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Vandeputte Safety adopts Certipost Outbound Invoicing

Safety specialist Vandeputte Safety from Boechout (in the province of Antwerp) turns to Certipost for electronic invoicing. As a supplier of protective clothing and other safety products, Vandeputte sends more than 200,000 invoices a year to its customers throughout the Benelux and France. A part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Strategy, Vandeputte wants to reduce its environmental footprint. Sending invoices electronically contributes 100% to achieving this goal.

Vandeputte Safety aims at reaching 50% of its customer base through Certipost Outbound Invoicing. Via the Certipost open communication platform, named CertiONE, any type of company, from small businesses to multinationals, can safely exchange legally valid invoices and other commercial documents in electronic form. The data traffic on CertiONE is based on the one-to-many model, which means that the sender does not have to set up a separate link with each recipient. The central CertiONE platform provides a single point of access for all communications.

Connected customers

“We have opted for Certipost because of the high percentage of customers we have in common,” explains Peggy Daneels, ICT Director at Vandeputte Safety. “We want to approach as many customers as possible, as quickly as possible. So it is definitely an advantage that many of our customers are already connected to CertiONE.”

For companies that are working with specific accounting software, Vandeputte Safety proposes an integrated approach. “This means that the customer receives the e-invoice through CertiONE in the format of his choice so that invoice data can be automatically uploaded and processed in his accounting system,” clarifies Peggy Daneels. “This is not only beneficial to the environment but also makes the invoicing process much more efficient.”



ABOUT VANDEPUTTE SAFETY – the expert in safety management

Vandeputte Safety is a leading international supplier of personal protective equipment (PPE), such as safety shoes, gloves and goggles, face shields, dust masks, etc. The company is part of the Vandeputte Group, the European expert in industrial health and safety. Since its foundation in 1947 the company has grown from a local family business into a European market leader, with large and medium-sized customers in the Benelux and France. The Vandeputte Group employs 200 people and has achieved a turnover of 73.3 million euro in 2010. Aside from its headquarters in Boechout (near Antwerp), the group has offices in Antwerp and Gosselies (Belgium), in Oosterhout (The Netherlands) and in Wissous and Socx (France). The recent expansion of the logistics centre in Wilrijk (Belgium) paves the way for further European growth.

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For companies taking their first steps in electronic data exchange, Certipost provides a very accessible alternative for the integrated approach. These companies can easily receive electronic invoices from Vandeputte Safety via a free secure mailbox on the internet. “No installation is required at the customer’s end. An internet connection and a user account is all he/she needs to get started,” continues Peggy Daneels. “All e-invoices that the customer receives from us are available in his secure mailbox on the CertiONE platform. And as soon as a new invoice comes in, an automatic notification is sent to his standard email address.”



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