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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Performance-driven Logistics Specialist recognized for "Exceeding Expectations" at IKEA. Proven track record of managing complex EU/US import flows while developing custom automation tools (Python) to eliminate manual work and reduce costs. Expert in bridging the gap between operations and IT to solve chronic supply chain bottlenecks.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Logistics Operation Specialist | IKEA Control Tower

Warsaw, Poland | 01.01.2025 - Present

Performance: Achieved "Exceed Expectations" rating. Cited by manager as "the best evaluation ever seen" for combining operational excellence with innovation.

- **Process Automation & Efficiency:** Architected Python-based tools (API consolidation & NoA bot) that automated documentation for 9 carriers, saving 3.5h/day of operational hours and eliminating manual data entry errors.
- **Cost Reduction (Demurrage):** Developed a custom "Dwell-Time" tracking system to identify at-risk containers in European market, enabling proactive intervention that significantly reduced demurrage and detention costs.
- **Operational Resilience:** Ensured 100% business continuity for US import flows during critical staffing gaps, resolving system failures with zero shipment delays under high pressure.
- **Stakeholder Management:** Led cross-functional negotiations with DT Italy, Spain, France, establishing a collaborative framework that resolved a backlog of longstanding containers and improved accountability.
- **Cross-Functional Leadership:** Acted as the primary bridge between Logistics and Automation teams, translating complex business requirements into technical solutions that practically solved operational issues.

Health Systems Supply Chain Management Junior Specialist | Philips

Warsaw, Poland | 10.2023 - 12.2024

- **Claims & Reverse Logistics Management:** Managed complex quality issues for healthcare systems across Europe. Acting as the liaison between local markets and factories, successfully resolved 332 cases (96% success rate).
- **End-to-End Fulfillment:** Orchestrated the full order cycle for sensitive medical equipment, ensuring strictly timely delivery to hospitals and direct customers.
- **Critical Inventory Management:** Managed stock levels to balance cost vs. demand and managed urgent escalations for spare parts deliveries to minimize downtime for clients.
- **Process Optimization:** Collaborated cross-functionally with Production, Logistics, and Sales teams to streamline operational workflows and resolve customer fulfillment bottlenecks.
- **Data-Driven Problem Solving:** Monitored supply chain data to predict potential disruptions, enabling proactive resolution of issues before they impacted the final delivery.

Logistics operations analyst intern | Jerónimo Martins

Warsaw, Poland | 6.2022 - 10.2022

- **Transport Optimization:** Analyzed delivery networks and restructured truck routes, successfully reducing daily transportation by 833 km, which significantly lowered fuel costs and emissions.
- **Cold Chain Innovation:** Collaborated with the IT department to implement a refrigerated container tracking system, enhancing visibility and control over temperature-sensitive goods.
- **Data Analytics (Power BI):** Designed processes to collect system data and built dynamic Excel/Power BI dashboards to monitor KPIs, enabling data-driven trend analysis and forecasting.
- **Strategic Planning:** Developed a comprehensive operational plan and detailed process documentation for the launch of a new Distribution Center.

Logistics Assistant | Odylion

Warsaw, Poland | 10.2021 - 6.2022

- **International Freight Coordination:** Managed end-to-end road transport operations to key EU markets (Germany, Austria, Italy), ensuring seamless communication between suppliers, carriers, and customers.
- **Process Optimization:** Analyzed and restructured the truck loading process to minimize cargo damage. Result: Achieved a 50% reduction in returns, significantly lowering operational losses.
- **Issue Resolution:** Proactively handled transport exceptions (delays, damaged goods) and ensured full accuracy of shipping documentation to prevent transit bottlenecks.

EDUCATION

Warsaw University of Life Sciences | Master's Degree

Warsaw, Poland | 10.2021 - 11.2023

Logistics and Supply Chain Management

- Member of the Logistics Research Club

Georg-August-Universität Göttingen | Master's Degree

Göttingen, Germany | 10.2022 - 10.2023

Digital Business and Economics

- 1/2 part of the master's program

Warsaw University of Life Sciences | Bachelor's Degree

Warsaw, Poland | 10.2018 - 07.2021

Logistics and Supply Chain Management

- International student exchange in University of Maribor, Slovenia

LANGUAGES

- Polish - C1
- English - C1
- Russian - native
- German - A2

CERTIFICATES

- SAP Business One software handling : *Supremis*
- *Microsoft Excel - Excel from Beginner to Advanced (with VBA and Power Query)*
- *English for Business - B2 : LCCI (London Chamber of Commerce and Industry)*
- *Freight Forwarder Academy : BBA Transport System*
- *Utilization of the Adonis system for process design and process management*
- *BPMN 2.0 (Business Process Model and Notation)*

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Hard skills & Tools

- Logistics Automation & Data: Python (API Integration, Data Manipulation, Automation), SQL, Power BI, Excel (VBA, Power Query).
- Systems & ERP: SAP, Salesforce, Infodis, Adonis, Microsoft Office 365.
- Operational Excellence: Supply Chain Optimization, Crisis Management, Demurrage & Detention Control.
- Methodologies: BPMN 2.0 (Process Mapping), UML Diagrams, ITIL4 Management Practices.
- Leadership: Stakeholder Management, Mentoring (Buddy Program), Cross-team Communication.

Interests

- Competitive Sports & Leadership: Judo (Candidate Master of Sports, Captain of National Junior Team), Fire & Rescue Sport (Captain of International Champion Team).
- Other: Programming, Logistics innovations, Playing guitar & piano, Languages.