

Supply Chain Management and Logistics in the maritime industry.

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Introduction To The World Of Maritime Industry

- Current globalization and borderless operations in manufacturing and service industry are creating greater demands for international transport and logistics.
- Maritime(shipping and ports) is one of the key components in this business pattern with up to 90% of global trading freight been moved by maritime mode.
- The maritime industry encompasses all activities related to maritime or coastal movement. This include all activities linked to coastal shipping, water ways, passenger movement and coast guard.
- The maritime industry of any nation generates substantial employment opportunity and boost national income and gross domestic product(GDP).

Key Players In The Maritime Industry.

- Port Authorities
- Maritime Authorities
- Oil Exploration and Producing companies
- Shipping companies
- Logistics companies
- Other related bodies / companies

Some Interesting Facts

- World's first merchant ship MS Beluga SkySails which set off on its maiden voyage from Bremen to Venezuela
- World largest tanker Knock Nevis, a norwegian own supertanker, formerly known as Sea Giant, Happy Giant and Jahre Viking. She is 458metres(1504feet) in length and 69metres(22feet) in width and has a deadweight of 564,763tonnes
- Largest bulk carrier Berge Stahl, IMO No: 8420804, built 12/1986 and 365,000DWT
- The largest container ship "The Triple-E Class" with a capacity of 18,000 twenty-foot containers(TEU) belonging to Maersk Line built by Koreas Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering Co. Ltd. 400metres long, 59metres wide and 73metres high.

Objectives Of Supply Chain Management and Logistics In The Maritime Industry

- It set out the evolution of supply chain thinking
- Identifies the challenges faced by organization
- The nature and means of formulating business strategies is first identified before looking at the scope of supply chain strategic planning
- Different perspective of producers, retailers, logistics service providers and the global scale of its operation

Various Aspects Of Supply Chain Management and Logistics In The Maritime Industry

- Freight transport
- Global purchasing and supply
- Inventory and operations management
- Logistics and supply chain strategy
- Design and operation of logistics system
- Distribution centre design and management
- Maritime business and economics
- Maritime logistics

Maritime In The Logistics Domain

- Planning and coordination
- Required service levels at lowest possible cost
- Ensuring economics of scale are achieved during bulk transportation
- Expertise in providing passionate logistics solutions to clients
- Multimodal transportation
- Networking with service providers
- Effective communication(Information flow)

Maritime As An Element Of The Supply Chain

- Management of upstream and downstream relationships with suppliers and customers
- Sourcing of raw materials
- Distribution of finished products
- Pipeline visibility Customers perspective
- Enhance the value chain by better coordination
- Achieving least cost to the supply chain as a whole

Business Challenges Facing The Maritime Industry.

- Understanding limitations of sea transport
- Optimizing space utilization
- Transportation decisions
- Choosing the right mix
- Ability to make choice in different situations
- Understanding customer demand and ability to use resources efficiently

Future Of The Maritime Industry

- Address important problems in the maritime supply chain
- Define an ideal way of working to be reached within the medium and long term future
- Identify skills and functionalities needed to implement the future of the maritime industry
- Analyse today's state of the art as well as ways the shipyard and suppliers work
- Fill gaps in the IT support
- Define levels of implementation
- Predict cost and benefits of the implementation level

