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### Supply Chain Management: Implications for Logistics Service Providers

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### Agenda

- NITL
- What is SCM?
- Implications for LSPs
- Some Future Trends



#### History of NITL

- Report "World Class to Serve the World"
- National Centre for Supply Chain Excellence
- Supported by the National Development Plan, managed by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, set up at the DIT
- April 1998

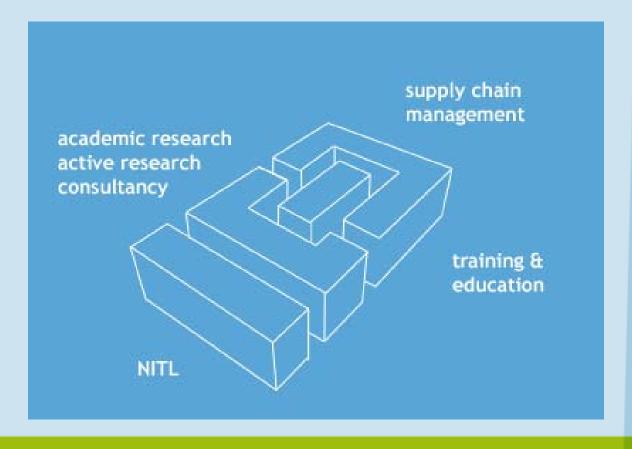


#### **Mission Statement**

NITL will support the achievement of competitive advantage in Irish firms by creating a fundamental new resource for logistics and supply chain efficiency.



#### **NITL Structure / Activities**



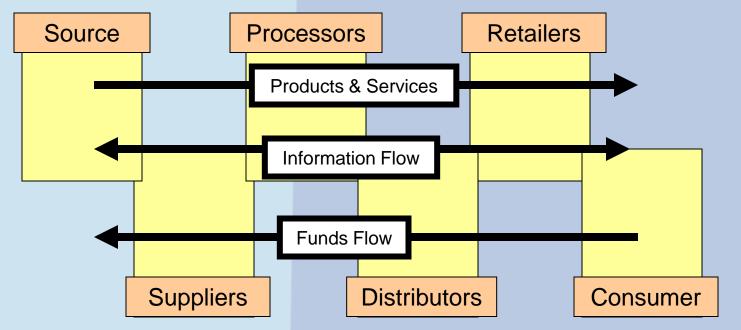


# Fundamental 1 - The Aims of Supply Chain Management

- Supply Chain Management aims to achieve competitive advantage through:
- Enhanced Customer Service
- Optimised Costs and Investments
- SCM provides the end customer with the right product at the right time, priced at the right level, in the right quantity and quality



## Fundamental 2 - Supply Chain Philosophy



A product reaches the final consumer through a chain of companies which will typically include suppliers, processors, distributors and retailers.



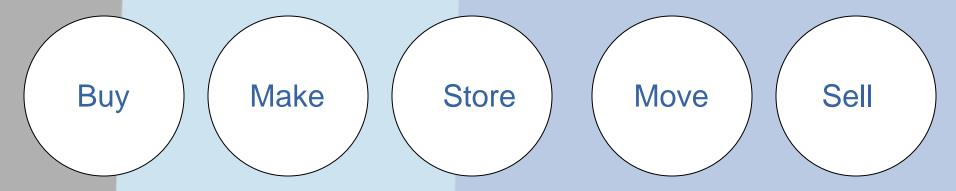
#### The Weakest Link

 Without the right companies across the supply chain to work with, a company will never achieve true competitive advantage. In other words

The supply chain is only as strong as its weakest link.



# What is Supply Chain Management?



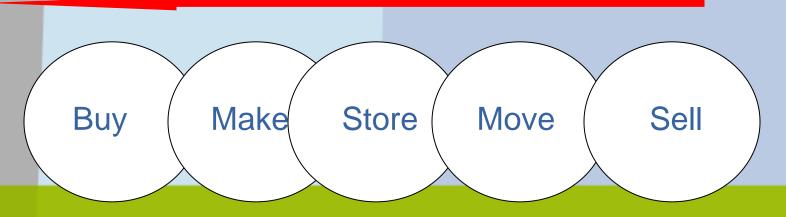
Traditionally these functions are managed in isolation and often operate at cross purposes.



# What is Supply Chain Management?

Supply chain management integrates these functions by holistically managing the information, material and financial flows.

Information and Money

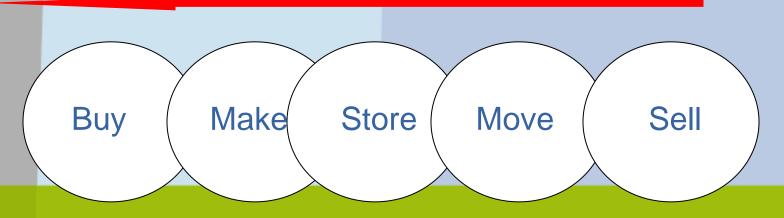




### Fundamental 3 - Management of the Flows

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## Fundamental 4 - Relationships

- Re-assessment of internal and external customer/supplier relationships.
- SCM is not a "zero-sum game" based on adversarial relationships
  - SCM is a "win-win" game based on partnership relationships?



### Summary

| Fundamental         | Indicative Descriptor  |
|---------------------|--|
| 1 Objectives        | Customer Service/Supply Chain Investment and costs   |
| 2. Philosophy       | Supply Chain vs. Supply Chain (i.e. <u>not</u> Company vs. Company) – the chain is only As strong as it's weakest link |
| 3. Manage the Flows | Integrated management of the material, money and information flows throughout the chain                                |
| 4. Relationships    | Re-appraisal of internal and external customer/ supplier relationships   |



### Implications for Logistics Service Providers - 3PLs?

- Origins emanate from freight forwarders, warehousing companies, haulage companies.
- Originally in the 1980s, these organisations offered transport and warehousing.
- "Third party logistics are activities carried out by a logistics service provider on behalf of a shipper consisting of at least warehouse and transport activities".



### Implications for Logistics Service Providers - 4PLs?

- 3PL services had progressed as far as they could possibly go.
- Further improvements would require a more holistic approach of the entire supply chain.
- 4PL is an information owning entity, that might not own specific resources, capabilities or technology itself.
- "An integrator that assembles the resources, capabilities and technology of its own organisation and other organisations to design, build and run comprehensive supply chain solutions".



#### Some Future Trends

- More 4PLs
- More alliances and partnerships
- Virtual supply chains
- Globalisation of supply chains
- IT as an enabler
- Leading to 2nd Generation SCM



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