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5 reasons chemical companies need Infor PLM for Process for their innovation and R&D

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As robust and far-reaching as enterprise resource planning (ERP) solutions can be, it's simply not feasible to think that they can be all-encompassing, providing complete business functionality for every aspect of an organization. The simple truth is that all ERP solutions have gaps in specialized areas such as product lifecycle management (PLM). Many companies fill this gap by using a myriad of patches such as Microsoft® SharePoint® or Excel®, as well as in-house solutions and custom workflows. Successful companies know that it's best to close these gaps with focused, industry-specific solutions that address the unique aspects of their business.

Chemicals manufacturers need PLM functionality that's designed specifically to help them address the needs of every stakeholder in the innovation process—from development leaders, chemists, engineers, regulatory, quality, and compliance leads—to supply chain managers, operations teams, product managers, and sales and marketing. Infor PLM for Process (Optiva®) was specially designed for process manufacturers to help them meet the needs of all personas including their product development challenges.

Boost efficiency and cut costs

Here are five reasons why chemicals manufacturers should consider Infor® PLM for Process to help select the best opportunities for innovation; get products to market faster; meet customer needs accurately; and ensure regulatory, environmental, health, safety, and quality compliance.

More than 20% of Infor PLM for Process customers run non-Infor ERP systems.

1. Improve the bottom line

Infor PLM for Process offers process-based formulation capabilities, which help formulate to target and quickly evaluate opportunities. When integrated with an ERP solution, Infor PLM for Process's unique raw materials rationalization gives manufacturers the power to intelligently select and optimize input materials and ensure continuity and certainty of producing specified products. Access to real-time cost data and historical formulations helps run "what-if" scenarios to compare costs, margins and performance to quickly evaluate opportunities, determine availability and generate significant and measurable savings and profits.

2. Simplify integration with an ERP solution

Infor PLM for Process's established ERP integration ensures continuity across applications. Users see consistent information via a consumer-grade user experience that unifies the business software. Users will always have all the information they need, where and when they need it.

3. Achieve 100% compliance

By automatically creating material and report declarations based on formulation, Infor PLM for Process facilitates the time-consuming and often error-prone process of confirming material usage limits, domicile/destination restrictions, or self-imposed limits on formulations or materials. It restricts to comply with guidelines set at the material level, or at a roll-up/calculated parameter level thereby increasing confidence in regulatory compliance.

4. Improve customer responsiveness

Infor PLM for Process allows customer service teams to respond quicker to consumer inquiries regarding product composition and claims.

An integrated document system triggers changes to all collateral to respond to a change in formulation. Supplier/vendor portal connections feed raw material objects into the system and allows for supply changes in advance. The solution lays a foundation for closer customer engagement via easy customer relationship management (CRM) system integration.

5. Build a more intelligent workflow

The decision-based workflow capabilities included with Infor PLM for Process can help improve overall time-to-market and prevent costly errors by giving managers greater visibility into the product development process in real time. The effectiveness of an overall development processes can be improved using project management tools such as stage gate, backward, forward, critical path, fixed date scheduling, and Gantt-like view of the project's progress.

Accelerate innovation

Old ERP systems or homegrown solutions cannot support today's product innovation requirements. Infor PLM for Process gives manufacturers a platform that supports product innovation and helps sustain the relevance and appeal of every product through its entire lifecycle.

Based on the latest advances from both the consumer and enterprise worlds that deliver new levels of usability, connectivity, and insight, Infor PLM for Process's groundbreaking technologies will change everything you thought you knew about business software. You'll shorten time to market, improve throughput of new and changed products, trim costs, and improve quality and certification processes, and more.

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