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Supply Chain 2.0

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- Resilient
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Know Your Supplier

A case study

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COMPANY IDENTITY

Standard for International Business Registration Number ISO 8000-116

PRODUCT or SERVICE

Standard for Product Specifications - ISO 8000-114 Standard for International Part Numbers - ISO 8000-115

GLOBAL LOCATION

Standard for Locations ISO 8000-118

DATE/TIME

Standard for Dates/Times ISO 8601

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Fortune 500 company | Glass, Ceramics & Concrete Manufacturing

Goal : Supplier optimization to cut cost, reduce risk and leverage relationships

Task

Validate consolidated supplier master data for 24,245 supplier records covering 81 countries

Researched the ISO 8000-116 formatted International Business Registration Number (IBRN) plus legal name and date of origin from the relevant government business register*

(* authoritative data that ECCMA verifies for its members with government business registers in the majority of the world's countries, representing 97% of world GDP)

Results

- 17,111 supplier records (71%⁺) were independently validated in 33 countries
- 7,134 supplier records (29%) could not be independently validated and the supplier asked for more information (who are you? what is your legal name and where were you incorporated?)

⁺Today

100% of the company's suppliers are identified (no duplicate supplier records)



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Outcome

Of the 17,111 validated supplier records 7,060 (41%) were duplicate records!

IBRNs researched	24,245	100%	
IBRNs verified	17,111	71%	
Further information required from vendor to validate legal entity	7,134	29%	
Verified IBRNs		17,111	100%
Verified International Business Registrations		10,051	59%
Duplicate records linked to master Legal Entity Identifier records		7,060	41%



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Action ! 41% of matched supplier records were duplicate records

That's a solid basis for a supplier optimization plan

Unambigously identify suppliers	 Are we buying the same item from the same supplier at different prices? If you have a centralized procurement team the answer is "probably"
Identify supplier relationships	 Are we buying the same item from members of a group at different prices? One company may own several others (common with brands) If you have a centralized procurement team the answer is "yes" If you have more than one procurement team the answer is "absolutely"
Supplier optimization	 Could we buy the same item from different suppliers at a better price? Total Cost, Risk, Ability to provide ISO 8000 quality data

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Situation

- Technology: No MDM tool, many IT applications
- Process: Completely decentralized processes
- People: Many partial FTEs (no SMEs)
- Data: Many instances of same supplier, incomplete

What we learned

- Huge enabler for agile supply chain performance
- Get control of supplier add process
- ISO 8000-116 ALEI validates & ID's duplicates
- More uses for golden record than initially thought
- Need a good MDM tool