

LOGISTICS ABC'S

- Enhance your logistics vocabulary



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A

Automation: The use of technology to perform tasks without human intervention, increasingly vital in streamlining logistics operations.

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B

Branding: is the process of creating a distinct identity for a business in the minds of your target audience and the general population.

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DID YOU KNOW?

NextSmartShip can help you build your brand with no MOQ.

This service includes custom packaging, ecofriendly materials, marketing inserts, and product photography.

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C

Customs Clearance: The process of passing goods through customs so they can enter or exit a country, a critical step in international logistics.

D

Demand Forecasting: The practice of predicting future customer demand using historical data, helping in inventory management and planning.

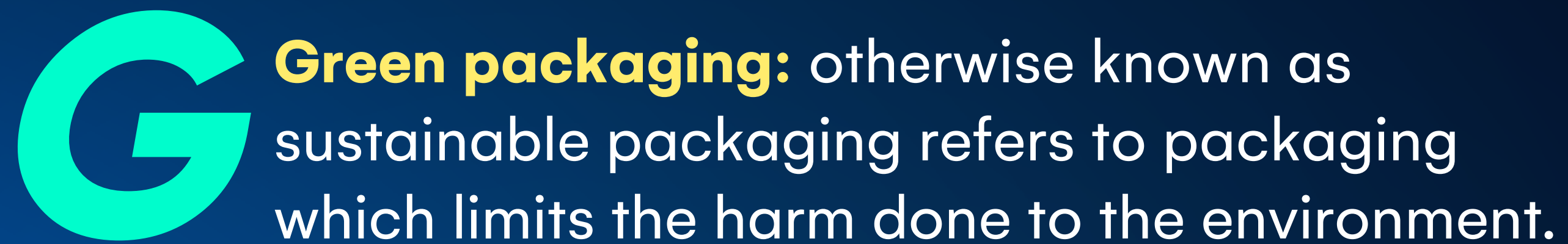
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EDI: A system for exchanging business documents and data electronically between companies, streamlining logistics processes.

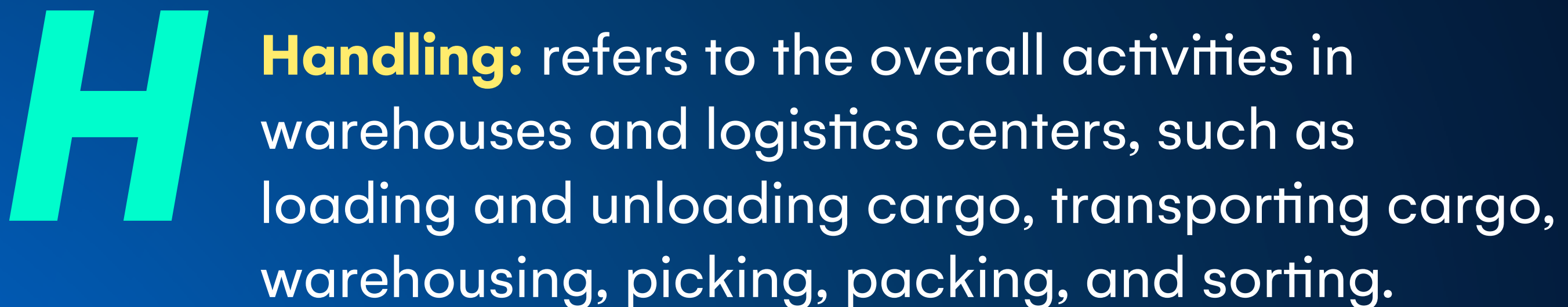
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Fulfillment: The picking and processing of orders for shipping from a distribution or warehouse.



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Green packaging: otherwise known as sustainable packaging refers to packaging which limits the harm done to the environment.

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Handling: refers to the overall activities in warehouses and logistics centers, such as loading and unloading cargo, transporting cargo, warehousing, picking, packing, and sorting.

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NextSmartShip proudly offers a range of green packaging solutions, including our 100% Biodegradable Mailer, Corn Starch Foam, and Nano Cotton among others.



I

Inventory Management: The practice of ordering, storing, and using a company's inventory, including raw materials, components, and finished products.

J

Just-in-Time (JIT): A logistics strategy where goods are produced or received only as needed in the production process, reducing inventory costs.

K

Kitting: the process of assembling two or more products into a kit to send to a customer. The kitting process happens before order fulfillment, so kits are ready when orders come in.

L

Labeling: the process of coding goods with a unique code for better organisation in the facility and improved logistics management.





M

Minimum order quantity (MOQ): is the quantity of stock that must be ordered in order to receive discounted pricing.

N

Network : The system of interconnected warehouses, transportation services, and distribution centers used in logistics.

DID YOU KNOW?

With NextSmartShip's Powerful OMS, you can manage your orders, shipping, tracking, financial expenses, and product inventory on one platform

O

OMS: An order management system (OMS) supports all the stages in your company's sales process — from order creation through delivery, you can manage multiple warehouses within one platform.

P

Pick & pack: a system of selecting customer's orders and placing them directly into a shipping box. It eliminates the need for repacking for shipping, thereby, reducing handling times and improving warehouse efficiency.

Q

Quality Control: The process of ensuring that products and services meet customer expectations and compliance standards in logistics.

R

Receiving: The action of accepting goods at a warehouse or distribution center.



DID YOU KNOW?

You can get free storage in all our warehouses for up to two months.

Contact your fulfillment advisor to see if you are eligible for this offer.

S

Storage: is the activity of storing products at warehouses and logistics centers. It provides a steady supply of goods to the market to fill the temporal gap between producers and consumers.

T

Tracking and Tracing: Systems used to monitor the location and progress of shipments, crucial for transparency and efficiency in logistics.

U

Unit load: Otherwise known as a unitized load, a unit load is any arrangement of materials that are moved by material handling equipment, such as a lift truck, as a single unit (example: palletized loads).

V

Value Added Services: Extra services, such as Branding, Customization and Product Photography, that a fulfillment center will perform in order to meet the needs of their customers.





W

WMS: Warehouse Management System is a software designed to function around three main components: putaway, replenishment, and picking. It allows the system to logically manage the movement and storage of product in the warehouse.

Z

Zones: Shipping zones are geographical areas that carriers use to calculate shipping rates. These zones may vary based on the carrier, region, and country.



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