## VM3COP20.43 - Requesting Quotes from Shippers

### Calculation:

Quoted price from courier

- + 10% for UK, or 15% for export
- + insurance

## **Suggested Couriers:**

Kuehne + Nagel – Account manager is Deborah Scott - 0113 200 8000 deborah.scott@kuehne-nagel.com
Excellent customer service. Usually have the best rates of all quotes received.

Aramex - Account manager is Lindsay Taylor - 0161 908 3922 lindsay.taylor@aramex.com

Good customer service. Can be expensive, but will ship via courier to the middle and far east.

UPS Freight - Account manager is David Beard - 01924 876125 dtownsendbeard@ups.com

Export pallets only, cannot accommodate UK pallets. Competitive rates. Good for USA import and export.

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# A quote can be requested when a customer asks to use a courier other than UPS or a pallet is required for UK or export shipments.

Add the quote, proforma (VM3COP27.31) or order (UK - VM3COP20.30, Export - VM3COP20.31) to Opera, excluding the carriage line and place on priority 8. Request a box/pallet size and weight from Goods Out.

Email the suggested couriers/freight companies and give them the following information:

- Ask for air freight door-to-door service
- Collection address (Viamed)
- Full delivery address excluding company name
- Dimensions of package/pallet
- Weight of package/pallet
- Generic description of goods e.g. medical electronics, medical oxygen hoods. Always state that they are non-hazardous
- The value of the order in GBP
- Viamed do not have access for articulated trucks
- The carrier needs a tail-lift and pallet truck for pallet collections
- Ask which courier will be transporting the goods
- Request insurance
- Request quote reference number

If the order is urgent, call the shippers instead as they can often give a price over the telephone.

When quotations are received, ensure the insurance has been included, if not, request it again from the courier. Add a surcharge to the total to cover packaging costs, handling and currency fluctuations; this is 10% for UK delivery addresses and 15% for export delivery addresses. Then add the insurance cost. Print the quotations and place with the order paperwork.

Note: after the total has been calculated, UK pallet charges can be rounded up or down to the nearest £5 in order to keep the totals tidy.

Some couriers, e.g. Kuehne & Nagel, sub-contract other couriers such as FedEx and TNT, ensure that the customer can receive shipments from the chosen courier.

The most cost and time effective quote from an acceptable courier who can meet the required needs will be used for the order, thank the other couriers and advise the chosen courier of the expected ship date, if known.

**Note**: If a customer declines insurance, we need them to advise us in writing.

## **Exchanging the Currency**



If the customer is not trading with us in GBP, this quote then needs exchanging to the appropriate currency as per the customer's Opera account.



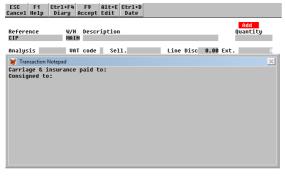
From Intrastats, Click on the 'X' tab and click 'Exchange Rates'



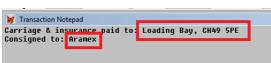
Enter the total value of the carriage (including the 10% or 15% Viamed surcharge, insurance and V.A.T. where appropriate) into the 'Pounds' field. Click Submit and the exchanged values will appear beneath. The Euro or Dollar amount (as appropriate) is the value to enter into Opera.

Print the page and place with the order paperwork for checking.

# Adding the Quotation to the Quote/Proforma/Order



Return to Opera, locate the customer's account and edit the order/proforma. Amend the priority to '2' and proceed to the next page. Press the 'F5' key to add an additional line.

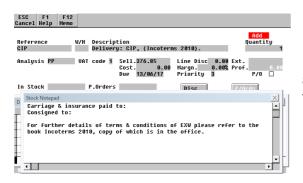


Use reference 'CIP', when the dialog appears, enter the department/street name and the postcode after, 'Carriage & Insurance paid to:'

e.g. 'Carriage & Insurance paid to: Loading Bay, CH49 5PE'. Then enter the courier/freight forwarder name after, 'Consigned to:' e.g. 'Consigned to: Aramex'

If the customer declines insurance, enter CPT instead of CIP and add the department/street name and the postcode after,

'Carriage paid to:' e.g. 'Carriage paid to: Loading Bay, CH49 5PE'. Then enter the courier/freight forwarder name after, 'Consigned to:' e.g. 'Consigned to: Aramex'

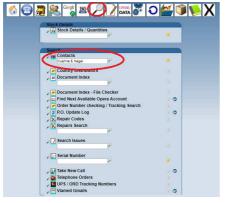


Enter a quantity of 1 and the USD/Euro value from the exchange rates page, or the GBP value if it has a UK based destination into the 'Sell' field.

Press F9 to complete the proforma/order. Ensure you hand-write the quotation reference number, where provided, and highlight the courier name on the proforma/both copies of the ORD.

### **Feedback**

If you have any feedback regarding the courier/shipper that has been contacted, please add to the CRM in IntraStats.



Using the 'Lookup' tab, type the name of the courier/shipper and press enter.



Click the name of the correct courier



Click on the feedback button



From here, add a rating if required and add any notes regarding their performance.

Any other feedback from colleagues will be displayed below.