MERGE IN TRANSIT (EUROPE)

A simpler, cost-effective way to deliver multiple product lines to individual EU businesses and consumers

Technology companies buy in bulk from suppliers, yet a customer may require only one of these items. Customer orders in Europe typically contain several one-off items, requiring inbound goods to be broken down, merged, and re-packaged for delivery.

TYPICAL BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Ensuring on-time delivery
- Reducing inbound transportation costs
- Cutting lead times
- Maintaining shipment visibility
- Minimizing inventory
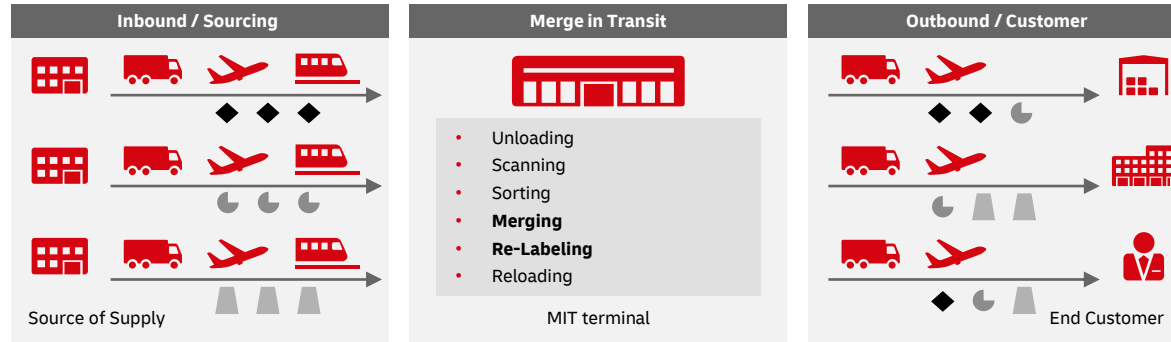
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DHL SOLUTION

This solution connects multiple sources of supply with individual end customers in Europe. Optimal modes of transportation are selected, and services include goods unloading, scanning, sorting, merging, re-labeling, and reloading at a strategically located merge-in-transit (MIT) terminal.

SOLVING YOUR BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- ✓ **Ensuring on-time delivery –** Coordination and scheduling to ensure each order component arrives on time

- ✓ **Reducing inbound transportation costs –** Pickup and bulk shipment of inbound items originating from multiple sources

- ✓ **Cutting lead times –** Process automation for fast delivery; merge-in-transit system enables transit time improvements; last-mile deployment using the most appropriate transportation mode

- ✓ **Maintaining shipment visibility –** End-to-end order and shipment visibility

- ✓ **Minimizing inventory –** Enables back-to-back matching of supplier orders with customer orders; reduces the requirement for EU warehousing

DELIVERING TO EU BUSINESSES AND CONSUMERS – SIMPLE, COST-EFFECTIVE MERGING OF MULTIPLE PRODUCT LINES

Inbound / Sourcing	Merge in Transit	Outbound / Customer
	• Unloading	
	• Scanning	
	• Sorting	
	• **Merging**	
	• **Re-Labeling**	
	• Reloading	
Source of Supply	MIT terminal	End Customer

KEY BENEFITS FOR YOUR BUSINESS

CONVENIENT

Reliable, optimal-mode delivery to EU wholesalers (business-to-business) and end users (business-to-consumer)

LOWER COST

Cost-effective transportation; less warehousing

EFFICIENT

Highly professional and efficient merge-in-transit terminal operations

LESS STOCK

Reduces inventory in the supply chain