How to Create Supply Chain Agility

Most brands have yet to turn their desire for supply chain and logistics agility into a baked-in capability. Follow these 8 steps to create a change-ready, global logistics operation to help you win with logistics.



Build the operating and visibility



platforms to support better, faster decisions

Smart decisions are possible only with data to inform those decisions. Leverage machine learning and AI to uncover trends and opportunities hidden in the raw numbers and, in doing so, quickly shift from analysis to action.

Recruit people who thrive within an agile culture

To create an agile logistics operation, you need the right people with the right make-up and attitude. That goes for your choice of 3PL partners, as well.



Eliminate multi-layered approval process

In the face of a crisis or opportunity, agile organizations make decisions fast. If yours can't, streamline the process. Senior executives must empower their teams to act quickly, without fear of reprisal.



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Leverage multiple transport modes to react nimbly to disruptions

When global shipping delays are inevitable on your mode of choice, you need to connect the dots in new and creative ways. Align with 3PLs that have a strong multi-mode transportation capability.

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Build a fast IT integration capability

For a fast-response logistics capability, you need a fast-response IT solution to integrate your data with customers, 3PLs, suppliers and carriers. Products can't move until data starts flowing.



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Warehouses

Trained Staff

Building your own logistics infrastructure is rarely the right strategy when speed and supply chain agility is the goal. The right 3PL will have the ready assets to deploy on your behalf.





Build strategic relationships with fewer, more strategic 3PL partners

3PLs can be your "on-switch" for supply chain agility, but only if you integrate with them at a strategic level, as shown. When 3PLs think and act like part of your team, they can anticipate needs and proactively suggest solutions.

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