About Agility

With its global network and in-country experts based around the world, Agility provides highly-efficient supply chain services in industrial and emerging markets.

Pharmaceutical and food logistics is another main area of activity: the specialists at the Agility Pharma and Nutrition Competence Centre in Basle are well-acquainted with the specific requirements for temperature controlled transportation as well as cold-chain solutions for pharmaceutical products and perishable food products.

In addition to providing logistics solutions for the chemical industry, machinery sector and trade, the Swiss national organisation also focuses on the Trade Lanes serving the Middle East and Latin America.

Services

- Freight forwarding (air, ocean, road)
- Warehousing & Distribution
- Supply Chain Consulting
- Customs Clearance
- Project Logistics
- Fairs & Events
- Pharma Competence Centre (PCC)
- Nutrition Competence Centre (NCC)
- Document legalization
Customer Examples

Consolidating pharmaceutical products and increasing transparency in the supply chain solve regulatory challenges and create 30% savings

A global pharmaceutical company based in Germany faces many regulatory and logistical challenges distributing its temperature sensitive products from eight different European countries: Austria, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland and the UK. The company’s specialized products require controlled-room temperature and cold chain transportation. Complying with these needs and EU regulations for Good Distribution Practices (GDP) can drive up shipping costs, impact profit margins along the supply chain, and complicate an already complex distribution process. In order to meet dual goals of efficiency and compliance, the company needed a centrally controlled supply chain to transport its products across borders in temperature-controlled vehicles within 24 to 48 hours. Agility generated direct and indirect savings of up to as much as 30% by creating a LTL road freight solution. Agility deployed our expertise in both freight forwarding products and the life sciences industry to implement a sustainable system with a dedicated 24/7 customer desk with constant GPS tracking enabling full transparency and GDP compliance.

Pumping savings into a bicycle manufacturer’s growth plans

While laying plans for future growth, a leading European bicycle manufacturer enlisted Agility to provide strategies for cost effective supply chain solutions. Logistics experts at Agility Switzerland developed a high-level virtual model that illuminated inbound and outbound flows. This exercise enabled the manufacturer to determine the optimum number and location of future distribution centers. The model also improved transparency to actual product volume flows and a view of the company’s overall supplier base. Based on Agility Switzerland’s data analysis and evaluation of assorted options, the company was better able to see its way forward, and put cost saving approaches such as customer and product segmentation into practice, along with innovative logistics concepts like purchase order and inventory management systems and contracted assembly. Advanced planning with help from Agility created a roadmap for future implementation of a robust worldwide supply chain.

Helping clinical trial specialist to navigate in complex supply chains

Clinical trials are important for ensuring drugs and treatments are safe for patients and effective at treating diseases. The complex supply chain that supports clinical trials is equally important. A specialist in clinical trials had to deal with the challenges of maintaining cold chain integrity, shipment security, and protecting its intellectual property. Agility’s dedicated GDP-certified team in Basel made things easier for the company by providing round-the-clock support and end-to-end solutions. This includes customizing a product for specific shipments, ensuring full shipment visibility, and providing temperature-controlled packaging material to ensure the shipments arrive at their destinations in optimal condition. Agility’s concept of operations enabled the company to meet ever-changing demands from laboratories and research groups around the world while adhering to the highest level of quality, performance, reliability and sustainability standards.