

EDI @ Amazon

EDI = Electronic Data Interchange

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) is the computer-to-computer exchange to make business processes faster, cheaper and error free by standardizing and automating.

Ordering via EDI is very simple: Amazon places its purchase orders electronically via the EDIFACT message type **ORDERS**. As a confirmation, we expect your qualitative order response and invoice via the message types **ORDRSP** and **INVOIC**, with the most important document being the real-time order response. Order shipment notifications are communicated through the message type **DESADV**. This shipment notification message will include information on the purchase orders, items and quantities in the shipment.

Note on the INVOIC message type and Advantage vendors: Advantage vendors cannot use the INVOIC message type, as they are paid by Amazon, based upon actual sales to the customer, with Amazon claiming a commission on the sale.

To optimize business processes, Amazon supports sales reporting with the message type **SLSRPT** (from Amazon to vendor), as well as cost and inventory reporting with the message type **INVRPT** (from vendor to Amazon).

Please note that each EDI transmission must contain all mandatory data elements as defined in the Amazon EDI specifications.

EDI benefits:

EDI makes sense if you spend considerable time on the administration around Supply Chain processes (confirming purchase orders, manually creating ASNs or invoices or communicating updates of price or obsolete items).

EDI is much more than only costs for IT-infrastructure. There is common agreement that EDI provides strategic and operational benefits, which could generate short and long-term advantages for you, such as:

- Cost and error reduction, faster cycles (Manual processes get automated or half-automated which saves costs, for example manual labor costs)
- Employees who previously worked on manual administrative tasks will be freed up to do something else and create added value for your company
- Additional flexibility (If you use EDI you can still use Vendor Central in parallel as per your needs)
- Faster processing on electronic level can drive new approaches to your physical processes and make them fit for future competition on your market
- Deeper integration between the systems of business partners creates a better long term business relationship

Above effects multiply as you can use EDI with other of your business partners as well. The EDI standard EDIFACT is widely used and it is the predominant EDI standard in the EU.

Additional Information

The Amazon **EDI Package** contains detailed information regarding EDI, each message type, connectivity, and the integration process.