

## **Product Information**

# Descartes P.O. Direct™



## **Take Purchase Order Management to the Next Level**

Powered by the Descartes Global Logistics Network<sup>™</sup> (Descartes GLN<sup>™</sup>), Descartes P.O. Direct<sup>™</sup> dynamically reacts to changes in market demand by reallocating sea-freight orders on the water— essentially transforming an ocean vessel into a floating warehouse.

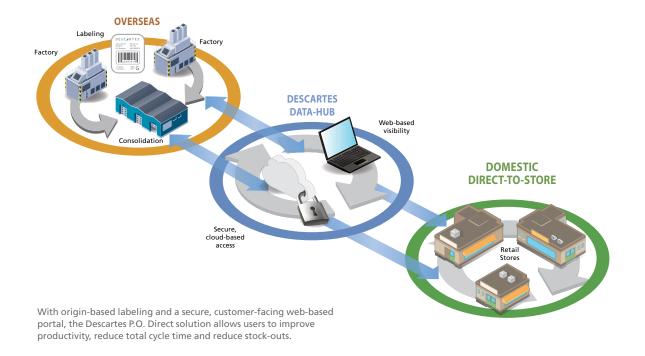
With Descartes P.O. Direct, changes to purchase order quantities, SKUs and/or ready-dates are made online. As a result, Logistics Service Providers (LSPs) can better focus on key milestones and manage the entire process by exception.

This comprehensive purchase order management solution also includes advanced bar-code and Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) labeling technology to account for inventory and build shipments. With overseas labeling, shipments can be created as a full container load from the factory or as a delivery to a local warehouse or logistics service provider.

Users can also improve customer service and communication through a branded, customer-facing, web-based portal. Suppliers can securely log-on, access purchase orders online, report on production status and update ready dates. The end-result is improved supplier compliance to help meet ship-windows and required delivery dates.

Take your supply chain management (SCM) operations to the next level with the optional Descartes OneView™ Warehouse Management System (WMS) to inventory goods and manage ocean freight consolidations. You can also add-on packaging optimization functionality to further extend the value of Descartes P.O. Direct and optimize parcel placement.

With the Descartes P.O. Direct solution in place, users have realized up to a 40% reduction in labor costs and improved efficiency and accuracy by up to 25%.



#### **Potential Benefits**

- Improve fulfillment decisions
- Simplify vendor, and forecasting inventory management
- Shave days off of total cycle time
- Hold less inventory
- Reduce landed costs
- Easily manage your supply chain by exception
- End reliance on third-party label vendors to increase allocation flexibility
- Complete web visibility to inventory and warehousing operations
- Improve profit margins and achieve an accelerated time-to-market

#### **Features**

- Complete support for Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and Extensible Markup Language (XML) messaging
- Automatic distribution of e-mail notifications with customizable alerts and exception triggers
- Robust reporting tools that enable users to compare order quantity verses shipped quantity
- Optional document imaging serves as a central resource for purchase order, shipment and billing documentation
- Optionally integrate with other solutions including the Descartes OneView Forwarder Enterprise solution, Descartes Distribution Center (DC) Bypass, Descartes OneView WMS, Descartes OneView Customs House Brokerage (CHB) and more
- Add-on packaging optimization to optimize parcel placement within the over-pack
- Optimize workflow and event tracking with exceptions reporting
- Capability for kitted/assembled SKUs
- Project/sub-project management