BEST PRACTICES TO TRACK CONTAINERS THROUGHOUT SUPPLY CHAIN

(rc-17)

SITUATION

Traditional methods for tracking and controlling the flow of returnable containers have not been robust enough to ensure the right amount of containers are available to suppliers. As a result, container inventories fluctuate at the OEM and the supplier, creating shortages, expedites, repacks, returnable freight overflow, and line impact. These conditions create hundreds of thousands to even millions of dollars in unnecessary costs for OEMs and suppliers.

SOLUTION

The AIAG Returnable Containers Visibility & Tracking Committee (RCVT) collaborated to create the RC-17 document, which provides a number of best practices to increase visibility when sending returnable transport items (RTIs) back to their points of origin, once the parts they contained have been consumed.

BENEFIT

RC-17 provides a best practice to assist OEMs and suppliers in tracking the location of their containers throughout the supply chain.

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