

Product Information

Descartes Transport Management System Infodis[™] Delivery Windows



Reducing the delivery frequency is a good way to lower the transport cost and minimize the CO_2 emission, but it can be a tough goal to achieve. If you have worked with your customers to agree that less frequent delivery is favorable to both parties you may find that your systems are not capable of combining orders that are still being placed at random.

Delivery windows are usually measured in hours. In some lines of business the delivery window might stretch over a few days which gives you greater flexibility in combining orders that have been placed on different days. Unfortunately, most order management systems are unable to consolidate orders with different delivery days.

Consolidation is Key

Descartes has developed a tool that extends your consolidation possibilities.

Descartes TMS ID solution helps logistics professionals quickly evaluate money-saving transportation and shipping options, and then execute those shipments with contract carriers. Built to accommodate the end-to-end supply chain management process, the solution also supports order management through consolidation, financial settlement and auditing.

The Delivery Window module allows you to set a delivery window per receiver that may span several days before and several days after the planned delivery date.

At scheduled intervals, Descartes will check the shipments booked for consolidation while taking the extended delivery windows into account. At transport order cut-off time the carriers will receive transportation orders for the consolidated orders or single orders if consolidation is not possible.



Results

Consolidation of shipments saves you money and reduces the CO_2 emission level. Your customers save resources as well as delivering multiple shipments via the same truck means less handling and fewer dock movements.

