



HELPING CUSTOMERS DELIVER™

DESCARTES CARGOASSIST™

An Electronic Forwarding System for Freight Forwarders

ENABLING ON-LINE LOGISTICS

International logistics is a complex process laden with large volumes of documentation and the need to efficiently trade information among partners in the supply chain. The burden often falls to freight forwarders, who have traditionally used paper and the telephone to manage this complex process.

Freight forwarders use Descartes CargoAssist, an electronic forwarding system, to help improve freight booking processes, send electronic waybills and ensure that consignments are handled quickly and efficiently at freight and container terminals around the world. Descartes gives forwarders access to an electronic infrastructure that connects them with their customers and logistics partners.

Descartes CargoAssist provides the functionality and communication links to effectively manage air and ocean freight, including bill of lading, electronic waybills, timetables, on-line booking, bar-code labels, and tracking. From a personal computer, forwarders can manage freight documents relating to single or consolidated shipments. Additionally, online tracking facilitates global monitoring via the air waybill number and airline code or ocean container number. The result is better control of freight as it moves around the globe.

Descartes CargoAssist leverages the power of the Descartes Global Logistics Network™ (GLN), which connects thousands of shippers with 90+ air, 30+ ocean, and 1,400+ truck carriers and provides the connectivity necessary to gain visibility into air and ocean cargo logistics activities.

TRACK GLOBAL SHIPMENTS

Descartes CargoAssist helps companies gain access to status data as air and ocean cargo moves through the world's freight terminals.





POTENTIAL BENEFITS

Descartes CargoAssist helps small- and medium-sized freight forwarders:

- Provide advanced notification to air and ocean carriers regarding shipments;
- Access consistent, immediate information that can fulfill customer status requests;
- Gain direct online communication with airlines and ocean carriers;
- Enhance record-keeping related to customer shipment information;
- Minimize time spent on the telephone managing shipments; and
- Have a single point of data entry.

FEATURES

Cargo booking - Transmits booking messages electronically to airlines. Transfers data from the completed air waybill directly onto the booking form and forwards a booking request to the airlines.

Complete forms on screen - Handles freight documents including bill of lading (BOL), shippers letter of instruction (SLI), air waybills (AWB), house waybills (HWB) and consolidates manifests. Descartes CargoAssist provides application screens that are identical to the paper version of the documents and allows customers to access rate databases from the screen. In addition, it can automatically insert online routing information into the air waybill.

Issuance of electronic documents - CargoAssist has the ability to transmit documents including BOL, SLI, AWB, HWB and flight manifests to carriers and/or tracking systems. Offers an optional fax and PDF transmission for airlines and ocean freight forwarders without online capabilities. Transmits booking confirmation for client or freight forwarder from bill of lading instruction and for import shipments, creates an arrival notice.

Customs integration options - Helps users easily manage ocean and air shipment information electronically and comply with government requirements to electronically submit shipment information to the customs automated manifest system (AMS) in various countries.

Label printing - Enables users to print bar code labels from digital versions of air waybills or house waybills.

Message functions - Offers the ability to fax or email a copy of the BOL/AWB/HWB/Manifest and send free-text faxes and SITA messages to accompany the documents. With Descartes CargoAssist you can export documents to accounting systems in either XML or CSV format.

Track and trace - Allows global tracking of consignments using AWB number and airline code or the container number for ocean freight. Provides status to meet customer requests for tracking information.

THE DESCARTES DIFFERENCE

The Descartes Systems Group Inc. (TSX: DSG) (NASDAQ: DSGX), a leading provider of software-as-a-service logistics solutions, is delivering results across the globe today for organizations that operate logistics intensive businesses. Descartes' logistics management solutions provide messaging services between logistics trading partners, "book-to-bill" services of contract carriers and private fleet management services for organizations of all sizes. These solutions and services help Descartes' customers reduce administrative costs, billing cycles, fleet size, contract carrier costs, and mileage driven and improve pick up and delivery reliability. For more information, visit www.descartes.com.

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