



Advance Ship Notices (ASN), EDI 856 and bar-coded shipment labels are essential shipping components that help achieve major improvements in supply chain efficiency, visibility and control.

## Where are my products?

Despite technological advancements in supply chain management, one fundamental problem that persists in the logistics industry is the inability to provide shippers and customers with real-time visibility of where their shipments and products are.

## SKU-level view

Often, the best view that shippers or customers get about their shipments is at the order level. The much-needed view at SKU level is usually unavailable until the shipment is received at warehouses or stores, and by then it's too late to react. Customer order allocation becomes a major problem when the shipment does not tally at the SKU level.



## What is packed is (not) what you get

Inefficiencies in packing operations and shipment documentation result in inaccurate shipment data and packing inaccuracies. This in turn leads to losses of millions of dollars due to manufacturing and wholesale/retail chargebacks.

## One solution. Multiple options.

APL Logistics created ASN Management with two important things in mind: to find an efficient and cost-effective way to meet ASN related compliance and to offer one set of services for various levels of needs.

That's why ASN Management offers distinctly different routes to choose from. Each one caters to a different set of shipping and bar code labeling requirements. Yet each is designed to help your business achieve the same objectives - eliminate or reduce manual processes, offer convenient data connectivity and most importantly, comply with the requirements for shipment data visibility, availability and accuracy.

## ASN Management services include:

- Full scan/pack system with the underlying objective of 100% packing accuracy. This option is ideal for high-volume and/or high-value production suppliers. Fully implemented on-site through the supplier's computer network, this system allows interactive scan/packing operations, barcode label printing, shipping documents printing, in addition to ASN generation and transmission.
- Web-based or 'self-service' option. Perfect for medium-volume suppliers, but also a good option for suppliers of start-ups that require immediate ASN and labeling compliance. Allows suppliers to print orders, generate packing plans, packing lists and UCC labels, and generate and transmit ASNs through a secured APL Logistics website.
- Label printing service for low-volume, seasonal or new suppliers. APL Logistics prints UCC 128 and/or product UPC or EAN labels, packing list and other shipping documents. It then generates and transmits ASNs on behalf of the supplier.



- Cross dock scanning. An option for consolidation and/or deconsolidation that uses carton scanning operations to facilitate the movement of goods to and from shipping docks. Non-essential processes and expenses are eliminated with greater system efficiency and data accuracy.

## **Full compliance capability – and more – from your Global Supply Chain Management Partner**

ASN Management solutions are simple to implement. Therefore, even low-tech suppliers can be compliant in a very short period of time. This ensures that every single shipment from your supplier is label and ASN compliant regardless of whether the supplier is new or seasonal.

No matter which ASN Management service your company chooses to take up, one thing is certain: Your compliance challenges are in the best of hands.

APL Logistics is one of the third-party global logistics providers providing ASN and UCC generations in-house, which means we're carefully managing everything from the underlying information to enabling technologies. All with the same impressive attention to quality we give to all of our logistics services.

No one understands the importance of supply chain continuity and connectivity better than we do. With our worldwide support and training infrastructure, we enable any manufacturer – anywhere, anytime - no matter what its local language or technology challenges are.