

Collaborative Planning Forecasting And Replenishment How To Create A Supply Chain Advantage

Based on original research conducted at the Harvard Business School, Collaborative Planning, Forecasting, and Replenishment gathers the insights and experiences of 38 leading CPFR practitioners from around the world and from a variety of industries, including manufacturers, retailers, consulting companies, and IT-solutions providers. Packed with valuable case studies and insider accounts from some of the most powerful companies using CPFR today - including giants such as Wal-Mart, Safeway, Ace Hardware, and Procter & Gamble.

Since SAP is emphasizing recent developments in operations management in its SCM initiative, this book describes the methodological background from the viewpoint of a company using SAP systems. It describes order processing both in an intra- and interorganizational perspective, as well as describing future developments and system enhancements.

Inhaltsangabe: Einleitung: In der Konsumgüterindustrie und bei Handelsunternehmen wird zur Zeit ein neues Konzept diskutiert, das Unternehmen eine bessere Bestandsteuerung bei gleichzeitig sinkenden Kosten verspricht. Schon häufiger wurden, ausgelöst von dem harten Wettbewerb in der Konsumgüterbranche, Ansätze zur Rationalisierung der Lieferkette vorgenommen. Collaborative Planning, Forecasting and Replenishment (CPFR) ist ein weiteres Managementkonzept, das den begonnenen Weg von Quick Response, Vendor Managed Inventory, Efficient Consumer Response und Supply Chain Management fortsetzt. In einem neunstufigen Geschäftsmodell der Voluntary Interindustry Commerce Standards Association werden die verschiedenen Stufen der Zusammenarbeit dargestellt. Das Modell ist in drei verschiedene Phasen eingeteilt, wobei es sich in der ersten um den Planungsprozess handelt. Grundsätzliche Rahmenbedingungen und die Entwicklung eines gemeinsamen Geschäftsplan werden hier festgelegt, bevor in der zweiten Phase der Prognoseprozess umgesetzt wird. In diesem Abschnitt des Modells ist es wichtig, dass die Geschäftspartner schon im Vorfeld gemeinsame Lösungsmechanismen entwickelt haben, die bei entstehenden Problemen greifen. In der letzten Phase handelt es sich um die Auftragsbearbeitung, in der die Umwandlung der Prognose in einen verbindlichen Auftrag vorgenommen wird. Mit dem CPFR-Geschäftsmodell ist eine gute Grundlage für kooperative Prozesse gelegt worden, dessen erfolgreiche Umsetzung aber nur in einem entsprechenden Umfeld möglich wird. Kooperation, Vertrauen und geeignete Technologien sind ein Muss, um CPFR nicht schon in den Ansätzen scheitern zu lassen. Besteht zwischen den Geschäftspartnern ein solches Umfeld und werden weitere Erfolgsfaktoren beachtet, können Rationalisierungspotentiale, wie genauere Verkaufsprognosen, Bestandssenkungen, Umsatzsteigerungen oder Kostenreduzierungen verwirklicht werden. Einen starken Impuls für die Implementierung von CPFR geht von den vier großen B2B-Marktplätzen der Konsumgüterindustrie aus, die CPFR als einen Teil ihrer Kernleistungen anbieten. Pilotprojekte aus den USA haben überwältigende Ergebnisse erzielt, so dass mittlerweile auch erste Projekte in Europa angelaufen sind. Inhaltsverzeichnis: Inhaltsverzeichnis: Abkürzungsverzeichnis III
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Remove built-in supply chain weak points to more effectively balance supply and demand Demand-Driven Inventory Optimization and Replenishment shows how companies can support supply chain metrics and business initiatives by removing the weak points built into their inventory systems. Beginning with a thorough examination of Just in Time, Efficient Consumer Response, and Collaborative Forecasting, Planning, and Replenishment, this book walks you through the mathematical shortcuts set up in your management system that prevent you from attaining supply chain excellence. This expanded second edition includes new coverage of inventory performance, business verticals, business initiatives, and metrics, alongside case studies that illustrate how optimized inventory and replenishment delivers results across retail, high-tech, men's clothing, and food sectors. Inventory optimization allows you to avoid out-of-stock situations without impacting the bottom line with excessive inventory maintenance. By keeping just the right amount of inventory on hand, your company is better able to meet demand without sacrificing the cost-effectiveness of other supply chain strategies. The trick, however, is determining "just the right amount"—and this book provides the background and practical guidance you need to do just that. Examine the major supply chain strategies of the last 30 years Remove the shortcuts that prohibit supply chain excellence Optimize your supply/demand balance in any vertical Overcome systemic weaknesses to strengthen the bottom line Inventory optimization is benefitting companies around the world, as exemplified here by case studies involving Matas, PWT, Wistron, and Amway. When inefficiencies are built into the system, it's only smart business to identify and remove them—and implement a new streamlined process that runs like a well-oiled machine. Demand-Driven Inventory Optimization and Replenishment is an essential resource for exceptional supply chain management.

Collaborative Planning, Forecasting and Replenishment (CPFR) is the sharing of forecasts and related business information among business partners in the supply chain to enable automatic product replenishment. CPFR, a set of guidelines supported and public

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Supply Chain Management concerns organizational aspects of integrating legally separated firms as well as coordinating materials and information flows within a production-distribution network. The book provides insights regarding the concepts underlying APS, with special emphasis given to modelling supply chains and successfully implementing APS in industry. Understanding is enhanced through the use of case studies as well as an introduction to the solution algorithms used.

The UK's bestselling book on logistics and supply chain management – over 100,000 copies sold. Effective development and management of supply chain networks helps businesses cut costs and enhance customer value. This updated 5th edition is a clear guide to all the key topics in an integrated approach to supply chains. As well as new and updated examples and case studies, there are two new chapters: Routes to Market: Many companies now have to manage multiple distribution channels - this chapter covers strategic issues on how companies “go to market” along with the cost implications of using alternative channels. Service Logistics: As companies begin to sell performance rather than physical product, this chapter explores the implications for logistics management as the need to provide higher levels of service and customer support becomes ever more critical.

The chapters cover what instructors want students to know about MIS. Extended Learning Modules (XLM) show students what they can do with MIS. The instructor controls the mix by picking the chapters and XLMs to cover. A contemporary writing style and a wealth of examples engage students like no other MIS text.

This is the most comprehensive book written in the area of demand planning and forecasting, covering practically every topic which a demand planner needs to know. It discusses not only the different models of forecasting in simple and layman terms, but also how to use forecasts effectively in business planning. It covers forecasting processes from Silo to Consensus Forecasting to Sales & Operation Planning(S&OP) to Collaborative Planning, Forecasting and Replenishment (CPFR) to Integrated Business Planning (IBP), and describes how each one improves over the other. It gives many real life cases and examples to make the point. No matter how accurate forecasts are they have no value unless they are used. For that, it explains how to report, present and sell forecasts to management. Nothing improves unless it is measured. It discusses in detail key performance indicators, which are used or should be used in business. Also, what we can do to improve forecasts. Above all, it brings out a number of worst practices, with the thinking once companies recognize what they are doing wrong, they will do something about them. Also, the book discusses the criteria for selecting a forecasting & planning package or system and more.

As the supply chain activities' backbone, demand forecasting must be accurate. This paper proposes an artificial neural network forecasting model, which integrates and synchronizes shared information, such as sales or consumption rate among different partners, to improve the forecasting's accuracy. This information sharing is part of the collaborative planning, forecasting and replenishment (CPFR) model, which is a supply chain model aiming to enhance the supply chain's efficiency by jointly planning and forecasting between two or more supply chain partners that will be used as the base for production and replenishment activities. The model is validated using a tuna product sales data, and the combination of individual forecasts resulted in better demand forecasting accuracy for the supply chain. This improvement will lead to reduced costs associated with the forecast's overestimation or underestimation.

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This dissertation paper offers a theoretical and empirical explanation for why interfirm collaborations form yet fail, and further suggests how firms might manage them for a more positive

outcome. The main focus of this dissertation was to research and investigate the implementation issues in the early stages of CPFR. The crux of the argument is that firms enter into collaborative relationships because these are expected to yield superior results relative to alternate organizational forms in certain situations, offering potentially synergistic combinations of complementary resources and capabilities, yet such relationships are frequently prone to failure. Since CPFR implementations are a recent phenomena and its literature base is extreme thin, a triangulation research method is employed. First, an exhaustive literature review was performed on academic and practitioner research to provide a foundation of the understanding of supply chain management (SCM) and CPFR systems and implementations. Second, four case studies of firms that attempted CPFR implementations were closely examined. Case study research offers many benefits including the ability to observe causality, combine evidence and logic to build, develop or support theory that is not available using other research methods (Maffei and Meredith, 1995). Third, a focus group of CPFR implementation experts was convened to strengthen the research design. Qualitative procedures such as focus groups enable the researcher to get in tune with the respondent and discover how that person sees reality. These insights can be used to develop more efficient follow up quantitative procedures such as mail out surveys (Krueger, 1994). The research triangulation was used to develop hypotheses based on the qualitative data. A survey instrument was developed to test the validity of the hypotheses on practicing managers and consulting professionals. The instrument development procedure satisfies all the requirements for reliability and validity. In analyzing the results of the study, statistical analysis will accept or reject the qualitative hypotheses of CPFR implementation based upon survey results. The results in this study confirmed that CPFR implementations should have a strategic basis with an emphasis in organizational factors, supply chain operational characteristics and less environmental uncertainty. The data confirmed that for successful CPFR implementations top management support is required, firms need to assess information technology and exchange information, establish economic, strategic and financial goals and make use of performance metrics before and after a CPFR implementation. The main contribution of this research is apparent in the development of policies and guidelines that can help manufacturing professionals understand the issues surrounding CPFR Implementations. The results of this study are expected to provide academics and practitioners with elements and procedures that are critical to the success of CPFR implementations. This research will provide academics with a foundational tool to use when building theory about CPFR systems. The research design and findings of this study provide many avenues for further research investigations.

Technological advancements in recent years have led to significant developments within a variety of business applications. In particular, data-driven research provides ample opportunity for enterprise growth, if utilized efficiently. Supply Chain Management in the Big Data Era is an authoritative reference source for the latest scholarly material on the implementation of big data analytics for improved operations and supply chain processes. Highlighting emerging strategies from different industry perspectives, this book is ideally designed for managers, professionals, practitioners, and students interested in the most recent research on supply chain innovations.

Integrates the theory and practices of supply chain management. This book focuses on how to build a competitive supply chain using viable management strategies, operational models, decision-making techniques, and information technology. It also includes initiatives such as e-commerce, collaborative planning, forecasting, and replenishment (CPFR).

DeCA continually strives to improve the level of customer service it provides to its patrons. The DeCA Business Guide: A Business Guide for Marketing to the Defense Commissary Agency provides a foundation for how DeCA conducts business with its suppliers. DeCA's mission is to ensure military readiness and retention of quality personnel by providing a part of the military compensation package, and its goal is to provide quality goods at the lowest possible cost to authorized patrons (2002: 2). This project looks at DeCA's current business processes as well as the relatively new business process of CPFR used by some of the major supermarket chains in the commercial grocery industry. In what areas can DeCA realize performance improvements by adopting CPFR? And what strategies would prove effective in implementing CPFR at DeCA? This project is not offering any significant statistical analysis, but it is attempting to provide a further understanding of DeCA's business processes and how those processes may be enhanced through CPFR. In turn, DeCA's mission and goal may not only be more easily met, but DeCA's processes may also become more in line with their commercial counterparts.

It is now widely recognized that supply chains, not individual organisations, are responsible for the success or failure of businesses. This has necessitated close coordination among supply chain partners. In the past few decades, in an attempt to improve the overall efficiency of the supply chain, many companies have engaged in collaboration with other supply chain members. Consequently, several supply chain management initiatives such as Vendor Managed Inventory, Efficient Consumer Response, Continuous Replenishment and Accurate Response have been proposed in the literature to improve the flow of materials as well as information among supply chain partners. In this line, Collaborative Planning Forecasting and Replenishment (CPFR) is a relatively new initiative that combines the intelligence of multiple trading partners in planning and fulfilment of customer demand by linking sales and marketing best practices. The role of CPFR has been widely studied in the US retail industry, but it has not been researched much in the UK and also in Asian countries. Hence, this research focuses on the adoption of CPFR in the UK and India. Levels of collaboration and information sharing differ to a great extent across the supply chains based on the needs of individual businesses. Accordingly, the importance of CPFR varies in different supply chains. The study reported in this research explores the operations of CPFR and highlights the corresponding benefits in different firms using case studies of Indian (4 cases) and British (2 cases) companies operating in Make-To-Stock (MTS) and Make-To-Order (MTO) environments. In this research, information exchange among collaborating partners is analysed with a focus on its role in demand forecasting and timely replenishment. In order to identify potential benefits of CPFR, this research has adopted a four stage approach. In the first stage, interviews with top and middle managers in the case companies helped to develop a clear understanding of the collaborative arrangements in each company. In stage two, a conceptual model called the Reference Demand Model (RDM) was developed. RDM is a specific model representing the dependency of demand projection on information from different supply chain members involved in supply chain processes. When fully developed, the RDM will serve as a decision tool for the companies involved in collaboration to decide on the level of collaboration and the type of information exchange in order to improve supply chain planning and forecasting. Further, to explore how demand information collected through RDM can help improve forecasts accuracy, a quantitative approach is employed in the next two stages. Therefore, stages 3 and 4 were studied only for the cases with detailed sales data. In stage 3, structural equation models were developed to establish the underlying relationships among demand factors that were identified using RDM. In stage 4, regression forecast models of sales

were developed using the demand factors identified through RDM. The forecast models showed an improved accuracy and thus this research suggested the case company (Soft Drink Co.) to use the demand information (identified from RDM) in the demand forecasts. The results strongly support CPFR in a MTS environment with promotional sales, and exchanging the detailed sales information from downstream to upstream supply chain members may improve the accuracy of demand forecasts. Information exchange is also required to ensure timely replenishment for MTS products. However, in a MTO environment, there is less need for collaboration with downstream supply chain partners for the purpose of short term demand forecasting.

How to save your business millions!!! The international expert and author Rob O'Byrne gives his powerful and essential tips and insights based on over 1,200 client assignments across 22 countries. This book shows you how to find the greatest potential for massive savings and increased bottom line. You'll Learn:* How to access the big ticket items to reduce costs* 5 critical tips on measuring for superior performance* Balancing cost and service for more effective distribution* How to stop inventory investment blow outs* 3 key steps to developing a game winning supply chain strategy* The 5 key steps to improving warehousing effectiveness* Avoiding the stuff that screws your supply chain performance

CPFR ist ein Prozess, der beschreibt, wie die Planungs-, Prognose- und Bestandsführungsprozesse eines Unternehmens in enger Kooperation zwischen den Handelspartnern durchgeführt werden können. Erste Pilotprojekte in den USA und Europa berichten von signifikanten Verbesserungen in der Prognosegenauigkeit, der Warenverfügbarkeit und einer Reduzierung von Lagerbeständen. Voraussetzung für CPFR ist die Bereitschaft der Handelspartner zur offenen Kommunikation von relevanten Daten sowie die technische und organisatorische Readiness der beteiligten Unternehmen für den CPFR-Prozess. CPFR kann in Teilschritten und für einzelne Warengruppen eingeführt werden.

'Supply Chain Collaboration' reviews the industry standards and best practices and describes how they can and should be adopted.

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Today's business environment is facing more challenges than it has ever faced before. Whether it be globalization, shorter product life cycles, industry-wide consolidations, or the rapid advancements that have been made in information technology - all these factors have contributed to a steady increase in competitive pressure on domestic and foreign markets. In an economy that is increasingly becoming more volatile, organizations find it more difficult to achieve or maintain their competitive advantage. A way of overcoming these challenges and establishing advantages has been through optimization of the supply chain. Initially, these improvement efforts were limited to areas within the organization, such as inventory, quality, or the manufacturing process itself. In the early nineties, however, when the American retail and consumer goods industry was experiencing stagnating revenues and, at the same time, rising costs, an increase in productivity was hardly to be realized. At that time, aggressive pricing policies were seen as the only approach to gain market share, but the consequences, mainly a negative impact on margins and profits, made it an unsustainable business practice (Seifert, 2003). This led the retail industry to recognize that real gains could only be realized through open cooperative partnerships between retailers and manufacturers. As the supply chain improvement initiatives progressed, they began to include collaboration between the manufacturer, its suppliers, and clients. Although collaboration between trading partners was known as an efficient method for improving forecast accu

Volatilität, Komplexität, Digitalisierung und Globalisierung prägen unsere Wirtschaft heutzutage in hohem Maße. Auch auf Unternehmensebene wirken sie sich aus. Viele Unternehmen versuchen, mit einem geeigneten Supply Chain Management die einzelnen Schnittstellen entlang der Wertschöpfungskette zu optimieren. So wollen sie die Bedürfnisse der Kunden auch in Zukunft befriedigen. Ein Mittel zur Bewältigung von Einflussfaktoren ist das Collaborative Planning, Forecasting and Replenishment (CPFR). Doch wie weit ist dieses Modell in der Praxis schon? Hat es sich bereits etabliert? Und sind neben den zahlreichen Vorteilen auch Nachteile zu erwarten? Marie Wüst präsentiert in ihrer Publikation den Status quo des CPFR. Grundlage für das Modell ist die Supply Chain Collaboration. Diese stellt zugleich die intensivste Form einer Kooperation dar. Marie Wüst erklärt die Funktionsweise des CPFR und untersucht, wie praxistauglich es tatsächlich ist. Dabei bezieht sie auch die Herausforderungen des 21. Jahrhunderts wie das sich verändernde Konsumentenverhalten sowie den digitalen Wandel ein. Aus dem Inhalt: - VUCA; - Efficient Consumer Response; - Business to Business; - B2B; - Enterprise Resource Planning; - ERP

Collaborative Planning, Forecasting and Replenishment (CPFR) is a powerful tool which bring many benefits for companies, such as Inventory and Stock-out reduction, increasing sales and profits. This is however, under the assumptions that both parties have fully implemented the program and have full collaboration capabilities, and that they have enough resources to properly manage the CPFR relationship. However, this is not often the case. Managing CPFR relationships requires manpower, and time and capital investments. Companies find themselves overwhelmed when trying to fully implement CPFR; even large multinational companies, realize that although they have successfully established some CPFR relationships, they face the same hurdles when attempting to expand and include more partners and/or categories into the program. For these reasons, I've proposed and developed two tools to help companies assess and manage their CPFR relationships. First, I developed a six-stage CPFR maturity assessment to identify the current status of the CPFR relationship and its capabilities. It is built upon 5 dimensions: "Supply Chain Collaboration", "People & Organization", "Information Technology", "Process Efficiency: Planning & Forecasting", and "Process Efficiency: Replenishment". The second tool is conceptual matrix, when different collaboration levels are determined based on partner and category classifications. The idea is to be able to identify those scenarios where CPFR is most helpful, to prioritize the allocation of resources. Finally, a match between the two tools grants a way for companies to benchmark their current performance against optimal performance for their classification, thus free resources in those that are overdeveloped to allocate them to those with improvement opportunities.

The impact of technological change, globalization, information and communication technologies and international governmental intervention has radically altered supply chain strategies, operations and risk profiles for most organizations. The challenge facing business and researchers alike is how best to address risk management in this new context. This collection, written by international scholars from the UK, US and Scandinavia, addresses this need by providing the first topical review of these developments and the latest research findings. The findings represent a robust cross-disciplinary view of supply chains, articulating policies and strategies for organizations. The research studies are based on empirical case studies within services and manufacturing in both large and SME organizations. This work is intended to provide the foundation for future research in this expanding area and the impact it has on managing risk within the supply chain.

Master and apply both the technical and behavioral skills you need to succeed in any inventory management role or function! Now, there's an authoritative and comprehensive guide to best-practice inventory

management in any organization. Authored by world-class experts in collaboration with the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP), this text illuminates planning, organizing, controlling, directing, motivating and coordinating all the activities used to efficiently control product flow. The Definitive Guide to Inventory Management covers long-term strategic decisions; mid-term tactical decisions; and even short-term operational decisions. Topics discussed include: Basic inventory management goals, roles, concepts, purposes, and terminology Key inventory management elements, processes, and interactions Principles/strategies for establishing efficient and effective inventory flows Using technology in inventory planning and management New approaches to inventory reduction: postponement, vendor-managed inventories, cross-docking, and quick response systems Trade-offs between inventory and transportation costs, including carrying costs Requirements and challenges of global inventory management Best practices, metrics, and frameworks for assessing inventory management performance

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Today's business environment is facing more challenges than it has ever faced before. Whether it be globalization, shorter product life cycles, industry-wide consolidations, or the rapid advancements that have been made in information technology – all these factors have contributed to a steady increase in competitive pressure on domestic and foreign markets. In an economy that is increasingly becoming more volatile, organizations find it more difficult to achieve or maintain their competitive advantage. A way of overcoming these challenges and establishing advantages has been through optimization of the supply chain. Initially, these improvement efforts were limited to areas within the organization, such as inventory, quality, or the manufacturing process itself. In the early nineties, however, when the American retail and consumer goods industry was experiencing stagnating revenues and, at the same time, rising costs, an increase in productivity was hardly to be realized. At that time, aggressive pricing policies were seen as the only approach to gain market share, but the consequences, mainly a negative impact on margins and profits, made it an unsustainable business practice (Seifert, 2003). This led the retail industry to recognize that real gains could only be realized through open cooperative partnerships between retailers and manufacturers. As the supply chain improvement initiatives progressed, they began to include collaboration between the manufacturer, its suppliers, and clients. Although collaboration between trading partners was known as an efficient method for improving forecast accuracy, increasing service, and reducing costs, it was not until then that supply chain partners systematically devised processes that would move the information to where it could add value and, thereby, facilitate supply chain coordination. Since then, collaboration has been referred to as the driving force behind effective supply chain management (Horvath, 2001). One of the latest trends in supply chain management, CPFR is advertized by many authors, consultants, and software vendors as one of the most promising practices of collaboration so far (Ireland & Crum, 2005). The purpose of this paper is to examine the validity of this statement. In doing so, it will analyze the success potential associated with CPFR and, based on pilot results, evaluate the benefits and challenges that arise with its implementation.

Diplomarbeit aus dem Jahr 2003 im Fachbereich BWL - Beschaffung, Produktion, Logistik, Note: 1,3, Bayerische Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg (Lehrstuhl für Betriebswirtschaftslehre und Wirtschaftsinformatik), Sprache: Deutsch, Abstract: Collaborative Planning, Forecasting and Replenishment, kurz CPFR, ist ein neues Konzept, das zur Zeit die Diskussionen in der Konsumgüterwirtschaft beherrscht. Im Zusammenhang damit, ist von beachtlichen Einsparpotentialen durch Bestandssenkungen in Höhe von 20 bis 30 Prozent und einem starken Umsatzwachstum durch die Reduktion von Bestandslücken die Rede. CPFR wird in der Literatur häufig als Weiterentwicklung der logistischen Seite des Efficient Consumer Response Konzeptes bezeichnet. Dieser logistikorientierte Bereich wird unter dem Begriff Supply Chain Management zusammengefasst. Deshalb wird CPFR auch als Weiterentwicklung des Supply Chain Managements bezeichnet. Die Einordnung in den Gesamtkontext zeigt Abbildung 1.1. Ziel der Arbeit ist es, die Zusammenhänge zwischen ECR und CPFR zu erläutern, zu klären, was sich hinter CPFR verbirgt sowie abschließend zu beurteilen, ob CPFR eine Weiterentwicklung des Supply Chain Managements ist. Dazu wird in Kapitel 2 zunächst auf das Konzept des Efficient Consumer Response (ECR) eingegangen. Nach der Klärung des Begriffes und des Entstehungshintergrundes werden die Gestaltungsansätze des Konzeptes aufgezeigt. Anschließend werden die beiden Bereiche des ECR, das Supply Chain Management und das Category Vom Supply Chain Management zum Collaborative Planning, Forecasting and Replenishment Management, behandelt. In diesem Zusammenhang werden auch die vier Basisstrategien des ECR erläutert und den beiden Bereichen zugeordnet. Abschließend werden die für die Umsetzung des ECR-Konzeptes notwendigen Technologien und Methoden, die sogenannten ECR-Enabler, vorgestellt. In Kapitel 3 wird ein ECR-Enabler gesondert betrachtet. Es handelt sich hierbei um die sogenannten Basistechnologien. Sie sind Grundlage für die Umsetzung der in Kapitel 4 näher untersuchten logistischen Basisstrategie Efficient Replenishment. Erläutert werden der elektronische Datenaustausch, Identifikationssysteme sowie das für eine elektronische Erfassung notwendige Scanning. Die dem Supply Chain Management zugeordnete Basisstrategie Efficient Replenishment und die darin enthaltenen Teilstrategien werden in Kapitel 4 näher vorgestellt. Das Kapitel schließt mit einer Einordnung der Teilsstrategien und der Beschreibung von Problemen und Hindernissen, die bei deren Anwendung auftreten. In Kapitel 5 wird zunächst auf die Entstehung des CPFR und die erforderliche Kooperationsbereitschaft eingegangen. [...] Im Rahmen dieser Arbeit wird, auf Basis des Efficient Consumer Response Konzeptes, der kooperative Strategieansatz Collaborative Planning, Forecasting and Replenishment vorgestellt. Ziel dieser Arbeit ist die Umsetzung, der von der Expert International GmbH vorgegeben strategischen Maßnahmen, welche die jeweiligen Länderorganisationen durch individuelle Anpassungen an bestehende Systeme bis 2013 erfüllen müssen. Des Weiteren werden die Wirkungsweise des neunstufigen Prozessmodells und die daraus resultierenden Optimierungspotenziale sowie die Schwierigkeiten in der Umsetzung aufgezeigt.*****This paper deals with the cooperative strategy collaborative planning, forecasting and replenishment based on the efficient consumer response concept. The result of this work is the implementation, set by the Expert International GmbH strategic actions, which respective country organisations have to meet by individual adjustments to existing systems until 2013. In addition the effect of the nine-stage process model, the resulting optimization potential and the difficulties during the implementation are identified.

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