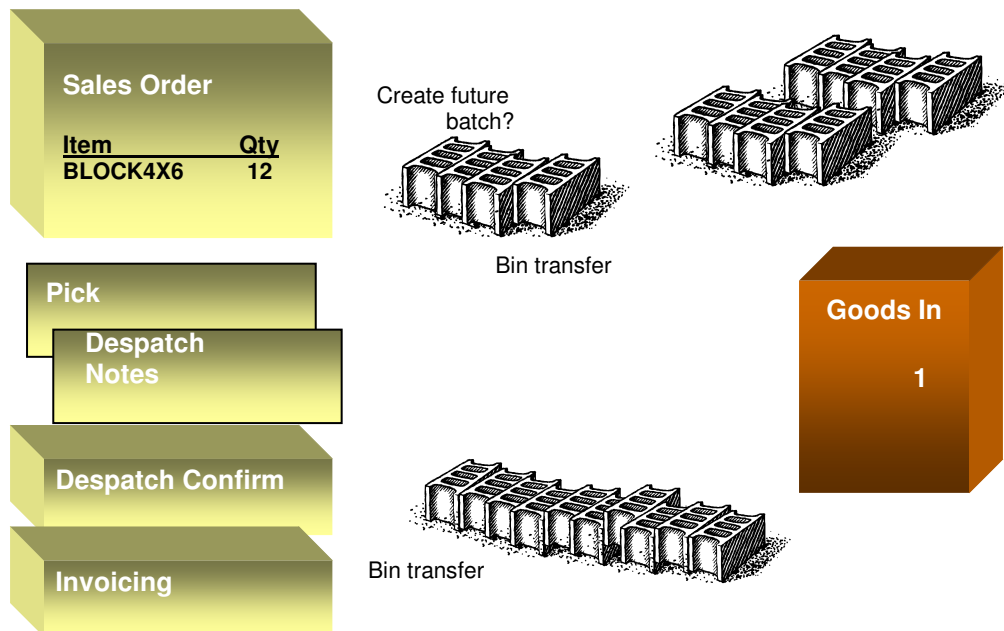


Future Stock

There are times when the physical elements of a business get ahead of the paper work. For example, your sales order entry team have orders for items that are either onsite but not yet booked in to stock or are just about to arrive from another warehouse or just about to be completed in a production run. The most efficient process may be to allocate the 'future' stock to a sales order, saving a back order situation

The Future Stock Allocation module provides future stock batches from within Sales Order Entry, allowing stock to be allocated and the order to be processed as though the stock actually exists. Picking Lists, Despatch Notes, Despatch Confirmation and Invoices can all be produced in the normal way. When the 'real' stock is ready to be entered into the system, the module identifies any future batches, matches the real receipt to the future batch receipt ensuring no duplication of stock receipts.



Sales Order Entry

In sales order entry the operator is given an option to allocate stock, regardless of the available free stock calculated by the Sage inventory control module.

The assumption is made that the operator is aware the stock is physically available but is not yet available through inventory control and is therefore able to allocate and despatch the physical available stock.

In order to ensure the system inventory is in balance, a future batch is created automatically to support any shortfall in the available free stock as defined by the system. The future batch is generated as if it were a Bin-to-Bin transfer.

Batch and stock movement costing will be determined by the system key STCOSTTYPE.

A sales order linked to a future batch is able to be processed as any other sales order - up to and including sales order invoicing.

Pick List Generation

Pick list generation has been modified to ensure all despatches are taken from normal batches in preference to future batches. Future batches are used when all available normal batches have been used and where the operator has specifically hard-allocated a future batch to a sales order.

The bin location of the future batch is defaulted to the stock bin held on the stock item.

Despatch Confirmation

Despatch confirmation requires no modification and works with sales orders utilising stock from future batches.

Stock history is updated with the details of the batch fulfilling the sales order in question - this will include the costing values as defined by the system key STCOSTTYPE.

Invoicing

Sales order invoicing requires no modification and will work with sales orders utilising stock from future production batches.

Sales invoices will be updated with the details of the batch fulfilling the sales order in question - this will include the costing values as defined by the system key STCOSTTYPE.

POP Receipts / Inventory Receipts

At any point in the processing of the sales order, the actual physical stock used to fulfil the sales order may be booked into the system via a POP Receipt or Inventory Receipt.

The receipting process has been modified to identify if future batches have been created against the product being booked in.

If future batches are found, the receipt will be adjusted with a negative Bin-to-Bin transfer, up to the quantity being booked in.

Future Production Batch Costing

The costs held on a future batch are those determined by the system keys STCOSTTYPE and STWTAVCOST.

Depending on the setting of these system keys, future batches may have costing information that does match that used when the actual production batch is created.

Using STCOSTYPE of STANDARD and setting STWAVCOST to NO will ensure that there is no possible cost difference between the use of future production and actual production batches in order processing.

NOTES

Receive Future Batch Inventory - Production Receipts

When a future batch is received it is matched against the first available future stock batch. However the batches matched against this received batch are not "re-numbered" to use the received batch number.

This means the existing batches always retain their original batch number and so can be traced easily but also means that when the stock audit trail is viewed it shows the actual production receipt batch number indicating a production receipt.

DNS Orders

The line quantity on status 6 (DNS) can not be modified if the line is matched against a future batch (either partially or in whole).

FOC lines

FOC lines generated by Telesales FOC functionality will not generate future stock batches automatically. To create a future batch against an FOC line - re-enter the line manually and change the allocated quantity to ensure the future batch is created.

Despatch Confirmation

If the order quantity of lines matched against future batches is reduced in Despatch Confirmation, then the future batch and physical stock quantities will be reduced to the new reduced quantity.

Therefore, in effect, the operator is indicating that the actual physical quantity of the stock allocated to the order was incorrect and therefore the physical stock quantity needed to be reduced.

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