

Jargon Definitions

Minimum Order Quantity (MOQ)

Definition: The smallest quantity of a product that a supplier requires a retailer to purchase in a single order.

Example: A distributor requires a minimum order of 12 cases of canned tomatoes before shipping the order.

Open To Buy (OTB)

Definition: The amount of money a business has available to purchase new inventory while staying within its budget.

Example: After paying for weekly deliveries, a grocery store has \$5,000 in Open to Buy to restock produce.

Case Packs

Definition: The number of individual items packaged together and sold as one case.

Example: A case pack of soup contains 24 cans, so the retailer orders one case instead of individual cans.

Direct Store Delivery (DSD)

Definition: A distribution method where suppliers deliver products directly to the retail store instead of a warehouse or distribution center.

Example: A local bakery delivers fresh bread directly to the grocery store every morning.

Keystone Pricing

Definition: A pricing strategy where the retail price is typically double the wholesale cost, resulting in a 100% markup.

Example: A store buys a jar of salsa for \$4 and sells it for \$8 using keystone pricing.

Margin/Markup

Definition: Markup is the amount added to a product's cost to determine its selling price. Margin is the percentage of the selling price that remains as gross profit after covering the product's cost.

Example: A product costs \$8 and sells for \$10. The markup is \$2, while the gross profit margin is 20%.



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Everyday Low Pricing (EDLP)

Definition: A pricing strategy that keeps prices consistently low rather than relying on frequent sales or promotions.

Example: Instead of offering weekly discounts, a grocery store keeps milk priced competitively every day.

Cost of Goods Sold (COGS)

Definition: The direct cost of purchasing or producing the products a business sells during a specific period.

Example: If a grocery store spends \$15,000 purchasing inventory for the month, those costs contribute to its COGS.

Gross Profit Margin (GPM)

Definition: A financial metric that measures the percentage of sales revenue remaining after subtracting the cost of goods sold.

Example: A department generates \$100,000 in sales and has \$70,000 in COGS, resulting in a 30% gross profit margin.

Key Value Item (KVI)

Definition: Popular, frequently purchased products that customers use to compare prices between competing stores.

Example: Milk, eggs, bananas, and bread are common Key Value Items because shoppers often compare their prices across stores.

Net Terms

Definition: Payment terms that specify when payment is due after products are delivered, such as Net 30 or Net 60.

Example: A supplier offers Net 30, meaning the grocery store has 30 days to pay the invoice after receiving the shipment.

Chargebacks

Definition: Fees charged by suppliers when retailers fail to meet agreed-upon purchasing, shipping, or compliance requirements.

Example: A retailer receives a chargeback because pallets were labeled incorrectly, creating extra work for the supplier.



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Delivery in Full, On Time (DIFOT)

Definition: A performance metric that measures whether customer orders arrive complete and by the promised delivery date.

Example: A supplier with a 98% DIFOT score consistently delivers complete orders on schedule.

Delivered Duty Paid (DDP)

Definition: An international shipping agreement where the seller is responsible for transportation costs, import duties, taxes, and delivery until the goods reach the buyer.

Example: A specialty food supplier ships imported olive oil under DDP, so the grocery store pays one agreed-upon price without handling customs or import fees.



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