

PRESS RELEASE

Efficient EMCS processing at Premium Warehousing with AEB's EMCS||XPRESS

- No shipping delays for Carlsberg UK's beer, wine and spirit deliveries



Carlsberg UK products at Premium Warehousing's facilities in Sywell.

Leamington Spa, 19th November 2014 – Premium Warehousing Ltd, a British warehousing and logistics service provider, has implemented EMCS||XPRESS, the convenient online solution as part of ASSIST4 Customs Management, from AEB's comprehensive software suite ASSIST4 for all logistics processes in global business. Premium Warehousing now benefits from faster processing of excise goods under duty suspension, increased operational efficiency and lower costs.

EMCS||XPRESS, developed by AEB, one of Europe's leading providers of global trade and supply chain management solutions, is a "software-as-a-service" (SaaS) application, which is hosted in AEB's official ISO 27001 certified computer centre. It supports the secure and efficient transmission and processing of electronic customs messaging in compliance with applicable EU law. EMCS||XPRESS went live at Premium Warehousing on 14th April 2014 and has since been used by its shipping and administration teams on a daily basis.

Premium Warehousing is an expert in the field of cargo handling for all types of materials, and with special focus on foodstuffs, the company also operates an approved HMRC bonded warehouse and is licensed to store beers, wines and spirits. One of its clients, a major European transport, logistics and freight forwarding company, stores up to 23,000 pallets of Carlsberg UK products at Premium Warehousing's facility near Northampton. On average, about 75 per cent of all wine, beer and spirit deliveries managed by Premium Warehousing are subject to EMCS, the Excise Movement and Control System.

When, at the beginning of 2014, Carlsberg UK's HMRC related transaction requirements increased by approximately 300 per cent, managing operations and customs declarations at the same time resulted in delays and frustrations. Processing these increased volumes also led to workload backlogs in a number of other warehouse areas, neglecting tasks such as stock counts and various system updates.

To standardise and accelerate the EMCS handling and to enable the efficient processing of increased numbers of shipments without additional staff, Premium Warehousing opted for AEB's automated solution EMCS||XPRESS. All EMCS submissions based on latest increased data volumes are now managed by one person, and the overall processing time has been reduced from about 10 minutes to about 10 seconds per declaration. In addition, Premium Warehousing now has full transparency over all



duty suspended excise goods movements, which supports the operational side, but also enhances customer service and ensures customs compliance.

Chris Lee, Managing Director of Premium Warehousing, said: "In our business, especially dealing with perishable cargo, smooth operations and regulatory compliance are crucial to deliver first class customer service, keep a competitive edge and grow the business at the same time. If we had not implemented EMCS||XPRESS, we would not have been able to handle the major volume increases without hiring additional staff or negative impacts on service levels."

About EMCS

UK traders, registered consignors and operators of bonded warehouses have been required to use the Excise Movement and Control System (EMCS) when receiving and dispatching duty suspended excise goods that are moving within the EU (including beers, wines and spirits) since January 2011. Designed to replace the previous paper-based system, EMCS is a computerised structure operated by EU governments to record the movements of excise goods between EU member states, which have not yet been released for consumption and for which excise duties have yet to be paid.

AEB's software solution EMCS||XPRESS supports UK traders, registered consignors and operators of bonded warehouses to efficiently manage EMCS processes when receiving and dispatching duty suspended excise goods that are moving within the EU (including beers, wines and spirits).

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About AEB (www.aeb-international.co.uk)

AEB is one of Europe's leading providers of supply chain logistics software and has been delivering solutions to customers for over thirty years. The company has over 5,000 customers worldwide and is headquartered in Stuttgart, Germany, supported by offices in the UK, Switzerland, Singapore and the US. AEB's core product - ASSIST4 - is the comprehensive solution suite for all logistics processes in global business. ASSIST4 offers a complete set of business services for end-to-end logistics, including international goods movements, making it possible to standardise and automate business processes in supply chain execution. ASSIST4 also creates transparency and provides a reliable basis for making the right decisions about the planning, monitoring, control and continual optimisation of supply networks, even beyond the boundaries of the business. The ASSIST4 suite offers full functionality via a wide range of modules including Visibility & Collaboration Platform, Order Management, Warehouse Management, Transport & Freight Management, Customs Management and Compliance & Risk Management.



About Premium Warehousing (www.premiumwarehousing.co.uk)

Premium Warehousing Ltd manages a well-established warehousing facility and runs its operation from a clean and secure 300,000 sq. ft. site specifically designed for the management and control of palletised goods. The location at Sywell, 3 miles north of Northampton, has been instrumental to the company's success. The committed team at Premium Warehousing are confident in their ability to deliver a cost effective operation for all their clients. Over the last 10 years Premium Warehousing has grown into a name that companies can trust, and specialising in the storage of foodstuffs, it boasts a wide range of clients from small businesses to well-known Blue chip companies who all use the excellent facilities that Premium Warehousing has to offer.