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WACOS
The Total Warehousing & Cold Store Solution

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WACOS is a sophisticated and feature-packed computer system for warehousing, distribution, cold stores and any facility with a need to control stock.

WACOS is one of the family of systems developed by logistics and distribution software specialists Ideal Business Services Ltd

WACOS offers your operation a host of benefits...

- MANAGE AND TRACK ALL GOODS WITHIN A WAREHOUSE OR COLDSTORE ENVIRONMENT

- TRANSACTIONS ARE SECURE AS USERS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER UNIQUE IDS AND PASSWORDS

- SECURE INTERNET ACCESS TO YOUR SYSTEM CAN BE PROVIDED TO ALLOW CUSTOMER ACCESS AT ANY TIME

- COST REDUCTIONS THROUGH A MODULAR SOLUTION TAILORED TO YOUR NEEDS

- ALL INFORMATIONAL NEEDS OF OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

- SPEEDING UP OF ALL OPERATIONAL PROCESSES

- INCREASED STAFF PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH REDUCED STAFF WORKLOADS

- ACCURATE AND QUALITY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ALL USERS

- INCREASED EFFICIENCY VIA EDI, CUSTOMER ACCESS AND THE INTERNET

- AN EASY TO USE SYSTEM THAT REQUIRES MINIMAL TRAINING

- A SYSTEM THAT CAN GROW AS YOUR ORGANISATION GROWS

- COMPLETE CONTROL AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Minimal training required...

For ease of use, all operations are menu-driven. Information requested or instructions given to operators use plain English, so users will need only the minimum of training

All activities carried out within the system are recorded and the provision of audit controls is fundamental to its operation. Maintenance facilities such as security features, data back-up, restore activities, etc, are provided as a matter of course and operate within guidelines laid down by you, the user.

Customised to your specific needs...

WACOS is modular in design and as such can be easily customised to meet each depot's specific requirements.

High Level Fascilities...

WACOS is a pull-down easy-to-use menu driven system. On entering the system a number of high level facilities are available to you.

File Maintenance
The maintenance of client and stock files enables the entry of static and control data relevant to each client and item of stock. For your ease of use, alphanumerical codes are used rather than more restrictive numeric sequences.

Goods Inward
This section offers a variety of user facilities, including booking in consignment details upon receipt, batch maintenance facilities to control the allocation of batch numbers and pallet number maintenance to aid pallet identification. The system also allows locations to be assigned immediately using the automatic put-away facility. You can also have the optional facility to produce barcode labels for pallets/cartons.

Warehouse
Stock Ledgers This menu allows such processes as printing reports on particular stock codes and batches, determining information on current stock levels, location maintenance, stock adjustments and providing goods received/delivered movement reports.

Goods Outward
The Goods Outward menu has the facility to receive delivery details via EDI. The system can then generate delivery note numbers, individual/bulk picking notes, internal dispatch notes, manifests and barcoded labels. Delivery details may be posted to the ledger individually or via batch process.

Pallet Control
A separate ledger system is available which allows control to be maintained of 'Pallet Stock'. This enables you to maintain accurate information relating to your own and/or Haulier pallet stocks.

HM Customs/Quality Control
The system has facilities to put goods 'in bond', allow samples for testing, input warrant numbers and release goods when bonds are received.

Charging Facilities

Charges can be set up for storage and handling down to client or unit level. The system then produces invoices for rental, handling, picking and other sundry services.

Analysis Reports

WACOS contains a series of standard reports, which can be used for statistical reporting and supplying strategic business management information. Standard analysis reports include:

- Inwards and Outwards Movements
- Opening and Closing Stock
- Closing Stock
- Stock Adjustments
- Stock Transfers
- Stock Summary
- Rotation

In-built Report Generator

This is a simple to use tool, which lets you produce ad-hoc reports and enquiries to your own specification.

Traceability

Over time, as goods enter and leave the warehouse, a vast amount of data will be accumulated on the system. WACOS archives this data and the Archive ensures that a permanent record of all transactions is kept and can be retrieved instantly in the event of a query, thus ensuring total traceability.

Office Automation

Because WACOS is fully ODBC compliant, any standard Windows application can easily be integrated into the system to provide such facilities as word processing, spreadsheets, e-mail, Internet connection, etc.

Automated Technologies

The system has additional facilities available for automated faxing, barcoding, external EDI communication and the integration of various types of hand-held/wrist-mounted Radio Terminals. All automated communication may be carried out without operator intervention, utilising off-peak charges.

WACOS operates on industry standard Microsoft and PC hardware/software platforms in a Client/Server environment:

Server Microsoft Windows 2000/2003 Linux IBM UniData/NT Multidimensional Relational Database System Builder/NT 4th Generation Application Generator

Client Microsoft Windows 98 or XP SB Client

All functions are fully integrated and utilise on-line processing techniques, including features such as *"immediate data validation"*.

Testimonials

"As a long-standing customer of Ideal I am pleased to put in writing our appreciation of the services that you have provided for us over the years. The Ideal Warehousing and Coldstorage Solution (WACOS) has provided us with many benefits, including:

- Seamless and rapid flow of information from receipt to dispatch of customers' goods
- Accurate stock control
- Full product traceability
- Better coldstore / warehouse space utilization
- Excellent communication with customers via automatic email facility

In addition, Ideal's support has always been first-rate and you've always been there when we need you. In summary, I would have no hesitation in recommending your services to any other organisation."
IBL COLD STORES

"I am writing in connection with the bespoke solution which Ideal developed for us. It has given us:

- The ability to control customers' stocks with a high degree of accuracy and reliability and give customers timely information
- The facility to control production and blending processes to meet the needs of our customers
- The recording of information to meet the requirements of HM Customs and to ensure complete traceability as required by the many Food Standards auditors

We thank you for your help and support, it has been much appreciated."
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