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Containers
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As a leading container port in Europe, the Port of Antwerp understands the requirements of its stakeholders. Over the decades, the Port of Antwerp has built up huge experience and expertise in handling all types of cargo. Our customer satisfaction surveys have shown that cost efficiency and speed are vital in keeping our container segment customers happy. The Port of Antwerp’s customer focused approach, can-do attitude and its many other key differentiators assist customers to reach their supply chain KPI’s.

Continuous growth in market share in a competitive market

Key Figures 2014

199,012,082 tonnes
Maritime freight volume

108,317,246 tonnes
Total tonnage containers

8,977,738 TEU
Total number of loaded/discharged TEU
Port of Antwerp

**Tailor-made storage, VAL and distribution services**

- +700 European distribution centres
- +900 Logistics service providers
- +70 Chemical companies

6.1 million m² Covered storage space
15 million TEU Container capacity
6 Dedicated deepsea container terminals

**Largest storage capacity of Europe**
The Port of Antwerp has more storage space than any other port in Europe. The majority of these warehouses are in the vicinity of the terminals, reducing pre-and post-haulage. Its 6.1 million square metres (1,560 acres) of covered storage capacity includes standard and refrigerated warehouses, extensive facilities for dangerous goods.

**Highly skilled logistics service providers**
More than 150,000 professionals work in and around the Port of Antwerp and have the experience and expertise to transport all types of cargo, including out-of-gauge and dangerous freight. Value-added logistics are an important part of their service offerings.

**Value added services**
No matter how your cargo is shipped, it can be repacked in the desired format and all necessary value-added logistics services can be provided to meet your customer’s requirements.

At container freight stations or in warehouses, containers are stuffed or stripped by specialised personnel. For oversized cargo in particular, this can be quite cost effective.

**Port of Antwerp delivers a trustful, open and professional platform to import our goods into Europe and has an extremely entrepreneurial approach in its collaboration model**

Henning Schussmüller
Senior Supply Chain & Logistics
SUMITOMO

**Transparent supply chains**
The Antwerp Port Community System (APCS) centralises all electronic systems for the exchange of data between all the supply chain players in and around the port, and between these players and the various authorities. Effective electronic data transfer supports cargo flows and offers full transparency of all links in your supply chain.

APCS enables electronic scheduling of barges and trucks at the container terminals. The e-desk simplifies the customs formalities on the export side.

More information at www.portofantwerp.com/apcs

**Cost-efficient customs solutions**

Perhaps you’re not familiar with customs procedures in Antwerp? No worries: the Antwerp logistics service providers know them intimately. Goods can be declared ahead of arrival (ATA – 8h) meaning delivery can be taken upon discharge.

The cost-efficient procedures within the port mean that VAT, customs duties and excise don’t have to be paid immediately. Thanks to the customer-oriented customs procedures it is no longer necessary to pay a deposit in order to offset VAT payments for import flows.

We were looking for fast, smart customs procedures. We found them in Antwerp.

Giangaetano Cappuccilli,
Customs Operations Manager Western Europe, FIAT

Do you want to import goods into the EU which do not yet have a final customs destination?
The largest concentration of bonded warehouses in Europe, allowing customs duties and tax deferral. Thanks to our bonded warehousing system you can store the goods for an unlimited period and you don’t have to pay VAT and Customs duties until the goods have been delivered to your customer in the EU; in the meantime you are allowed to provide value-added services, processing the goods according to the requirements of your customer.

Do you import with the aim of processing in the EU for further export outside Europe?
In that case you can use the Inward Processing procedure, under which payments of import duties and VAT are postponed.

Do you import goods into Europe on which the import duties are higher than on the end product?
No problem: thanks to the Processing under Customs Supervision procedure you may have to pay the Import duties and VAT on the end product.

Are you deterred by the high deposit that has to be paid on excise goods? No need: there is a cap on the excise deposit payable on goods imported into the EU.

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Reliable maritime connections

Antwerp is the leading European port for shipping services to and from the Americas, Africa, the Near and Middle East and the Indian subcontinent.

High service frequency to every continent

More than 300 liner services link the Port of Antwerp with over 800 locations worldwide. Frequent services, efficient port operations and high productivity keep transit times and costs to a minimum.

Quick, reliable shortsea services

The port of Antwerp is located 80 km inland, close to major industrial centres and consumer markets. As such, The Port of Antwerp is Europe’s leading shortsea port for door-to-door container transport.

Extensive network of feeder services

Due to the considerable offer of fixed deepsea connections, the Port has developed an extensive network of feeder services to over 200 locations across Europe and North Africa.

Details of all maritime services at www.portofantwerp.com/en/connectivity

Highly productive terminals

The Port of Antwerp offers its customers the best-performing container terminals in Europe. Its modern infrastructure, facilities and equipment, semi-automated operations and highly trained personnel contribute to highest productivity of up to 42 crane movements per hour.

Every terminal at the port has a tri-modal access, providing fast and efficient barge, rail or road transport to and from the hinterland. Above all, the container terminals have the highest standards of security and control, 24/7.

The Port of Antwerp has the lowest terminal handling charges in Europe

Reduction in terminal handling charges is a key requirement for the transport industry. Apart from the low rates for the dedicated PSA Noordzee Terminal, the Port of Antwerp has the lowest terminal handling charges in Europe.

Source: Eurostat, 2012

Reliable intra-port transport

The Port of Antwerp aims to continuously improve transport in and around Antwerp for a fast throughput of your cargo.

Barge: The mandatory Barge Traffic System (BTS) allows for efficient terminal scheduling and effective handling of barges.

The Premium Barge Service ensures that containers can be transported between the deepsea container terminals at set times. It further improves port reliability and is a cost-effective way of moving transhipment containers between quays.

Rail: The new rail tunnel Liefkeshoek, which increases container capacity of the Port of Antwerp, also links left and right bank.

Truck: The electronic truck pre-announcement guarantees a speedy drop-off or pick-up of your full containers.

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Tri-modal container transport

The port’s central location at the heart of the European manufacturing and consumer-base, offers various strategic advantages:

- Short transit times for import and export
- Excellent transport possibilities
- Lower carbon footprint
- Fast delivery to the end customer

Road, rail or barge

As seagoing vessels bring cargo 40 km inland, the Port of Antwerp offers fast, efficient and environmentally friendly transport to continental Europe’s key centres of production and consumption. More than 60% of all European purchasing power is within one day’s trucking of Antwerp.

Motorways connect Antwerp with the rest of Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, France and the whole of Europe. For example, trucks can reach Frankfurt in around 5 hr 30 min, and Paris Île-de-France in just over 4 hours.

All seven of the port’s container terminals are linked to the European rail system. More than 150 container trains a week connect Antwerp with 24 destinations in 8 countries.

The Port of Antwerp is, through its central location in the Scheldt-Maas-Rhine delta, linked to the pan-European inland waterway network. More than 210 barges a week, with capacities from 20 to 500 TEU, link Antwerp with 85 destinations in seven countries.

Savings in terms of cost, mileage and carbon footprint

60% of European purchasing power is located within a radius of 500 km from Antwerp

Overview of the transport connections at www.portofantwerp.com/en/connectivity

SAVE 10% ON COST, MILEAGE AND CARBON FOOTPRINT

Ideally positioned
Best positioned
Well positioned
All six dedicated container terminals have facilities for refrigerated containers and offer a total of 6,000 reefer plugs. The port’s more than 2 million m³ of temperature-controlled facilities enable it to provide a continuous cold chain linking the ship, quayside or warehouse, and inland transport.

Largest vessels of the world in 18,000 TEU class category have called Antwerp in 2013.

The container terminals have the highest standards of security and control, 24/7. Security measures include integrated electronic data management (EDI), International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) certification and the Secured Access card management system.
To stand out from the competition on the world market, companies must be able to call upon a sustainable, flexible, efficient and innovative supply chain in which all links play an effective role. The port of Antwerp is a crucial link in this chain.

**Good sea access**, a dense network of hinterland connections and its geographical location are just the start of its advantages.

Antwerp is also distinguished for its **integrated range of logistics services**, supported by single-window ICT, comprehensive expertise in freight handling and value-added services, and the **can-do attitude** that pervades the entire port community.

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