

SUPPLIER PICK ASSURANCE

Independent Oversight for the Pass-Through Model

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THE PRINCIPLE

In a pick-by-supplier model, the distribution centre often skips verification altogether and trusts the supplier's output to go straight to store. An error introduced at source then flows undetected into your operation, surfacing later as gaps on the shelf and a stock file you cannot rely on. RAS Supply Chain Integrity audits supplier-picked orders independently and confirms accuracy before they reach your stores.

An independent checkpoint replaces trust with evidence. Our audit teams verify that what was picked matches what was ordered and record every discrepancy they find. That changes supplier behaviour, because suppliers know their picks are checked at the point of entry, and it keeps inaccurate stock from eroding availability in store.

Our service fits your existing workflow, so the efficiency of pick-by-supplier is not undermined by inaccuracy. We provide the evidence you need to hold suppliers to their agreed standards and turn a model that is traditionally exposed to error into a reliable link in your supply chain. Through RAS Prosper™, line managers are alerted as findings are recorded, which means corrective action can start the same day rather than at the next review.

THE PROVISION

A 'pick-by-supplier' model reduces DC handling costs but increases reliance on supplier accuracy. Our audits act as the critical control point. Our data proves that **64% of store variance** traces back upstream, often starting in picking and marshalling, and that invisible errors here can inflate shrink rates by **30% or more**. Furthermore, we have evidenced that pick errors compound at a rate of **2% a week** if not treated correctly.

- **Independent Oversight:** Validates supplier picks at the point of receipt before they transit through your network.
- **Early Error Detection:** Identifies and corrects errors at the earliest possible stage, preventing incorrect stock from reaching the store shelf and creating availability gaps.
- **Performance Accountability:** Drives higher supplier standards by providing objective visibility into pick errors, case counts, labelling and compliance.
- **Root-Cause Analysis:** Utilizes RAS Prosper™ to categorize errors, helping suppliers understand and rectify process failures in their own operations.
- **Efficiency Protection:** Ensures that the DC remains a flow-through facility, not an exception-management hub, by filtering out errors before they enter retailer systems or supply chains

KEY BENEFITS

- **Verified Accuracy:** One retailer improved pick accuracy by 12% across three RDCs by moving from assumption to verification.
- **Improved Availability:** Fewer incorrect shipments mean better on-shelf availability for high-demand items.
- **Reduced Admin Burden:** Minimises the time spent by DC and store teams on exception handling.
- **Stronger Supplier Partnerships:** Data-led feedback replaces conflict with collaborative improvement.

**"When the supplier picks, the retailer takes the risk.
Independent validation flips that risk dynamic entirely."**

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