



In addition to the demands from shareholders, shipping companies must also meet the requirements of IMO and rules and regulations from national administrations and classification societies.

The Star systems help improve safety through:

- Better maintenance & condition control
- Better contingency planning & handling
- Better follow-up of accidents & near accidents
- Better follow-up of non-conformities
- More precise ship – shore data replication

Shipping companies invest in modern IT solutions to reduce cost, to improve safety and to increase profit. The Star systems play important roles in achieving:

- Better decisions
- Reduced off-hire
- Better documentation for claims & settlements
- Reduced maintenance cost
- Optimized spare part inventory & consumption
- Better B2B e-commerce
- Reduced communication cost
- Reduced repair yard bills
- Increased second hand value
- Improved environmental protection
- Professional IT environment



An improved purchasing solution for the marine industry

SISCommerce takes care of data interchange between buyers and vendors. The objectives are to improve efficiency and data quality for the purchasing process.

SISCommerce is not based on membership and it is open for all trading partners.

The buyers make their own contract agreements directly with all vendors without any interference.

A B2B connection between the buyer and SISCommerce is established. Vendors communicate free of charge on www.SISCommerce.com, or establish a B2B connection.



The system is designed for:

- Existing requisition and purchasing systems.
- Transmission 'Request for quotes', 'Quotes', 'Quote responses', 'Purchase orders' and 'Order confirmations' between buyer and vendor.
- MTML (Marine Trading Markup Language).
- Shipment information and invoices.
- Implementation of other trading message standards.
- Improvement of data quality. The vendor can add and update information on each item.
- Easy implementation on the buyer's computer.
- Easy access for vendors.

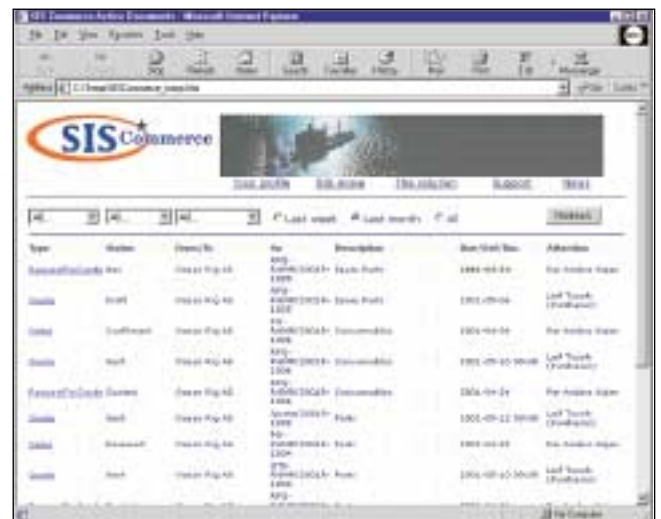
Easy to use

No major user interface changes for the Star Central Purchasing System users are required.

The SISCommerce solution is working behind the scene as an agent.

The system in the office and on board will build up the databases and learn from the information given by the vendors.

When messages are placed on the web, the vendor will receive a notification mail.



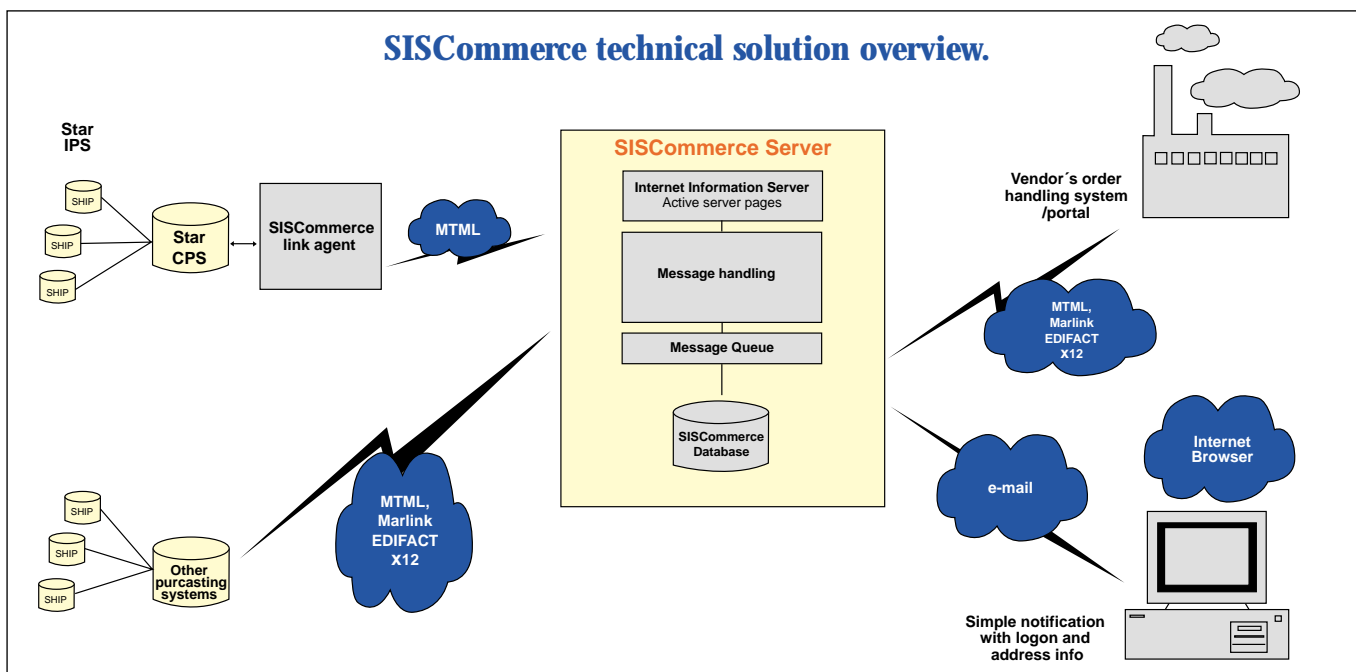
* Vendors' account *

SISCommerce

The most complete e-procurement solution for the marine industry. SISCommerce is integrated with the buyers' and vendors' order handling systems. The system provides direct information flow between the vessel and the suppliers.

Star Information and Planning System (Star IPS) on board and in the office has modules for technical information, work planning, material management, document & event handling, as well as insurance.

Star Central Purchasing System (Star CPS) in the office provides the most efficient tool for purchasing, forwarding and invoice handling.



Requirements/ recommendations regarding purchasing systems

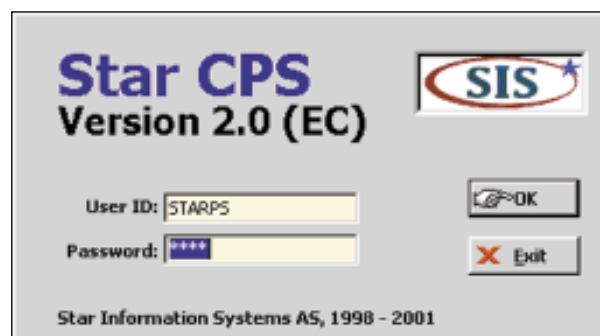
- Support one of the following message standards: MTML, Marlink, EDIFACT or X12.
- IMPA identification is recommended for all B2B partners.
- Use ISO/EDIFACT standard codes for 'Unit of Measurement', 'Unit price code', 'Ports', 'Flags', 'Countries', 'Currencies', 'Shipment terms', 'Mode of transport' etc.

How to implement SISCommerce as a buyer

- Upgrade the existing purchasing system or change to Star CPS 2.0 (EC) version or higher.
- Map active addresses against SISCommerce database.

How to implement SISCommerce as a vendor

- Establish connection to Internet and e-mail or establish a B2B connection.



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