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# Logistics in a Loop Economy

The Reuse of Goods and its impacts on a Supply Chain

#### Reuse of Goods – the Drivers



#### Reuse to

- Fullfill framework conditions (waste directives like WEEE, Packaging, EOV)
- Increase resource efficiency

#### Reuse to

- Save money
- Increase customer relationship
- Reuse to open new markets
- Reuse as new business

Reuse contributes to two pillars of a Sustainable Development

# **Reuse – Examples: Goods and Markets**

- 1. Disposable medical devices
- 2. Textile leasing
- 3. Retreaded tires
- 4. Industrial oil and lubricants
- 5. Toner cartridges
- 6. Diesel train sets











(Hübner, Reprossing, 2005)



### **Reuse – Examples: Resource and Cost Savings**

#### **Reusing Systems**

#### **Resource and Cost Savings**

#### 1. Disposable medical devices



- Dialysis filter: 5x reuse, in a Hospital annual savings of €210.000.-,
- Material (waste) reduction of 90% by only 10% articles being reused

Quelle: RMA, 2004

#### 3. Retreaded tires



- ➤ Tires: 2-3x reuse, aeroplanes: 12-15x cost savings of up to 80%
- Saving of petrol (20-30l/tire)CO2 reduction of 100kg per tire

#### 5. Toner cartridges



- Toners: 15x, cost savings of up to 50%
- Material (waste) reduction up to 90%

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## **Use and Reuse – Types of Economy**

One use

= Linear Economy

**Profits** 

depend on the number of sold goods

Goods

are new

Supply Chain production oriented

Re-use

= Loop Economy

**Profits** 

depend on the number of sold utilisations

Goods

are as good as new

Supply Chain utilisations oriented



## **Processes within a Supply Chain**

#### A supply chain

is a system of organizations, people, activities, information and resources involved in **moving a product** or a service from supplier to customer.

Supply chain activities **transform** raw materials and components into a finished product that is delivered to the end customer.

(Nagurney, 2006)

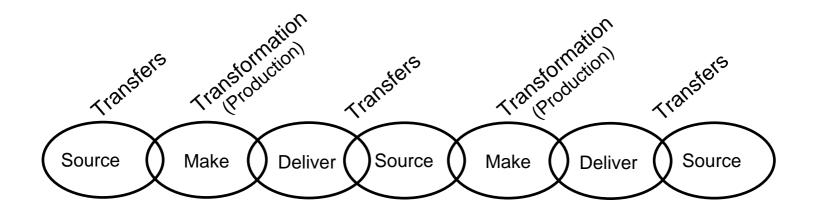
Transfer:
all processes to
change time and place
of goods

= Logistics from supplier to customer

Transformation:
all processes to
change form and structure
of goods

= Production
of new goods

# A Supply Chain (SC)



Characteristics: Linear, production-oriented, new goods

Material flow: B2B or B2C

(SCOR Modell, Supply Chain Council)



# Impacts of Reuse on a Supply Chain

# 2. Input goods - used, worn out - competion with waste markets - replacing production - replacing production - replacing production - warranties - warranties - principle, so good so pout

- Return Logistics

5. Logistics

- Redistribution Logistics

principle "as good as new"

- competition with new goods

 different patterns between private and industrial users

also start of SC

# Impacts on Transfers and Transforms

# **Reusing Goods**

Closing the Loop -

#### **Transfers**

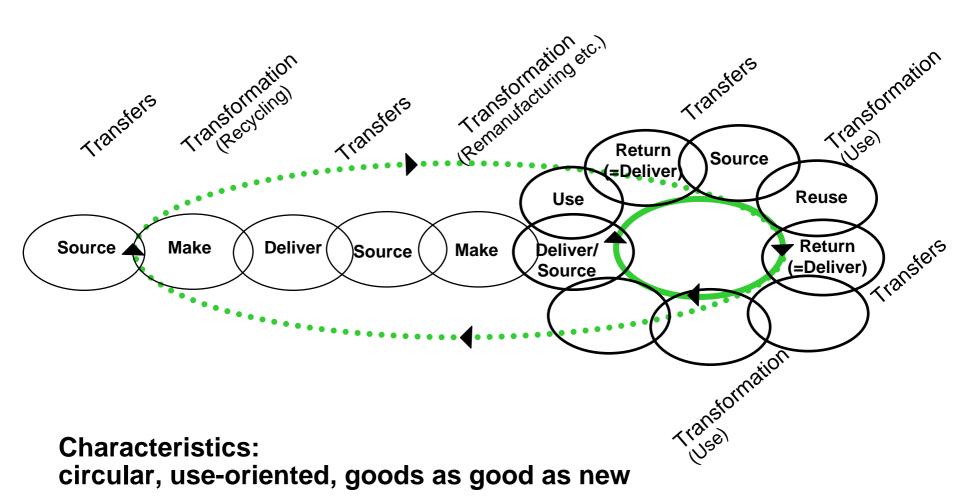
- 1) User as supplier (C2B)
- 2) Industry as customer
- 3) Return and Redistribution Logistics

#### **Transformations**

- 1) Utilisation as additional transformation process
- 2) Reprocessing of used instead production of new goods
- 3) 100% of goods quality proved
- 4) Warranty on the <u>function</u> of the good



# Closing the Loop – "closed loop supply chain"





Material Flow: B2B or C2B

# Scope of decisions

# Goods/Material Partners Relations Reusable Durable Upgradeable Repairable Remanufacturable Partners Partners Relations Between partners Coperator Producer Reprocessor, Producer Producer

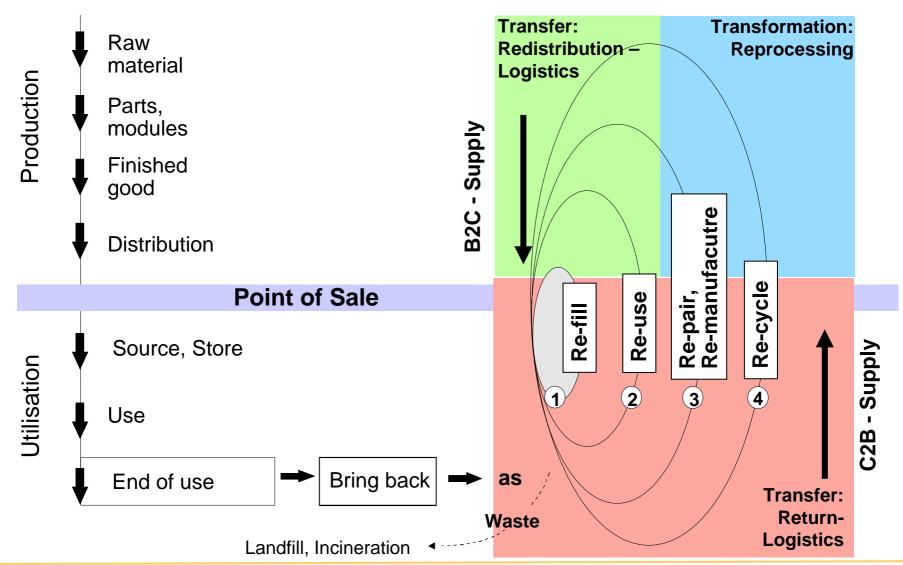
Logistic partner

Ecodesign-Concept ←→ A) Type of loop ←→ B) Business Model

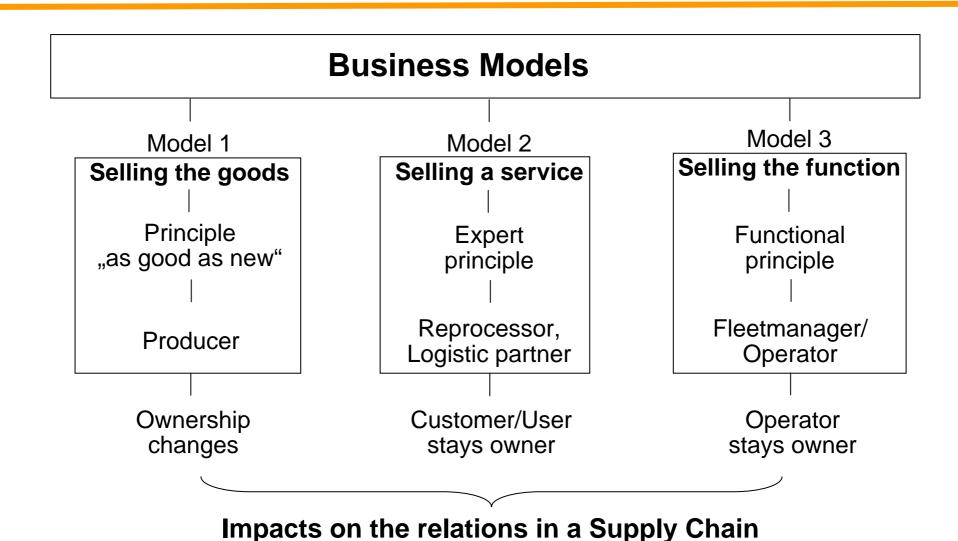
Elements necessary to close a Loop

Recyclable

# A) Four Types of Loops – Flow of Goods



### B) Business Models - How the Business is made and by whom?



# Discussion and Outlook: Reuse and the Supply Chain Concept

- 1. Doe the impacts of reuse-systems on a Supply Chain blust the SC-concept?
- 2. Is the SC-concept ready to optimize reuse-systems? Can the SC-concept help to increase competitiveness of reuse-systems?
- 3. Can the Supply Chain Concept contribute to sustainability or is it necessary to develop a new supply concept?

Flipchart

# For Discussion

# The Supply Chain Management (SCM)

Ad 1)

- > SCM is a philosophy
  - going beyond one company and
  - integrating the activities of partners along a value-added chain.
- SCM aims the coordination and synchronization of information and material flows
  - to optimize costs, time and quality
- SCM has a strategic and a operative nature.

(Wildemann, 2005)

#### Reuse-systems do not go beyond the concept of SCM, if

- the <u>user is seen as supplier</u> and
- the return-logistics are integrated in sourcing strategies.

# **EMA and Supply Chain Management**

#### Ad 2

# How can EMA contribute, to make reuse competitive and supply chains sustainable?

#### **Challenges**

- How long / how often can a good be reused
  - From the economic point of view?
  - From the ecologic point of view?
  - From the technological point of view?

#### **Key Questions**

- Which factor helps to bring both in one line?
  - Concept of service-unit should be improved and enlarged to become a tool
- Which business model contributes best to
  - Increase Resource efficiency?
  - Increase Profits?
  - Increase competitive advantages ?



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- 2. Is the SC-concept ready to optimize reuse-systems? Can the SC-concept help to increase competitiveness of reuse-systems?
  - → Future Challenges of the SC-concept, support of EMA necessary.
- 3. Can the Supply Chain Concept contribute to sustainability or is it necessary to develop a new supply concept?
  - → Future Research questions, Regional Development, Res. Effizienzsteigerung da weniger Transporte,



# Sustainability, Logistics and Supply Chains

# Aims of Sustainable Logistics

Making Logistics more sustainable

**Challenge:** 

How to make technical systems sustainable?

Logistics making the Economy more sustainable

**Challenge:** 

How to make Supply Chains sustainable?

