Improving Last – And First-Mile Success

Carriers and freight forwarders that depend on local trucking companies (dray haulers/cartage agents) to pick-up and drop off goods at airports and ocean ports face very specific challenges, including the reality of local offices often selecting truckers based on criteria that doesn’t benefit the overall organization and difficulty in optimizing the overall freight management spent. Also, most carriers and freight forwarders use a centralized freight invoice payment, process and it is difficult to reconcile bills with local offices. And, since local haulers typically do not provide notification when a shipment has reached its destination, there is a lack of visibility into shipment status and completed deliveries.

Descartes Local Haulage helps third-party logistics providers (3PLs), freight forwarders, ocean carriers and intermodal marketing corporations (IMCs) manage their dray haulers and cartage agents more efficiently. It provides companies with a logistics management service for their first- and last-mile carriers, including planning and optimization of shipments, load tendering, freight audit, collection of pick-up and proof-of delivery (POD) status information, and quick connection to carriers. Using its network of over 1,400 connected truckers, Descartes enables fast electronic communications with local trucking companies for load tender and confirmation, freight invoices and “pick up/delivery” status messages.

Descartes Local Haulage is part of the Descartes Global Logistics Network™ (GLN), which enables the world’s leading transportation providers to connect to their trading partners and reliably exchange information to drive delivery performance and high levels of customer satisfaction. The Descartes GLN helps companies better manage their logistics book-to-bill process, track inventory, meet regulatory requirements, optimize fleet performance, and effectively communicate with their logistics partners.

Descartes Local Haulage is a logistics management service to help consolidate shipments and find backhauls; more efficiently tender loads; receive electronic pick-up and delivery status messages from carriers; and more effectively audit and pay contract carriers.

Get Connected, Get Results

Descartes Local Haulage helps reduce transportation costs and increase visibility to shipments.
Descartes’ Local Haulage Service will give our regional and corporate offices the ability to consolidate shipments for increased transportation savings; select the most appropriate carriers; communicate electronically with the selected carriers; and then audit their invoices.

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