

# Comprehensive management of spices and condiments for food industry professionals

Food company Établissements Moiret drives zero-emission order distribution with Easy WMS.

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#### **CHALLENGES**

• Strategically organise spices and condiments to **streamline all** warehouse operations.

• **Prepare more orders** in less time for clients in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region.

#### SOLUTIONS

 Easy WMS warehouse management system.
Pallet racking.

Picking shelves.

#### **BENEFITS**

• Full, real-time control over the status of **800 SKUs**.

• Fulfilment of up to **120 orders a day** with variable demand peaks.

Based in Grésivaudan (France), Établissements Moiret markets organic spices and condiments to butcher shops, fishmongers, delicatessens, catering companies and sausage manufacturers in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region. Its commitment to innovation has led the business to expand its product catalogue of sauces and seasoning and share culinary recipes on its own YouTube channel.

#### » Founded: 1990

» Annual turnover: €5.2 million

Organic spice and condiment distributor Établissements Moiret has implemented Mecalux's Easy WMS in its 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> logistics centre in La Buissière (Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, France). "We decided to digitalise our facility to reduce errors, ensure stock traceability and fulfil more orders in less time," says Guillaume Lafosse, Director of the French company.

The Easy WMS warehouse management system intervenes in all processes in Établissements Moiret's facility. Thanks to its photovoltaic panels, the centre is energy independent. The business has total control of its merchandise, from the receipt of products from French and German suppliers to the distribution of orders to clients in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region. The organisation also prioritises environmental protection, implementing a box recycling policy to give used packaging a second life.

#### **Complete product control**

"Our day-to-day consists of storing and distributing spices and condiments to food companies such as butcher shops, fishmongers and catering businesses," says Lafosse.

With the help of Easy WMS, stock control is foolproof. "Our warehouse used to have fixed



positions, meaning each SKU was assigned a specific location." Nevertheless, the organisation found it difficult to track batches and best-before dates. "Operators had to remember where each product was slotted," says Lafosse.

Digitalising the storage process ensures that organic goods are kept in ideal conditions. "Easy WMS organises stock following the FEFO method, where the first to expire are the first out. This strategy ensures items will be shipped well before their best-by dates and minimises the likelihood of them losing their potency in the warehouse."

The Mecalux software also helps employees locate products and conduct physical inventories. "Before, an operator could take several weeks to do stock counts for the 800 SKUs stored. With Easy WMS, they only need an hour," says Lafosse. Établissements Moiret has full traceability of its spices and condiments





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Inventory control has improved the quality of the service Établissements Moiret provides to its clients. By monitoring the number of products available, the company can organise replenishment in advance. "Our priority is to eliminate any possibility of a stockout and check the status of each batch," says Lafosse.

The warehouse is divided into three different areas where merchandise is distributed based on its characteristics and demand level. The facility is equipped with an HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) control system that keeps stock within the same temperature range throughout the year. It also has a 500 m3 cold store for SKUs that need to be housed at a controlled temperature. "Easy WMS has provided us with numerous benefits: real-time product traceability, streamlined picking and better supply management," says Lafosse.

#### **Evolution of order fulfilment**

Easy WMS has optimised order picking for Établissements Moiret. This process is crucial for the business, as it is committed to delivering goods to food companies within one to two days. The organisation uses an electric vehicle to ensure zero-emission distribution to clients located near the La Buissière facility.

"Depending on the season, we deliver up to 120 orders daily," says Lafosse. To perform picking, operators travel around the warehouse, retrieving products from pallet racking or picking shelves. Then, they move them to the consolidation area. Lafosse highlights the speed achieved in picking: "Operators go to the locations to pick the merchandise they need by following the predefined route set by Easy WMS."

Used with RF scanners, the software not only speeds up order picking but also ensures greater accuracy and traceability. These devices enable double verification in picking operations. That is, workers must scan both the product's label and its location before retrieving it, reducing the possibility of error.

### Seasonal, data-based intralogistics operations

Établissements Moiret's business is highly seasonal, with demand peaks varying according to the time of year. To address this complexity, the company employs advanced analytics to make more informed decisions and manage high-sales periods effectively.

"Easy WMS continuously collects and extracts data on what happens in our warehouse," says Lafosse. With this information, the French organisation can meticulously monitor its intralogistics processes, anticipate unforeseen situations and take proactive measures to improve efficiency.

"Mecalux integrated Easy WMS with our Incwo ERP system to facilitate real-time data management," says Lafosse. This interconnectedness provides a more complete and up-to-date view of the business. Among other key aspects, it allows the sales team to access real-time information about available inventory.

Digitalisation has marked a significant milestone in Établissements Moiret's journey. From comprehensive spice management to efficient order fulfilment, the company has optimised every aspect of its supply chain to offer its clients exceptional service.

