

# Short lead time for upgrading **Van Vliet's ERP** system



## **Industry**

Food & Beverage

## **Challenges**

- » Outdated system
- » Very specific requirements of its customers

## **Benefits**

- » More advantages compared to the old system
- » Linking with DHL
- » Great collaborative effort between the two parties

**Van Vliet has been a loyal customer of Aptean since 2004. In November 2018, they started with a large upgrade of the system for their headquarters. One and a half months later, Van Vliet went live with the upgraded version of Aptean Food & Beverage ERP *Foodware Edition*. After Van Vliet's production locations in Hoogezand and Winschoten upgraded to the latest version of Aptean Food & Beverage ERP, it was a logical next step to get the headquarters on the new system as well. The new version has a lot more advantages for the confectionery company. The whole upgrade went very fast. All branches of Van Vliet work with the newest version of Aptean Food & Beverage ERP.**

## **Short lead time for upgrade to Aptean Food & Beverage ERP**

The system was implemented in only one and a half months at Van Vliet's headquarters. A very short lead time, since it was a full-scope re-implementation: purchasing, sales, logistics, production, outsourcing, financial, linking with DHL, EDI and product specifications. Van Vliet decided on an ambitious deadline to go live with the complete ERP system. Aptean and Van Vliet worked together to make this happen. "This was mainly possible because of the great involvement of Van Vliet in the project," mentions Niels Laurijssen, consultant at Aptean.


“Without the knowledge of the customer about the system and their willingness to work hard, this would not have been possible.” Martin van Vliet, CEO at Van Vliet adds: “It obviously helped that we already went live at our production locations with the new system; we already built up a lot of knowledge there.”

## Choosing Aptean once again

Once Van Vliet decided they wanted newer software, they chose Aptean again. And this made a lot of sense. Van Vliet has been a loyal customer of Aptean since 2004, so they have been working with Aptean Food & Beverage ERP and Microsoft Dynamics for years. “The system does what it has to do for us as a food company. We are very pleased with Aptean and the system,” says Martin van Vliet.

## Linking with DHL

Van Vliet has been working with DHL for years. In the past, Van Vliet worked with a different vendor to link with DHL, however this third-party vendor stopped supporting this process and the functionality. This meant that there was now the need for a link with DHL in the new version of Aptean Food & Beverage ERP. A great challenge for Aptean, since this link was never made in Aptean Food & Beverage ERP and Microsoft Dynamics 365 before. We succeeded in developing a code that works well within the functionality of the solution. The link means that from a sales order, you can report to DHL that you want to send a package, and you’ll receive a DHL label in return. Doing this, the shipment is automatically registered at DHL, and DHL’s driver can pick up the package immediately, without any hassle. The driver always knows exactly how many packages need to be collected.



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