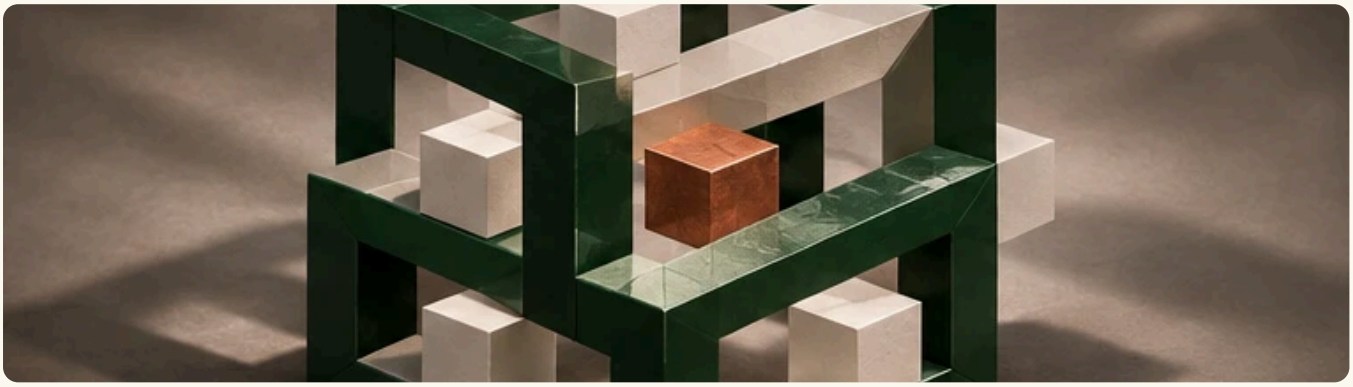
BUSINESS CASE WHITEPAPER · DAT-016

Inventory exception report

Separate stockouts, excess stock and missing lead times.



The decision

Stockouts, overstocks and unknown lead times are mixed in one undifferentiated alert list.

What the fee buys

We flag stockouts, excess stock and missing lead times for up to 500 items.

When to commission

Commission when a stock owner can define meaningful thresholds and own the response.

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SCOPE AND OPERATING CASE

How the work changes the decision

Starting position

One row has zero stock, another exceeds the merchant's cover threshold and a third lacks lead time.

In this illustrative case

Give them distinct exception reasons and different follow-up owners.

Inputs and ownership

Provide up to 500 item records, stock levels, lead times and agreed thresholds where available.

1. Inspect inventory and lead-time data
2. Apply the agreed exception rules
3. Review flagged items

Using the handover

Use the report to direct attention to items that need a stock or supplier decision.

An alternative to buying

Clean source data first if inventory balances cannot be reconciled at all.

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INVESTMENT AND EVALUATION

Test the case before approving spend

£499 GBP · one-time catalogue fee excluding applicable VAT

Full cost to the buyer

Licences, hosting and extra data sources require separate agreement. Include the cost of preparing inputs, reviewing the output and implementing any subsequent changes.

A time-only comparison

At an illustrative £40 per staff hour, the fee alone equals 12.47 hours. Replace £40 with your own fully loaded hourly cost. Divide the full incremental cost by that rate to find your break-even hours. Count only effort you can reasonably avoid. This illustration predicts no saving.

What to measure

Count actionable exceptions by type and the share with verified input data. Record a baseline before work begins. Use the same scope and definition at follow-up, and note changes outside this service.

Timing and dependencies

Pay upfront at the external checkout. You can prepare immediately. We track clearance and start intake when payment clears, which can take up to seven business days depending on the payment system. The estimate after start and receipt of complete inputs is 3–7 working days.

Approval test

Commission when a stock owner can define meaningful thresholds and own the response. Assign an owner for the handover and a date for checking the measure. If the inputs or owner are missing, defer the purchase.

Basis: Routine Works service specification DAT-016, GBP catalogue fee and an illustrative working case. View service scope.

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