

Handling pet food, seeds, and more at Eric Schweizer AG

## **A 40 percent increase in process efficiency**

Operating from their historic premises in Steffisburg, Switzerland, Eric Schweizer AG puts their trust in the LFS.wms warehouse management system. Thanks to Ehrhardt + Partner's logistics software, the leading supplier of seeds, fertilizers, and pet food is able to bring order into a sophisticated warehouse structure. Specialist retailers and professional users of the company's various market sectors alike benefit from a significant increase in process efficiency while ensuring more secure stock levels and end-to-end batch traceability. Since introducing LFS.wms, the Swiss supplier has been conducting inventory checks during regular operations.

Eric Schweizer AG produces and sells seeds for agriculture, products for lawns and green areas, and food and grooming products for pets. The company operates five branch offices all across Switzerland, as well as a laboratory for soil and environmental analyses. Founded in 1840, SCHWEIZER maintains stocks of more than 4,000 different items and raw materials in Steffisburg, at a site that is steeped in tradition. The warehouse processes take place in the production and in the shipping area. Up until now, staff have been picking orders using a paper-based system. On premises that are partially listed as a historic landmark, the warehouse is separated into a newly constructed area and into the shipping area. "We wanted to see our sophisticated warehouse structure reflected in state-of-the-art logistics software, and to simplify our processes as a result. Our most important goal was to ensure more secure stock levels," Markus Joss explains, Warehouse Manager at Eric Schweizer AG. "LFS has allowed us to achieve that goal. Furthermore, our staff also benefit as their work is considerably easier."

### **Keeping an eye on stock levels**

With the LFS.wms warehouse management system, Eric Schweizer AG have standardized and modernized their logistics processes. This Swiss company with a

long tradition benefits from significantly more secure stock levels and an end-to-end batch traceability that is maintained throughout the entire workflow. To manage and handle logistics processes in the shipping area (that includes 6,600 bin locations), staff use mobile data recording equipment and pick-by-voice. This allows stock levels to be recorded in real-time and to be accessible at all times, also making it easier to conduct inventory checks. Even during seasonal peaks, where the number of orders may go as high as 180 a day, SCHWEIZER continues conducting inventory checks in tandem with day-to-day operations and without requiring any warehouse downtime. With LFS.wms, process efficiency increases by up to 40 percent.

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**1. Filling seed bags**  
**2. Multi-head scale in the pet food area**  
**3. Palleted goods**  
**4. Warehouse shipping area**

#### **Ehrhardt + Partner**

Ehrhardt + Partner Group (EPG) is one of the leading logistics experts in the world and, with their LFS software suite, offers a comprehensive solution for all industries. LFS as a supply chain execution system is currently in successful use across five continents and allows the entirety of logistics processes to be managed and controlled across all business units. E+P, the global group, was founded in 1987 and now employs upwards of 500 staff at 14 locations. More than 60,000 users the world over use the LFS system for their supply chain management. The features offered by the LFS software suite include everything you might need for comprehensive logistics management: the LFS.wms warehouse management system to manage and control your intralogistics; the LFS.mfc material flow calculator; and the LFS.tms transportation management solution for efficient tour handling and planning. Radio data transmission solutions, warehouse planning and consulting, private cloud and hosting services, and warehouse seminars conducted at the LFS.academy round out the list of comprehensive solutions provided by the E+P Group. Together with in-depth consulting services in relation to warehouse technology, extensive expert knowledge in the area of warehouse logistics, and solid technical support: E+P is your one-stop solution provider. At present, more than 1,000 customers across all industries can be found on our list of references.

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