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## **From Route Sharing to Collaborative Warehousing: The Development and Growth of Collaborative Logistics, 1995-2015**

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**Abstract:** Collaborative logistics developed as a means of cutting transportation costs, but it has grown to include warehousing, distribution, and other services. It is a relatively recent development in logistics and supply chain management with benefits still being explored and realized as companies find new ways to leverage excess capacity. On the transportation side, companies collaborate to fill empty space on trucks and share or optimize routes. In warehousing, companies may lease empty storage space, or they may collaborate in full distribution services. For a collaborative endeavor to succeed, the companies involved must have an effective information sharing platform, and they must share fundamental interests. When transport carriers, manufacturers, and retailers share information and resources effectively, all parties benefit.

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