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From 0 to 100! EDI live operation with 10 suppliers introduced in just ONE day

IWO furn at Ametras user Wohn-Center Spilger

The introductory workshop for supplier connection via EDI took place on 14th and 15th April at the union member, Wohn-Center Spilger in Obernburg.

For this workshop Spilger had selected 10 suppliers from the boutique, lighting, home textiles, cash and carry and large furniture item product groups. The IWO furn networking team had already established contact with the suppliers beforehand and provided them with the necessary information such as the GLN numbers required to guarantee that things would run smoothly. The first EDI order was planned for 14.4 and all technical installations were carried out.

Spilger and the IWO furn project team had established and tested an AS2 connection between the two companies for communication with the IWO furn messaging centre.

■ The workshop

The following people took part in the actual workshop: Mr. Heinz Kremer (Manager of Data Processing, Wohn-Center Spilger), Mr. Fietzek (Purchasing, Wohn-Center Spilger), Mr. Bernd Röhl (CEO, Ametras), Mr. Joachim Bucher (Project Manager, Ametras) and Mr. Dietmar Weber (CEO, IWO furn).

Firstly the employees at the Wohn-Center Spilger were informed about which information must be created on a supplier in the enterprise resource planning. After setting up the 10 suppliers, Purchasing generated a test order for each supplier. This was provided by enterprise resource planning at Ametras in the Ametras format and transferred to the IWO furn messaging centre via AS2. There the messages were converted to the various target formats of the suppliers and sent.

All suppliers had received their EDI order just 2 hours after the workshop had started!

In the course of the afternoon the first order confirmations from suppliers arrived at the IWO furn messaging centre. After conversion to the Ametras format, these were passed to enterprise resource planning via AS2 and imported. 80% of the order confirmations received were processed and booked immediately without errors.

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Using the very clear IWO furn online “Track and Trace” function, Spilger Furniture was able to track progress at all times as well as compare the content of the order and the order confirmation on the screen. During the course of the process, the confirmation messages of the communication systems are even listed as x.400. In this way employees of the Wohn-Center Spilger were aware of the position of the message exchange at all times.

On the 2nd morning, other order confirmations were imported and some fine-tuning was carried out on the workflow.

■ Statements of participants

“I was surprised how easy the technical implementation was and how smoothly we sent the EDI orders and were able to process the EDI order confirmations. The IWO furn online functions considerably helped us to gain confidence in the new process sequences. Because no notable faults occurred during any connection to a supplier, we have decided to immediately move to live operation with these 10 suppliers. We will continue and monitor this with the 10 suppliers for a period of 2 weeks. We would then like to connect other suppliers very quickly and implement the processing of signed purchase invoices as a next process.”

Mr. Heinz Kremer, Manager of Data Processing at Wohn-Center Spilger

“The collaboration with IWO furn worked extremely well. The modules in our enterprise resource planning were able to start work immediately and present the customer with the desired implementation success.”

Mr. Bernd Röhl, CEO, Ametras ITec GmbH

“Following on from Möbel Inhofer and Möbel Martin, this is now the third Ametras User that we have successfully connected to IWO furn and linked to the first suppliers. We look forward to further co-operation in the future.”

Dietmar Weber, CEO, IWO furn Service GmbH

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