

AAK

Transforming Procurement and **Technical** Collaboration

25

Hours a week is spent by procurement and technical departments chasing suppliers for information – *Industry figures for food and beverage organisations*



AAK's procurement and technical teams want to ensure all information they gather is **valid** and **correct**. Data such as remittance information, insurance certificates, allergen policies, sustainability accreditations and policies such as **GSFI** and **Codes of Conduct** all need to be gathered and stored by AAK.

However, this chasing of information is often time consuming and can be at risk of re-keying errors, in addition to the increased likelihood of lost or expired documents and silos of information.

Sustainable ingredients used in AAK's highly-regulated food products are sourced internationally, which means relevant sustainability certifications, amongst others, must be collected to verify suppliers' claims.

Challenges



Consolidate all supplier information and enable remote access for all key stakeholders



Streamlined strategic sourcing platform encompassing sourcing, negotiation, supplier information and contract management



Enable collaboration between departments across geographical boundaries



Have confidence in the ability to prove due diligence has been undertaken throughout the supply chain

This often results not only in procurement teams chasing suppliers for information, but can also further delay the approval process which involves technical, quality, and supply chain departments.

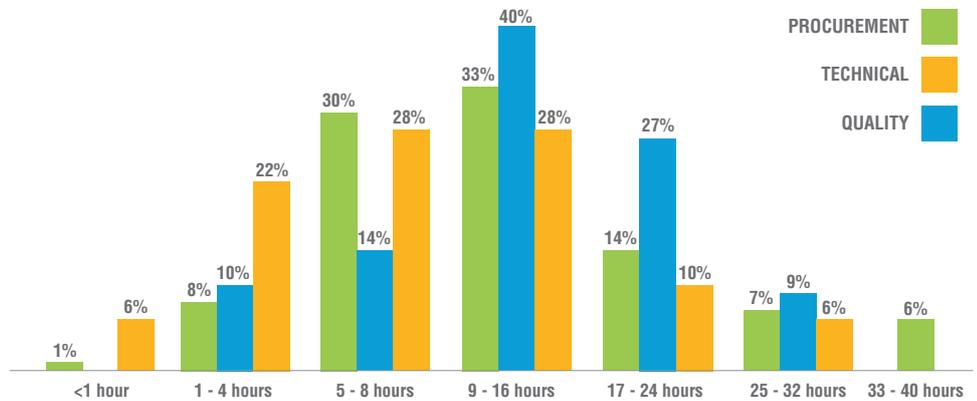
To deliver supply base confidence using a streamlined solution, AAK implemented:



How

much time does the organisation/business typically spend on chasing suppliers for information each week?

The survey, conducted by 3GEM on behalf of Trade Interchange, found the amount of time spent per week chasing suppliers for information by procurement, quality and technical departments



How has ARCUS® SIM aided AAK?

ARCUS® Supplier Information Management (SIM) allows AAK to on-board and manage supplier data, including sustainability, production and technical information at both a company and site level. This helps to ensure transparency and compliance within the supply chain. Automatic reminders chase suppliers for information, reducing the hours spent on this time-consuming task. All supplier information and documents collected are stored in the cloud, which can be remotely accessed at any time by all approved stakeholders.

Large volumes of data are gathered directly from the supplier, which is then kept in the cloud providing evidence of due diligence throughout the supply chain. This single source of information means there is no risk of re-keying errors, in addition to providing professionals across departments with easy access to the information they need to approve.

AAK also use ARCUS® eRFx and ARCUS® eAUC to achieve the best market value for their ingredients, and ARCUS® Supplier Contract Management (SCM) to monitor the lifecycle of contracts from pre-approval to renewal. ARCUS® Product Information Management (PIM) is also used to gather product specific information such as allergens and product specifications, while Manufacturing Site Information and Manufacturing Site Audit plug-ins to ARCUS® SIM ensure supplier site compliance with all company and government regulations.

Benefits

- Single source of accurate information which can be remotely accessed to protect the brand and prove due diligence
- Reduces the time taken to approve and on-board suppliers
- Supplier information is visible to all relevant professionals across departments around the globe
- Ensures supplier compliance with company, government and industry specific regulations
- Streamlined solution delivers confidence in the supply chain

20%

Reduce vendor costs

Supplier information management systems can reduce vendor costs by 10-20% – Dunn & Bradstreet

'The deployment of SIM in the business has greatly streamlined our data collection, and improved the ease of maintaining the information. Critically, it has allowed us to share information across geographical boundaries and departments.'

San Tickle, Procurement Manager European Region AAK (Benelux) & Project Lead Supplier Information, AAK



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