



DLA Distribution Europe delivers school supplies to Department of Defense Education Activity

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Recently, DLA Distribution Europe was contacted by Department of Defense Education Activity Europe, or DoDEA-E, concerning a problem they were experiencing with timely deliveries of supplies and equipment for the Department of Defense Dependents School System, or DoDDS.

Previously, the process for freight destined for DoDDS, most of it flowing through Theater Consolidation and Shipping Point Europe, or TCSP-E, was to process and stage the material until a truckload was available, which could take up to two weeks. DoDEA-E would then be contacted by DLA Distribution Europe for DoDDS to coordinate a truck to pick-up the freight and route it to Mainz-Kastel Wiesbaden, Germany, where it would sit for an additional one to two weeks. Finally the freight was distributed to the schools. The entire process from the time the supplies and equipment were available at DLA Distribution Europe and TCSP-E to final delivery to the end customer was taking four to six weeks to complete.

DoDEA-E then recently contacted the organization to support direct deliveries to their schools. Operations, transportation, and TCSP-E coordinated the best way to support the 88 Department of Defense Activity Address Codes, averaging 75 deliveries per month and covering nine countries including: Great Britain, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Portugal (Azores), Spain, Italy, Turkey, and Bahrain. Delivery details were coordinated with the customer, including the best days to deliver, point of contacts, material handling equipment restrictions and installation access restrictions.

The deliveries utilize a combination of small parcel carriers, transportation within Germany and commercial carriers when needed for deliveries directly to the end customer. The plan was implemented with an estimated average reduction of customer wait time of 4 to 5 weeks, benefiting the students of DoDEA-E and the families of our Warfighters.



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