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Special issue on Interfaces in supply chains

Supply chains typically contain geographically dispersed facilities connected by transportation links where raw material, intermediate or finished products are acquired, transformed, stored and sold. These facilities are operated by vendors, transportation carriers, logistics service providers, logistics service intermediaries, wholesalers, retailers and customers. Integration is an important and practical matter in today's globalized supply chains. This has led companies and organizations to place increasing emphasis on creating a seamless workflow environment from one business function to another. The academic research community recognizes the importance of providing problem-solving direction to the different, and sometimes conflicting, functional perspectives of logistics and manufacturing. The research streams that characterize these issues are in the domain of supply chain interfaces. Supply chain interfaces are areas where information or physical goods are exchanged between one trading partner and another – where trading partners “interface” with one another to achieve the successful transfer of goods and/or information. The configuration and the operation of seamless flows of material, goods and information within supply chains require efficient interfaces between facilities and stakeholders. Interfaces are vital in terms of the physical transformation of products as well as for the transformation of data and information flows.

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