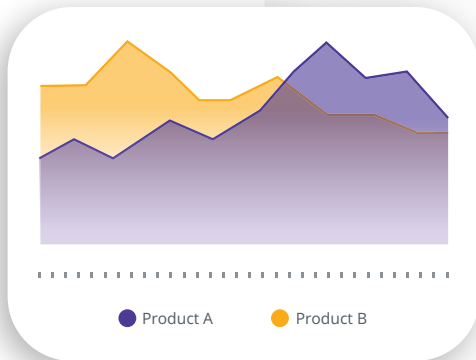


Unlocking the power of digitized financial supply chains

Benefits for buyers and suppliers



In today's fast-paced global marketplace, the digitization of financial supply chains has emerged as a transformative solution, offering a plethora of benefits for both buyers and suppliers. By leveraging platforms like Infor Nexus™ and embracing Financial Supply Chain Management solutions, organizations can streamline operations, enhance collaboration, and mitigate risks throughout their supply chain networks.

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Benefits for buyers

- Enhanced collaboration and transparency
- Efficient invoice processing
- Automated financial management
- Cost reduction and incentives
- Supplier performance improvement
- Optimized procurement and logistics
- Border compliance through standardization



Benefits for your suppliers

- Streamlined communication and compliance
- Enhanced data accuracy
- Efficient billing processes
- Proactive discrepancy management
- Cost-effective transactions
- Enhanced payment visibility
- Access to diverse financing sources

The advantages of digitization in more detail from both perspectives:

For buyers, the benefits of digitizing the financial supply chain are extensive and transformative:



Enhanced collaboration and transparency

The digitization and integration of financial data across the supply chain foster greater collaboration and transparency between buyers and suppliers. Proactive discrepancy flagging mechanisms identify and address discrepancies in a timely manner, ensuring that issues are resolved promptly. This proactive approach builds trust and strengthens relationships between buyers and suppliers, while also improving data accuracy and transparency. Additionally, electronic integration of financial data eliminates manual processes, reducing errors and enhancing payment visibility across the supply chain. This seamless integration enables stakeholders to access real-time data, leading to improved decision-making and operational efficiency.



Efficient invoice processing

This encompasses various aspects, starting with the standardization of invoice formats. Digitization ensures that all inbound invoices adhere to predefined templates, eliminating inconsistencies and ensuring compliance with buyer requirements. This standardization streamlines the processing of invoices, reducing ambiguity and facilitating faster approvals. Additionally, innovative N-way matching capabilities expedite the approval process by incorporating multiple documents, such as purchase orders, advanced shipping notices, and freight carrier receipts. Automating these processes reduces cycle times, leading to enhanced efficiency and responsiveness within the supply chain.



Automated financial management

Through touchless approval mechanisms and automated payment scheduling, buyers can significantly streamline financial management processes while leveraging predefined compliance thresholds. Automatically approved and processed invoices without requiring manual intervention, and funding transfer automation accelerates the approval process and reduces the need for human oversight, driving operational efficiency and cost savings, whilst supplier visibility to payment statuses eliminates the need for phone calls. Automated payment scheduling takes into account various factors, such as payment terms, payment days, and local requirements, to determine optimal payment dates. By automating these scheduling tasks, buyers can optimize cash flow management, enhance financial planning, and improve liquidity.



Cost reduction and incentives

The elimination of letters of credit (LCs), implementation of invoice discount programs, and reduction of wire fees contribute to significant cost savings for both buyers and suppliers. By eliminating the need for LCs, buyers can offer alternative payment methods at lower costs, simplifying financial transactions and reducing administrative burdens. Additionally, the consolidation of invoices reduces bank wire fees for vendor payments, further enhancing efficiency and reducing transactional expenses.

Furthermore, Supply Chain Finance programs incentivize suppliers based on flexible criteria, such as timing, vendors, regions, or products. These incentives drive cost savings for both parties, improving competitiveness and profitability within the supply chain.



Supplier performance improvement

Improved supplier performance through enhanced visibility and collaboration. Suppliers demonstrate higher compliance with buyer requirements through timely collaboration and updates, leading to strengthened relationships and enhanced supply chain resilience. By leveraging a digital platform's capabilities, buyers can monitor and assess supplier performance in real-time, enabling proactive management of issues and opportunities for improvement. This improved performance benefits individual suppliers and contributes to the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the supply chain ecosystem.



Optimized procurement and logistics

Streamlined Purchase Order (PO) collaboration and enhanced visibility into packing lists and cargo receipts to optimize procurement and logistics processes. By providing a centralized platform for PO collaboration, buyers can ensure that all vendors receive POs and changes on time, reducing errors and improving communication. This streamlined approach enhances procurement efficiency and reduces the risk of delays or disruptions. Additionally, enhanced visibility into packing lists and cargo receipts enables logistics teams to proactively manage delays and disruptions, minimizing the impact on supply chain operations. By staying ahead of potential issues, buyers can optimize logistics processes and maintain operational agility.



Border compliance through standardization

Standardized commercial invoices and electronic sharing with customs brokers reduce costs and delays at the border, enhancing compliance and reducing operational expenses. Buyers can ensure accuracy and consistency by standardizing commercial invoices and enforcing data requirements, minimizing the risk of delays or errors during customs clearance. Electronic sharing of invoices with customs brokers enables seamless communication and data exchange, facilitating faster processing and reducing administrative burdens. This streamlined approach not only enhances compliance with regulatory requirements but also reduces costs associated with customs clearance, contributing to overall cost reduction within the supply chain.



Here are some benefits for your suppliers when you digitize your supply chain operations:

Streamlined communication and compliance

Digitization empowers suppliers to identify clearly and fulfil buyer documentary requirements. By leveraging digital platforms, suppliers can access detailed specifications and standards, ensuring adherence to buyer expectations. This enhanced clarity eliminates misunderstandings and ambiguities, fostering efficient communication and strengthening the partnership between buyers and suppliers. Moreover, by streamlining compliance processes, digitization reduces the risk of errors or oversights, enhancing overall transaction efficiency and reliability.



Enhanced data accuracy

By digitizing processes, data accuracy throughout the supply chain is significantly improved. The re-use of data across various documents ensures the buyer creates the precise documents, minimizing errors and reducing the time and effort required from the supplier to follow up. Likewise, a digitized supply chain fosters greater relationships between both parties as it can reduce payment delays, and subsequently, suppliers know precisely when they will be paid. Through validation rules, documents can be tailored to meet buyers' specific requirements, fostering greater efficiency and compliance and, in turn, allowing them to become better suppliers to their customers.



Efficient billing processes

Automated invoice generation revolutionizes billing processes within the financial supply chain. Through integration with packing documents, invoices are generated swiftly and accurately, minimizing the potential for human error. This automation not only expedites the billing cycle but also ensures precision in financial transactions. By reducing manual intervention and streamlining processes, suppliers can accelerate cash flow and optimize financial resource allocation, thereby improving liquidity and financial stability.



Proactive discrepancy management

Suppliers benefit from advanced features that enable them to proactively identify and rectify discrepancies in invoices. By conducting pre-compliance checks, suppliers mitigate the risk of errors or inconsistencies before submission, ensuring compliance with buyer requirements. This proactive approach instills confidence and reliability within the supply chain network, strengthening trust and fostering long-term relationships between buyers and suppliers. As a result, the incidence of delayed payments or disputes is minimized, contributing to smoother and more efficient transaction processes.



Cost-effective transactions

Adopting digital platforms for financial transactions significantly reduces the costs associated with traditional methods such as letters of credit. Digitization streamlines transactional workflows and reduces administrative overheads by eliminating the need for cumbersome paperwork and manual processing. This cost-effectiveness makes digital transactions an attractive and viable alternative, driving efficiency and affordability within the financial supply chain.



Enhanced payment visibility

Digital platforms offer suppliers comprehensive visibility into the entire payment lifecycle, from invoice submission to approval and settlement. Real-time updates and notifications provide suppliers with accurate insights into the status of their payments, eliminating the need for constant inquiries or follow-ups. This transparency empowers suppliers to manage their cash flow and allocate resources more effectively and efficiently. By minimizing uncertainties and delays in payment processing, digital platforms enhance operational efficiency and financial planning capabilities, ultimately contributing to improved business performance.



Access to diverse financing sources

Digitization opens up a wide array of financing options for suppliers beyond traditional credit facilities. By connecting suppliers with a network of finance providers through digital platforms, access to capital is democratized and expanded. Suppliers can explore financing programs tailored to their specific needs, including pre-shipment and post-shipment finance. The increased availability of financing options at competitive rates enhances financial flexibility and resilience, enabling suppliers to optimize their cash flow management and investment strategies. This expanded access to capital fosters innovation and growth within the supply chain ecosystem, driving sustainable business development and competitiveness.



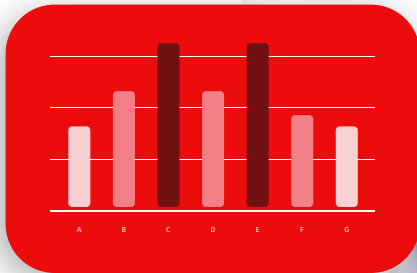
Suppliers are an integral part of any organization's supply chain. Fostering and maintaining supplier relationships can be daunting at times, and yet, through a digitized financial supply chain, collaboration between buyers and suppliers can be streamlined and simplified.





Conclusion

The digitization of financial supply chains offers compelling benefits for both buyers and suppliers. From improved data accuracy to enhanced collaboration and cost savings, the advantages are clear. Organizations looking to optimize operations, strengthen relationships, and drive competitive advantage should consider embracing digitization with platforms like Infor Nexus™. By unlocking the power of digitized financial supply chains, organizations can navigate the complexities of the modern marketplace with confidence and efficiency.



About Infor Nexus

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