



Reserved Stock



The Need

There are many reasons why inventory may need to be set aside or earmarked for particular customers or salespeople without necessarily being part of a firm order.

The Solution

This Reserved Stock module from m-hance provides the means of setting up and managing this type of transaction.

Key Features:

- Sales transactions entry prompts

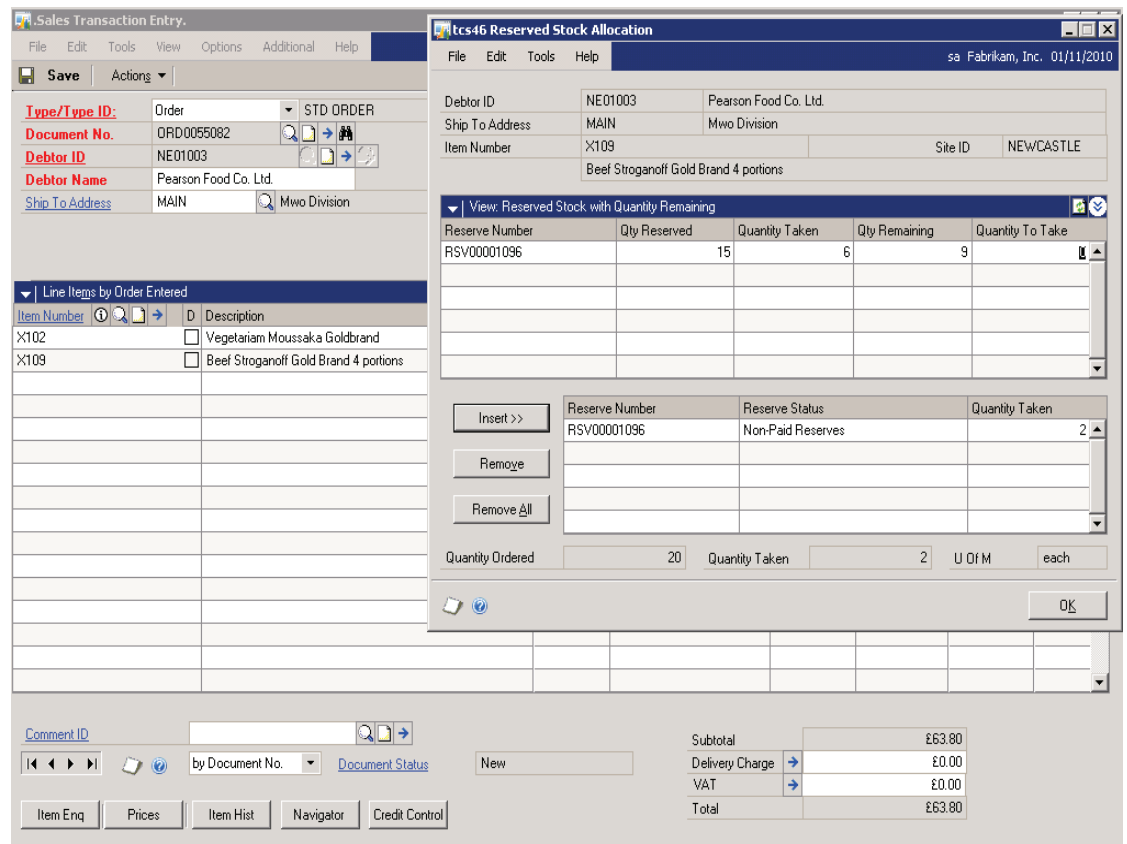
Sales transaction entry prompts that there is a reservation available where applicable. If the user elects to use inventory from the reserve then this is updated.

- Facility to allocate inventory entry prompts

Reserves can optionally allocate inventory, effectively setting inventory to one side for that reservation.

- Assign quantity and expiration details

Each reserve can be given a quantity and expiration date.



The screenshot shows two overlapping software windows. The background window is titled 'Sales Transaction Entry' and displays fields for 'Type/Type ID' (Order), 'Document No.' (ORD0055082), 'Debtor ID' (NE01003), 'Debtor Name' (Pearson Food Co. Ltd.), and 'Ship To Address' (MAIN). Below these is a table of 'Line Items by Order Entered' with columns for 'Item Number' and 'Description'. Two items are listed: X102 (Vegetarian Moussaka Goldbrand) and X109 (Beef Stroganoff Gold Brand 4 portions).

The foreground window is titled 'tcs46 Reserved Stock Allocation' and shows details for a specific reservation. It includes fields for 'Debtor ID' (NE01003), 'Ship To Address' (MAIN), 'Item Number' (X109), and 'Site ID' (NEWCASTLE). A table titled 'View: Reserved Stock with Quantity Remaining' shows the following data:

Reserve Number	Qty Reserved	Quantity Taken	Qty Remaining	Quantity To Take
RSV00001096	15	6	9	

Below this table is another table for 'Reserve Number' and 'Reserve Status' with a 'Quantity Taken' column. It shows one entry: RSV00001096 with status 'Non-Paid Reserves' and a quantity taken of 2. At the bottom right, a summary table shows:

Subtotal	£63.80
Delivery Charge	£0.00
VAT	£0.00
Total	£63.80

What It Means For You

- Sales activity monitoring

A price for an item may have been agreed with a customer based upon an anticipated level of sales. The reserve can be used to monitor the actual activity compared to expected.

- Handling limited availability inventory

In a situation where there is a limited availability of an item, e.g. a vintage wine, then reserves can be used to allocate set amounts of that item to a number of different sales people. As their customers order the item, their allocation is reduced automatically.

- Guaranteeing supply

A customer may contract to purchase a quantity over a period of time to be delivered at random dates. An allocated reserve ensures stock is held for that customer without the necessity to place a sales order up-front.



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