Initiative, which will improve conditions that directly affect the private sector's ability to export.

You can automatically screen business partner information as well as documents, such as sales orders and purchase orders, against sanctioned-party lists, eliminating time-consuming, error-prone manual checks.

Global Trade As Competitive Differentiator

INCREASE EFFICIENCY WITH SPECIAL CUSTOMS PROCEDURES

With SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services, you can tap into opportunities by minimizing and deferring the payment of import duties and efficiently managing your worldwide manufacturing facilities. For example, you can automate savings by integrating logistics, sales, and finance processes. The software also enables you to manage complex tasks associated with customs warehousing and inward and outward processing relief.

Customs Warehousing

Let's say you need to import goods and store them under customs control in a designated place (such as a bonded customs warehouse) prior to paying import duties and taxes. The software automatically detects whether a product should be stored in a bonded warehouse and tracks the status of goods in inventory, such as whether duty is paid or not paid. It also supports subsequent procedures such as reexportation, release to free circulation, and scrapping.

Inward and Outward Processing Relief

SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services supports inward processing relief (IPR). When you temporarily import products for use as components in inward processing, the software creates an inventory record with each customs declaration. It also calculates the time period during which you have to complete inward processing. When you export compensating products after inward processing, the software determines the closing portions for the installed components that you imported temporarily. It then reduces the inventory of these components in accordance with the quantity installed in the compensating product.

In addition, you gain complete integration of outward processing relief (OPR) functionality, including repurchase, subcontracting, and stock transfer. You can monitor in real time all products that are exported under the OPR customs regime. You can also manage all components and products that are imported but still under OPR control because they are stored temporarily within a customs warehouse. Simultaneously, the software tracks and monitors the OPR documentation and gives you control over the reimport period for all products exported under the OPR customs regime.

Leveraging this support for IPR and OPR, you benefit from:

- Reduced duty exposure
- Support for worldwide distributed-manufacturing facilities without any restrictions (You can integrate duty-paid products into the manufacturing process without adding financial risk.)
- Full integration into the logistics process and multiple monitoring features, enabling a process that is compliant with stringent IPR and OPR customs regulations

Worldwide Free Trade Agreements to Reduce Costs

Operating within free trade agreements can open new markets while letting you compete at a lower cost. In its support for multiple free trade agreements worldwide, SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services streamlines and automates trade preference management. It can speed the processes of maintaining proper documentation to prove origin of goods and soliciting and maintaining up-to-date declarations from multiple suppliers to provide certification. At the same time, the software generates comprehensive audit trails every step of the way so you can show authorities exactly how you achieved particular results.

Requesting and Maintaining Vendor Declarations

To establish whether your products qualify for lower tariffs, you must first accurately determine the origin of each part that a product contains. In situations where bills of materials contain many individual items sourced from multiple suppliers, a valid long-term vendor declaration (LTVD) must exist before a trade good can be eligible for preferential treatment. Without an LTVD, that trade good is deemed to be a nonoriginating good.

SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services streamlines the solicitation process for LTVDs with Web-based, self-service functionality. First, you send an e-mail to your supplier or vendor to request LTVDs. Each e-mail contains a link that the vendor can use to maintain its data in an application of the Web Dynpro development environment and to send it back to SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services. The vendor follows the link in a Web browser and logs on to the system with its own user name and password.

Aggregating Declarations

If your organization is subject to an audit by customs authorities, you need to quickly identify and show vendor declarations to the relevant authorities. To meet this need, SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services automatically aggregates vendor declarations for all individual parts and saves the results in your product master database. The software determines the origin of each item in keeping with relevant statutory requirements – even when a supplier has provided multiple declarations. Optional product-specific logs provide complete documentation and transparent audit trails, lessening the risk of high penalties for noncompliance.

Making Quick, Accurate Preference Determinations

SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services takes the stress out of making the complex calculations required to determine the origin of your goods. The software automatically applies the correct mathematical formula to each section on your bill of materials. This calculation is based on preference rules, which you can define yourself or obtain from third-party data providers. You can also:

- Store rules relating to a preferential agreement (for example, a general tolerance rule, a minimum processing rule, or a set-of-goods rule)
- Make preference determinations for configurable products, such as cars and computers
- Perform simulations for determining if a good is eligible for preferential treatment (for example, by using a sample sales price)
- Determine worst-case scenarios for alternative bills of materials

If several vendor declarations are available and in use in different plants, the "worst case" declaration (that is, the least favorable vendor declaration for determining preferential origin) is always used. This enables you to comply with audit requirements as required.

Preference Certificates and Vendor Declarations

Once preference is confirmed, you can print preference certificates for presentation to customs officials. SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services can use a billing document as the basis for printing preference certificates.

You can also issue vendor declarations to customers – the final link in the vendor-declaration lifecycle. In doing so, your company assumes the role of vendor and issues a vendor declaration to the customer. In case the preferential status of a product changes, a previously issued vendor declaration for customs purposes can be revoked in order to meet legal obligations.

Global Trade Automation for Competitive Advantage

ACCELERATE CUSTOMS PROCESSES

The import and export management functionality of SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services helps you eliminate delays at borders and accelerate customs clearance for shipments. As a result, you can reduce costly buffer stock, support just-in-time inventory management, and provide on-time delivery to customers.

Specifically, the application enables you to:

- Classify products efficiently
- Streamline customs valuation
- Generate paper-based documentation
- Communicate electronically with customs authorities

Product Classification

A customs tariff number – such as the Harmonized Tariff System number, the Export Control Classification Number, or the Schedule B number – provides products with a unique identification number. With SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services, you can handle classification internally, speeding up the process and eliminating expensive third-party brokers. The software includes a classification feature that simplifies the assignment of your products to the corresponding commodity codes or tariff-code numbers.

The software supports multiple classification methods. You can:

- Automatically load the numbers into the application
- Assign the required identification numbers directly using the product master-data maintenance functionality
- Use a mass classification function to classify a number of products simultaneously

You can also reclassify products when customs authorities make changes to individual tariff numbers, or you can change individual tariff numbers and commodity codes manually. Classification data can also be uploaded automatically from SAP partners and providers, such as CUSTOMSinfo Inc., MK Data Services, Bundesanzeiger Verlag GmbH, and FedEx Trade Networks.

Customs Valuation

SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services provides flexible and comprehensive customs valuation functionality that enables accurate and compliant determination of customs value, making it easier for you to satisfy local customs regulations across the globe. The software reduces the risk of valuation errors by identifying statutory adjustments to transaction value. It also takes the stress out of calculating a wide range of duties, taxes, and fees, including ad valorem, complex, compound, antidumping, and preferential duties. And you can make timely, accurate funds transfers to authorities, which helps your enterprise build a solid reputation for compliance and efficient customs clearance.

Generating Paper-Based Documents

Although digital communication is gaining ground rapidly, paperwork remains a fact of life – and SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services makes it easier for you to generate and manage documents. From entry summaries to certificates of origin to packing lists, you can quickly identify and create the right documentation for specific transactions. Moreover, all of the appropriate documents can be printed to coincide with shipment dates and other deadlines. With the help of standard technology from Adobe Systems Inc. that supports PDF forms, the software also enables you to create and modify forms.

Electronic Customs Communication

SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services provides interfaces to the systems of customs authorities for different countries. These interfaces, which are certified by the respective customs authorities, facilitate electronic communications with the authorities. They are available for various platforms, such as Automated Commercial Environment and Automated Broker Interface in the United States and Integrated Cargo System in Australia. The software also supports communications within the scope of the eCustoms Initiative in Europe, including New Computerized Transit System and Automated Export System. It supports more than 25 certified customs interfaces and electronic compliance reporting of Intrastat for 21 countries.

SIMPLIFY GOODS MOVEMENT

Excise Movement and Control System (EMCS) is a computerized system for monitoring movements of excise goods between EU member states under duty suspension. It will replace the paper document that currently must accompany such movements, the Accompanying Administrative Document. EMCS will mean simplification of procedures, paperless administration, and effective use of modern IT tools. It amounts to an important evolution for those who trade in alcohol, tobacco, or oil products. SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services helps companies by simplifying movements of goods under duty suspension by an electronic transmission of the accompanying document instead of the paper document. This secures movements of goods by checking the traders' data before the goods are dispatched and by ensuring a quicker and safer return of the evidence that the goods arrived at their destination. Thus, you can monitor the movement of excisable goods with real-time information and checks during movements.

PERFORM ELECTRONIC COMPLIANCE REPORTING FOR INTRASTAT

Electronic compliance reporting provides one generic cross-country solution for all EU member states, taking into account requirements specific to each country. SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services is a central point for control and automation of all Intrastat activities and is capable of utilizing different data formats for Intrastat reporting such as XML, EDIFACT, and ASCII. The application provides standard loading of all commodity codes and integration with back-end systems. It uses a central interface to collect data for all types of relevant transactions.

BECOME AN AUTHORIZED ECONOMIC OPERATOR

An authorized economic operator (AEO) is a trade party that has been certified as complying with regulations on safety and security standards. If your company attains AEO status in Europe, customs authorities grant you a faster, simplified clearance process. SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services – along with the SAP BusinessObjects Risk Management application – can help you meet the requirements to attain an AEO certificate by supporting comprehensive supply chain risk management.

PROVIDE EFFECTIVE IMPORT MANAGEMENT

Import management functionality of SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services lets you automate customs clearance processes and comply with requirements of customs authorities. You can classify products readily, calculate accurate customs valuation, and communicate with the different customs authorities in the required formats and procedures.

The application provides visibility from start to finish, including predeclaration, import entry creation and management, entry filing, event status and management, and post entry validation. This lets you identify compliance issues far upstream of customs entry, allowing for increased filing accuracy and reduction of customs delays. You can also reduce operating costs by automating complex, time-consuming manual screening processes, and decrease lead time while improving material flow and working capital.

Importer Effectiveness, Accuracy, and Efficiency

SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services provides enhanced periodic monthly statement support for U.S. importers to display duty exposure from multiple declarations into one statement. This allows you to shift from a transaction-by-transaction payment to an interest-free periodic monthly statement.

The import process in the United States includes the option of having the importer receive a preliminary and a final monthly statement from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) after the submission of entries for a specific month. Receiving and processing periodic monthly statements from Automated Clearing House allows the importer to pay electronically on a monthly basis, rather than daily. The top importers use this monthly option as it simplifies duty settlement, improves cash flow, and involves only a single payment per month. CBP also encourages the use of monthly duty statement processing. SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services can receive the periodic monthly statement via the certified Automated Broker Interface.

Additionally, when you receive duty statements from customs authorities via the electronic interface, the information is stored in the tax statement of SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services. Importers can compare the information in the tax statement to the duty amounts calculated in individual customs declarations to identify any variances.

When the importer does not have exact information at the time of import declaration, CBP allows you to declare the goods and provide the precise

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information later, prior to entry liquidation. (Liquidation occurs when the amount of duty is final.) SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services lets you flag the customs declaration for reconciliation and submit this information electronically to CBP using the Automated Broker Interface. This allows you to import the goods without delay and avoid monetary penalties.

The import management functionality of SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services also lets you meet compliance requirements of other government agencies, such as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). For example, FDA Prior Notice requires advance notice on imported food. Under this regulation, you must electronically file using the ABI-specific data elements required by the FDA. SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services lets you collect this information and electronically file it in the correct format.

OPTIMIZE RESTITUTION MANAGEMENT

If you are based within the EU and export agricultural or food products to non-EU countries, you know about the substantial benefits of Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). To support exporters, CAP provides subsidies (or restitution), reimbursing the difference between the price of goods in Europe and that on the world market. SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services lets you streamline restitution handling and avoid potentially costly oversights and errors. As a result, you can take advantage of subsidies and compete more effectively.

Administering Securities for Restitution

Before you can apply for restitution, you need a valid export license, which entitles – and obliges – you to export a specified quantity of goods within a defined time period. To guarantee fulfillment of these obligations, you are required to deposit a security (for example, a cash payment) when you apply for a license. SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services cuts down the time and effort required to manage security deposits. For example, an intuitive cockpit enables you to determine which security can be used for a new export license and calculate securities as a percentage of expected refunds.

Managing Export Licenses for Restitution

SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services lets you maintain and monitor licenses and reassign them to other exporters, if necessary. You can also identify which products are eligible for refunds, determine whether you require an export license, and create license applications in a format that can be forwarded electronically to the appropriate authorities. You can monitor due dates via a user-friendly cockpit. Once you have been granted a license, the official hard copy is scanned into the software and attached to the applicable license master. The license can then be used for multiple transactions.

Global Visibility and Supply Chain Control

GAIN VISIBILITY FOR RAPID RESPONSE

SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services is tightly integrated throughout the entire supply chain for the order-to-cash and procure-to-pay processes as well as integrated into financial transactions. This integration provides real-time control of export and import processes, letting you eliminate unnecessary costs, maximize manufacturing capacity, and meet sales commitments. To replace manual processes and poor collaboration, SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services is integrated with the SAP Event Management application for comprehensive supply chain visibility. Together, the applications offer an event subsystem for a detailed view of customs and other government agency events within global trade management.

INTEGRATE WITH SAP TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services integrates with the SAP Transportation Management (SAP TM) application. This allows for the creation of export declarations based on freight orders from SAP TM. Integration with transportation management systems increases efficiency, speeds clearance, and can create export declarations from any such system. You can make certain customs declarations reflect the most current transportation data and thus reduce filing errors.

USE DASHBOARDS AND REPORTING

As part of SAP BusinessObjects governance, risk, and compliance solutions, SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services works with a wide range of business analytics that support visualizations, reporting and analysis, and more. Business users across your organization gain visibility into your integrated processes.

As a result, you can recognize cost savings by enabling proactive monitoring of global supply and value chains to detect anomalies in key metrics that impact performance and throughput. In addition, you can enhance decision making by accessing on-demand, mission-critical data via real-time and historical performance reports.

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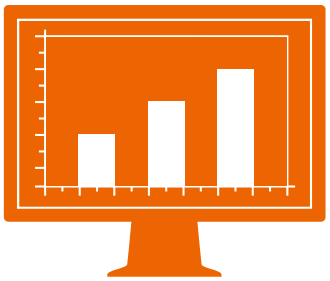

Global Trade for Finance

PROCESS LETTERS OF CREDIT

SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services supports compliance with a variety of regulations for financial transactions. For example, the application lets you communicate electronically with relevant parties involved in the letter of credit process – both inbound and outbound. You can exchange the data electronically because the data is stored in the letter of credit itself.

Support for the letter of credit process is integrated with support for the sales, logistics, and billing processes in SAP ERP. This lets you create and automate the specific letter of credit scenarios for your business.

SCREEN FINANCIAL PARTNERS AND TRANSACTIONS

Because of tighter control measures and regulations, financial companies must screen foreign payment transactions and prevent payment transactions from taking place with people who appear on the SPLs. SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services lets you check business partners in financial accounting transactions against published SPLs on a consistent basis. The solution does this automatically when financial transactions occur or when business partners are created. In addition, you can perform regular screening runs at any time.

"The frequency of running an OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control) scan must be guided by your internal policy and procedures. If a financial institution fails to identify and block a target account (of a terrorist, for example), there could be 'real world' consequences such as a transfer of funds or other valuable property to an SDN (Specially Designated National), an enforcement action against your bank, and negative publicity."

Source: U.S. Department of the Treasury

Helping You Run a Secure and Reliable Global Supply Chain

The SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services application gives you a single, comprehensive solution for global trade management tightly integrated with supply chain, financial, and transportation systems and processes. You have visibility to global trade events to make sure goods are moving rapidly across borders. And you can create a secure, rapid, and reliable global supply chain that protects revenue, automates compliance, and increases user productivity.

Key benefits of the software are summarized in the table.

LEARN MORE

To find out more about how SAP BusinessObjects Global Trade Services can help streamline exports and imports and help your organization get ahead in global markets, contact your SAP representative or visit us online at www.sap.com/gts.

What You Need to Do	What SAP® BusinessObjects™ Global Trade Services Enables You to Do
Comply with regulations and enable the secure supply chain	• Reduce errors and increase efficiency with a centralized view of compliance status • Perform compliance checks more quickly and easily • Efficiently comply with e-filing mandates worldwide
Protect revenue and accelerate trade	• Gain timely insights into filing status, import and export processes, and potential compliance violations • Reduce lead time, increase working capital, and lower inventory carrying costs • Simplify trade management and eliminate manual errors
Minimize costs	• Comply with fluctuating global regulations and agreements • Reduce duties and lower landed cost • Increase supply chain security • Proactively manage risk

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