

SPS Commerce Solutions for 3PLs



Third-party logistics providers, 3PLs, and freight forwarders know the power of effective and timely communications via EDI. Entrusted with the transportation and warehousing of a supplier's items, 3PLs need secure visibility to inbound orders and shipping instructions for these products, as well as the ability to barcode label packages as required by the retailer and send Advance Ship Notices (ASNs) on behalf of their customers to the recipient.

Until now, receiving this necessary information in an efficient and timely manner via EDI was a challenge. The complexities of managing and staffing an internal EDI solution for its business and customers can be daunting. To eliminate their EDI pains, many 3PLs have chosen to have SPS Commerce be their third party EDI and label provider. By outsourcing their EDI needs to SPS Commerce, 3PLs can focus their attention on the warehousing and transportation aspects of their business, not EDI, and deliver more to their customers. With SPS Commerce's EDI services, 3PLs can easily receive EDI documents directly from their customers or be authorized to see filtered copies of existing EDI transactions, to automatically receive accurate and timely information they need.

SPS Commerce offers the following solutions for 3PLs:

- **EDI Services** for visibility to supply chain transactions and direct participation in the order fulfillment cycle
- **Label Service** to prepare shipments exactly as specified by the retailer or grocer.
- **Testing** to validate the accuracy of any new or modified EDI documents for any trading partner
- **Inventory Upload** for streamlined communication of warehoused inventories for customers
- **Labels** Satisfy requirements for UCC-128 labels, branded packing slips, gift messaging and more.

SPS Commerce also offers 3PLs and freight forwarders the ability to offer EDI services to their clients without the infrastructure, staffing or EDI expertise required by traditional EDI software. Instead, they can partner with SPS to offer a more comprehensive supply chain solution to their customers, reduce their internal IT costs, and enable their customers to focus more on marketing their products instead of worrying about logistics, fines, mis-ships and chargebacks. For more information, see our partner section.

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