The Influence of SCM Practices on Port Supply Chain Performance: Moroccan Case Study

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Abstract

The increasing complexity of international supply chains, the rise of consumer power and technological development have all brought about a clear change in the position and role of supply chain members. The port as a key factor in these international supply chains has been largely influenced by certain movements, including increased cooperation, mergers and integrations. In this context, the Supply Chain Management organization appears to be an essential lever to improve the performance of ports. However, despite the increasing attention given to the study of port logistics chains, the contributions remain modest compared to those observed in other sectors, notably the automotive and aeronautical industries. Most of the research on performance measures of port logistics chains actually focuses on measures of the internal performance of a terminal port.

Indeed, the lack of consensus on the definition of Supply Chain Management (SCM) and the complexity of the relationships between supply chain agents in general and the port supply chain in particular make it difficult to study the performance of the port supply chain.

The objective of this paper is to contribute to the study of the influence of the SCM organization on the performance of the port supply chain and on the elements of a tool for measuring the performance of port networks. This paper approaches port supply chain performance from a multidimensional view, integrating a financial dimension, a commercial dimension, an internal process, and learning and innovation. This article also has the advantage of integrating the perspectives of the different stakeholders.

Keywords

Port, Supply Chain, Performance, Collaboration, Indicator and Optimization

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