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Infor CloudSuite PLM for Process (Optiva)

Get to market faster

In today's global marketplace, bringing products to market to meet evolving customer demands is no longer enough. To grow revenue and remain competitive, manufacturers must shrink product development cycle times and get products to market faster, while ensuring regulatory compliance.

Meet product development challenges with Infor CloudSuite™ PLM for Process (Optiva), a modern product lifecycle management (PLM) solution specifically designed for process manufacturers. With seamless enterprise resource planning (ERP) system integration, CloudSuite PLM for Process leverages a single product record to unify data and processes across the entire organization—no matter how dispersed and complex.

Enable better collaboration

Reduce the time spent performing key processes—such as new product development and introduction (NPDI) and project management (PM)—and easily achieve all regulatory compliance requirements with Infor® CloudSuite PLM for Process. The solution promotes collaboration to foster greater and faster innovation, while improving enterprise-wide visibility.

Maximize the value of R&D to develop products faster

For many organizations, the R&D department is the primary source of innovation and business growth. It's also often the owner (or at least a critical partner) of regulatory compliance. But R&D can't succeed if it's operating in a silo.

With CloudSuite PLM for Process, all information regarding products and projects is stored in one place, where multiple functional groups can access the data. This can help create a higher level of enterprise-wide visibility with sales, marketing, operations, and quality teams. With one system, teams can contribute and interact—resulting in lower change-management costs and higher productivity levels.

As a result, product development will take less time and at lower cost, while significantly reducing risks. Along with real-time visibility into performance, status, requirements, and costs, manufacturers can also automate the process of reviewing and analyzing the product portfolio and managing staged projects.

Additionally, the solution can be used to eliminate repetitive work in a range of processes—from change management for quality and labeling issues, to plant localization, to full project management for new product development and introduction processes. With CloudSuite PLM for Process, manufacturers gain a more structured and responsive approach to project management, including the ability to:

- Manage tasks and assignments, as well as provide real-time feedback on projects to make R&D teams more effective.
- Improve raw materials and supplier enablement processes (whether procuring raw materials, packaging, or complete products) to reduce costs and improve quality and compliance.
- Simplify rationalization processes to optimize the introduction of new materials—reducing material spend and ensuring benefits are sustained.
- Eliminate the need for data reentry through a unique stage-gate process capability with full integration to all applications, validations and workflows.

Comply with changing customer and regulatory requirements

For food, beverage, chemicals, or life sciences manufacturers, meeting changing and often overlapping regulatory demands presents significant R&D challenges—especially when trying to enter new and evolving segments such as cannabis or fresh prepared meals. CloudSuite PLM for Process can help get products to market faster, while also assisting with evolving regulatory requirements.

Regulations aren't constant. They continue to evolve to achieve stricter safety standards, while varying from country to country. Whether meeting reporting requirements for chemical companies, complying with new labeling laws for restaurants, or supplying more detailed information of country of origin for ingredients across all segments of consumer packaged goods (CPGs), confidently managing all the required data can seem overwhelming.

Further complicating matters is when the products potentially fall into multiple categories. For example, as food companies introduce nutraceutical products, or adopt new ingredients such as cannabis, the products begin to seem less like food and more like life sciences products.

Meanwhile, chemical companies are increasingly moving more into niche areas that can range from food ingredients to personal care products. CloudSuite PLM for Process makes it easier to confidently comply with all customer and regulatory requirements. The solution's integrated global specification management and product information management processes can help:

- Automate the creation of documentation that meets marketing and regulatory requirements by using industry-specific label capabilities, including ingredient statements, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), and more.
- Achieve compliance with regulatory agencies worldwide, such as for labeling and nutritional declarations for food, chemicals, and other CPG products.

- Manage and maintain key documents via Infor Document Management's central file repository. Gain greater flexibility in managing product- and project-related documents (including label artwork and supplier documentation) by being able to provide documents in context, serve up documents as a homepage widget, and offer sophisticated search capabilities.

Collaborate more effectively

Collaboration in today's workplace is key. CloudSuite PLM for Process helps connect teams for better collaboration. Teams can work in communities of shared interests, collaborate more effectively, improve processes, act faster, be more productive, and generate better results. CloudSuite PLM for Process transforms how work gets done by enabling users to:

- Maintain accurate and complete data internally and externally across all trading partners.
- Meet production performance objectives, minimize risks, and improve scalability.
- Leverage real-time visibility and enhance decision making by continually validating sample request and feedback.

Improve existing products

While creating new products is important, continuously improving and optimizing existing products to make them cost effective is equally essential. This is especially true when the availability, cost, and characteristics of raw materials can vary over time. CloudSuite PLM for Process has the tools to optimize product portfolios in several ways, making it easier to:

- Meet target specifications at the lowest possible cost, while meeting compliance via formulas, recipes, packaging, finished goods, application, and at-home recipe simulation and modeling capabilities.

- Simulate and model across all product lines and business units to improve sourcing economies of scale, ensure corporate compliance and regulatory restrictions, and improve knowledge transfer.
- Use material analysis modeling that integrates R&D and operational data to model formulas based on actual product results.

Streamline operations

Develop better products faster, improve product effectiveness, adapt to market demands without custom coding, and ensure complex regulatory compliance constraints are met. CloudSuite PLM for Process equips manufacturers with the tools to integrate and streamline their operations, collaborate more closely with suppliers, and manage the entire new product introduction and product development process. CloudSuite PLM for Process provides:

Deep integration—CloudSuite PLM for Process's deep ERP system integration ensures continuity across applications. This delivers consistent information via a consumer-grade user experience that unifies the business software. Users will always have all the information they need, where and when they need it. In-context business intelligence also allows users to automatically see that information.

Role-based dashboards and powerful personalization tools—Empower users to arrange graphs, key metrics, priority alerts, and favorite inquiries on a single screen—creating one place to go for all the information users need to make better decisions, faster. Alerts and pre-defined workflows automatically deliver critical information to the right person. CloudSuite PLM for Process delivers a single source of information that includes data from sources both inside and outside the enterprise, presented in-context to the user.

Social collaboration—Use social networking technologies inside the organization to improve the speed, scale, and value of interactions between employees—dramatically changing the ways in which they work with information, systems, and each other. Deepen this ability with Infor Ming.le™, a unified social networking platform that allows users to connect with colleagues in public or private communities and securely share information, content, and conversations. Easily tap into the knowledge and expertise of others across departments, geographies, and time zones, to make decisions more quickly and with greater confidence. Uncover extraordinary sources of value and productivity that currently go untapped, drawing on the insight of experts across the enterprise to create a searchable knowledgebase of critical content.

Solve complex challenges

Based on the latest advances from both the consumer and enterprise worlds that deliver new levels of usability, connectivity, and insight, CloudSuite PLM for Process changes everything business users thought they knew about business software. Shorten time to market, trim costs, and improve your quality and certification processes with CloudSuite PLM for Process's groundbreaking technologies.

With 30+ years of PLM expertise and commitment solving business challenges, Infor is recognized as one of the market leaders of PLM solutions for process manufacturers. With CloudSuite PLM for Process, manufacturers gain a complete, end-to-end solution on a single platform that provides deep ERP system integration.

Functionality specific to process manufacturing enables formulation modeling and least-cost formulation. And with a consumer-grade user interface, users can experience a flexible, easy-to-use environment designed to increase productivity, as well as expanded, out-of-the-box industry functionality. In addition, alerts and predefined workflows automatically deliver critical, role-based information. Meanwhile, flexible deployment methods allow CloudSuite PLM for Process to be implemented on-premises or in the cloud.

With a single source of the truth: and real-time visibility, Infor CloudSuite PLM for Process empowers manufacturers to:

- Increase efficiency and lower unit costs.
- Improve collaboration throughout the organization.
- Easily meet all customer and regulatory compliance requirements.
- Navigate quickly across applications, thanks to a common user interface.
- Eliminate or combine parallel work.
- Automate workflows.

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