



DAKOSY Reference: Agility

Agility performs with faster import processing in the Port of Hamburg

The logistics service provider Agility is one of the top users of the Import Message Platform (IMP) and profits from significantly quicker and more effective handling while processing imports in the Port of Hamburg.

The key is the automated functionality of the platform – the so-called AutoIMP. The Import Message Platform was introduced into the Port of Hamburg as part of the Port Community System developed by DAKOSY over five years ago. This intelligent platform supports and optimizes the entire import process from loading at the vessel through to delivery of goods with the customer.

“With AutoIMP, Customs processing is speeded up and the work of our sea freight employees is also made significantly easier,” says Heiko Rath, Manager of Customs, AEO and Compliance at Agility.

About Agility

>> Agility provides a global network of efficient supply chains, offers personalized and tailor-made services in industrialized as well as in challenging emerging markets throughout the world.

Agility is a leading global provider of integrated logistics solutions. It is a listed company with sales of over \$4.3 billion, over 22,000 employees, and more than 500 offices in 100 countries.

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Enormous savings potential



Heiko Rath
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He sees a clear competitive advantage in using IMP. "We found it surprising that for a long time the functionality was only used by a few freight forwarders. On the Customs side, we use the automation from the Port of Hamburg for all German locations and thereby deliver our import containers significantly faster. With about 1,000 containers per month, that adds up a lot."

The procedure is easy: for each container, Agility sends a so-called Disposition to IMP as early as possible, i.e., five to six workdays before the arrival of the vessel. "The data is quick to input into the web app, since it is only necessary to enter three fields: container number, original BL and information about what mode of transport will follow," says Heiko Rath.

Meanwhile ZODIAK, the Customs software used by Agility, transmits an "advance import Customs declaration" to ATLAS, which states that the confirmation will automatically follow. As soon as the Discharge Date message comes from the terminal, IMP begins the process with an automated status message to ZODIAK. The Customs declaration is then confirmed in ATLAS.

"The savings potential is enormous – especially for containers which are discharged outside normal working hours, weekdays after 6 p.m. or at weekends.

In the past, employees had to work longer hours and at the weekends, or the customs processing had to wait until the next morning or after the weekend. Add to that the fact that Customs is usually backlogged, and then the clearance process took even longer. Thanks to AutoIMP, Customs can now process automated declarations nights as well as weekends, and our employees begin their workdays much more relaxed."

Also the trucking companies that transport for Agility profit. They can now avoid the long wait times which occur at check-in counters, especially on Monday mornings, because 95 to 96 % of their containers are already released. This way they can better plan their transports and complete them more quickly.

