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Defining Demand Management

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Abstract

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Design/methodology/approach: Uses the systematic literature review divided into three

8 stages: planning the review, conducting the review, and reporting the review. Findings: This

study clarifies the concept of demand management as the creation of synergies between

10 operations and marketing aiming at understanding the market and developing actions

11 synchronized with the company strategy, production capacity and final customer needs. Thus,

in order to implement demand management process, it is necessary to understand the market

through the capability analysis, constraints, and opportunities of external and internal

environments to the organization. Such knowledge, together with the guidelines and strategic

and operational practices of the company, focus on designing an efficient operational system to

16 synchronize supply and demand through sales forecasting. In order to do so, the company

17 needs a collaborative supply chain that consist of establishing corporative efforts between

18 internal functions and external agents to the company aiming at meeting the final customers'

19 needs and obtaining competitive advantage.

Index terms— Demand Management, Supply Chain Management.

1 Introduction

emand management is an emerging topic in supply chain management. It is focused on a fast and adequate integration of supplier needs in order to balance and strategically align demand with operational capability in the supply chain. Lack of accurate information is among some of the progressive demand alignment problems in a supply chain, which leads to inefficient customer service, poor stock rotation, and high obsolescence rate aggravated by the wide diversity of products. Taylor, 2006; Taylor and Fearne, 2006) after finding, through empiric research, that the lack of alignment between supply and demand was indeed a major and expensive problem in a number of supply chains that suffered losses due to waste, lack or surplus of inventory, and low profitability.

There is little information available on demand management (Adebanjo, 2009; Taylor, 2006; Taylor and Fearne, 2006). According to Hilletofth et al. (2009), demand management is a way for organizations to obtain substantial benefits focusing on customers, besides emphasizing the need of collaboration between marketing and supply chain management in order to generate value. Nevertheless, these authors point out that the application of demand management concepts is still fairly recent, and therefore it needs further investigation.

According to Mentzer and Moon (2005) demand management, as well as the concept of demand per se, have not been well understood by supply chain agents. Many companies have failed to realize that achieving chain coordination is not possible without an adequate understanding of demand. Practitioners and academics have used terms like Demand Management, Demand Planning, Demand Forecasting, Sales and Operations Planning (S&OP), Collaborative Planning, Forecasting and Replenishment (CPFR), Integrated Business Planning (IBP), Vendor Managed Inventory (VMI) to designate similar but distinct activities and processes. Therefore, there is a confusion behind the term 'Demand Management'. Some authors discuss the need for demand management in the supply chain and the interactions that involve such process (Esper et al., 2010; Hilletofth et al., 2009; Juttner et al., 2007; Mentzer and Moon, 2005; VICS, 2010), but they do not provide a guidance for its implementation. Croxton et al. (2008) propose a demand management framework whose structure allows the understanding

of demand management from all its interfaces providing an integrated view of its relationship with other seven supply chain processes proposed by the Global Supply Chain Forum (Croxton et al., 2008; Lambert, 2004; Lambert and Cooper, 2000; Thus, the objective of this study is to define demand management in supply chain in order to clarify this concept. In addition, this article aims to provide a guidance for the preconditions that need to be in place in order for a company to implement demand management with its suppliers and customers. In order to develop this research, a systematic literature review (Tranfield et al., 2003; Tranfield et al., 2004) on demand management was conducted.

Therefore, the importance and contribution of this study are justified by the fact that supply chain management is considered a new, not yet consolidated concept which requires further and deeper investigation and definitions. Hence, the aim of this study is to contribute for a better understanding and wider approach to demand management, which can lead organizations to implement it in order to overcome the challenges of combining customer needs and supply chain capabilities.

This study was structured into three sections. Initially, the research methodology is discussed including the three phases of the systematic literature review. Next, the literature review results are reported describing the demand management definitions and requirements. The last section presents the conclusions.

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3 Research Methodology

The purpose of a literature review is to enable researchers to map and analyze the significant literature published on a topic and to establish a particular issue for its deep investigation. An alternative to literature review is its systematic review (Tranfield et al., 2003).

The systematic literature review is a methodology that uses relevant literature to a particular issue as data source providing a selection, critical contribution evaluation, analysis, and summary of each work. It describes the evidences leading to reasonable conclusions about what is known and not known about the topic (Denyer and Tranfield, 2009).

Hence, this research is divided into three stages: planning the review, conducting the review, and reporting the review (Table 1). The purpose of this review is to identify the concepts of demand management from a perspective of the supply chain management and its frameworks. Therefore, a research protocol was prepared including information on how the studies would be found and selected from the literature and the criteria for including those studies (Table 2). 3-Access to the following databases: Science Direct, Emerald, and Wiley-Blackwell. Advanced search using the terms: 'demand management', 'demand supply chain', 'demand chain', 'demand chain management' as title keywords or as text keywords. 4-Access to the Brazilian Digital Library of Electronic Theses and Dissertations. Advanced search using the terms: 'demand management', as title keywords or as text keywords.

5-Access to the major Brazilian scientific journals covering subjects such as Production Engineering and Management. Advanced search using the terms: 'demand management', 6-Access to proceedings of major Brazilian scientific events on Production Engineering and Management. Advanced search using the terms: 'demand management', as title keywords or as text keywords.

b) Stage II: Conducting a review 4

The literature review began by surveying the topic "Supply Chain Management" on international and national books and classic international journals on this topic.

During the selection of articles, the titles and abstracts that included demand management in supply chains were evaluated. Book chapters, articles, theses, or dissertations that covered demand forecasting only were excluded. Among the international and national books on supply chain management, the chapters on demand management were selected.

Information from the following databases Science Direct, Emerald, and Wiley-Blackwell, available on Capes' Journal Citation Reports Portal, were analyzed retrospectively up to 2011. An advanced search was conducted using the terms: 'demand management', 'demand supply chain', 'demand chain' 'demand chain management' as title keywords or as text keywords considering "every year" (available in the database up to 2011) and 'journals only' as filters. Table 3 shows the total number of articles that resulted from the literature review per database and terms searched. Hence, around 200 articles were analyzed, from which 47 were selected. Those included the concept and/or frameworks and/or challenges of demand management from a supply chain management perspective. The databases and respective journals from which the articles were selected are shown in Table 4. The analysis of the selected articles shown in Table 4 indicated the need of further search in different databases. Therefore, 18 other articles were selected and analyzed (Table 5).

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Volume XIV Issue V Version I Year () The search of national (Brazil) scientific publications included the digital 100 library of electronic theses and dissertations, articles published in journals, and scientific events' proceedings on Production Engineering and Management. 102

The digital libraries accessed were: Digital Library of Electronic Theses and Dissertations (CAPES), Digital Library of Electronic Theses and Dissertations (USP), and the library of the Federal University of São Carlos (UFSCar). An advanced search was conducted using the terms 'demand management' as title keywords or as text keywords resulting in 4 publications. Among them, only one thesis and one dissertation were selected. In addition, following fellow researchers' suggestions, two other dissertations held by the library of Methodist University of Piracicaba (UNIMEP) that addressed demand management were also analyzed.

The Scientific Electronic Library Online (SciELO) was accessed in the search for articles in the following journals: Produção (Production) and Gestão & Produção (Production and Production & Management).

No publications resulted from the search using the terms 'demand management' as title keywords or as text keywords in the RAUSP -Revista de Administração da Universidade de São Paulo (journal of management of the University of São Paulo) and using 'demand management' as keywords (search restricted to author and keywords) in the RAE -Revista de Administração de Empresas (journal of business administration).

Fifteen articles that included the terms 'demand management' in the title were found in the proceedings of scientific events. Among them, 4 were selected for analysis (Table 6). The book chapters, articles, theses, and dissertations included in the systematic review were summarized highlighting their major points. The next section presents the findings of the systematic literature review according to stage III: Reporting the review.

6 III.

7 Results

The concepts and objectives of demand management discussed by several authors on Table 7 indicate that demand management cannot be considered an isolated process or an activity restricted to sales forecasting. Those authors offer a more comprehensive concept that involves the creation of synergies between operations and marketing aiming at (2008) Supply chain process composed of operational and strategic subprocesses that focus on determining sales forecasting, synchronize it with the production capacity of the company and the chain, incorporate the company strategy, and map customer needs. Alignment of demand creation and demand fulfillment processes within the internal functions of a particular company and across companies within the chain thus exploring the synergies between market and SCM aiming at obtaining competitive advantages.

Mentzer et al. (2007) Mentzer and Moon (2005) An element of the supply chain management. Creation of a coordinated demand flow between the members of the supply chain network and their markets.

Vollmann et al. (2004) Key interface between the production activities of a company, and planning and market control systems. It encompasses several activities including forecasting, processing customer orders establishing delivery dates, and balancing demand and supply. Rainbird (2004) Understanding of the current and future customer expectations, market characteristics, and available alternative responses that result from operational processes.

The literature review allowed the identification of two demand management frameworks that are summarized in Table 8. Among them, some marketing researchers defend the need for integration between marketing and supply chain management ?? Esper et Suggest that the success of the supply chain in creating customer value requires an extensive integration between the processes focused on demand and those focused on supply.

8 Juttner et al. (2007);

Hilletofth et al. (2009) Demand management is composed of the processes of demand creation and demand fulfillment, and the coordination of these processes through the collaboration of the two areas is necessary.

9 VICS (2010)

Demand management as the integration of Sales and Operations Planning (S&OP) and Collaborative Planning, Forecasting and Replenishment (CPFR). Demand management as a process or an element of supply chain management Croxton et al. (2008) Demand management as a process of supply chain management emphasizing the need to implement operational and strategic sub-processes focusing on understanding, influencing, and managing customers' demand achieving a fast response throughout the supply chain. Mentzer and Moon (2005) Demand management is the creation of a coordinated demand flow between the members of the supply chain and their markets. They consider demand management as an element of supply chain management encompassing marketing and its coordination between the agents in the supply chain (internal and external) and demand planning.

Among the authors mentioned in Table 8, only Croxton et al. (2008) propose a demand management framework that details the implementation process. Under this perspective, the model divides demand management into two parts: strategic sub-process and operational sub-processes. Figure 1 shows the interfaces between each sub-process with the other seven processes proposed by Global Supply Chain Forum.

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Volume XIV Issue V Version I Year () The interdependence of the demand management process on the other processes limits the model proposed by the authors since the companies may not have implemented them. Hence,

the literature review enabled the identification of the requirements for an effective implementation of demand management in order to eliminate its interdependence on the other supply chain processes. Those requirements are shown in Figure 2, and each one will be discussed next. through the analysis of capabilities, constraints, and opportunities of internal and external environments of an organization. Grasping the organization's internal and external market will establish guidance as well as strategic and operational practices in the organization.

Demand Management

11 c) Grasping guidance and strategic/operational practices in organizations

It involves sharing strategic operational information between organizations aiming at identifying the difficulties and potentialities of partners (Vieira;Yoshizaki;Ho, 2009) and generating information as well as supply and demand forecasting (information on capabilities, initiatives, suppliers' strategies, technology, tendencies within the sector, stock level, transportation, and storage options) (Esper et al., 2010). In addition, it aims at gauging partner's strategic intent that enables focusing on growing and developing, achieving market share, and improving the services provided ??Min et al., 2005).

12 d) Development of cross-functional teams

The demand management process involves an cross-functional team composed of members from different organizational levels and sectors and supply chain representatives (suppliers and customers) (Chen, Daugherty and Roath, 2009; Croxton et al., 2008; Hilletofth et al., 2009; Juttner et al., 2007; Mentzer et al., 2007; Vollmann et al., 2004). This cross-functional team should have a complete understanding of the market and the guidance provided, and the strategic and operational practices in the organization (Croxton et al., 2008;Esper et al., 2010; Hilletofth et al., 2009; Mentzer et al., 2007). e) Development of sales forecasting Sales forecasting is a prediction of expected future market demand (Mentzer et al., 2007), and it focuses on accuracy (Aghazadeh, 2004; Katz, Pagell and Bloodgood, 2003; Mentzer et al., 2007; Taylor and Fearne, 2006). According to Croxton et al. (2008), in order to develop sales forecasting, it is necessary to determine the levels of detail and the scope of forecasting, to identify the information sources, and to define the forecast method, which could involve internal and external cross-functional teams. The CPFR is an initiative used by supply chain agents aiming at improving the relationship through the jointed planning and management of the processes and information sharing (Seifert, 2003). Therefore, in the CPFR the supplier is involved in demand planning, but according to VICS (2010), the sales plans, in general, do not include future initiatives such as marketing campaigns, promotions, and product launching. Thus, VICS (2010) proposes a combination of the S&OP and CPFR models to develop the IBP, in which the S&OP activities (internal alignment, monthly review cycle, scope of planning, involvement of decision makers, and The VMI is the stock management by the supplier since the clients do not control their own inventory, which indicates that this chain tier needs to operate with limited collaboration and reliability (Claassen, Van Weele and Van Raaij, 2008). Therefore, the major difference between VMI and CPFR is that in the former the supplier is not involved in demand planning, and in the latter the supplier does not control client inventory effectively as to process resupply orders.

Therefore, it can be said that the organizations can implement different levels of initiatives of S&OP (Grimson and Pyke, 2007;Lapide, 2005), CPFR (Danese, 2007;Larsen;Thernoe;Andresen, 2003;Seifert, 2003), and VMI (Claassen, Van Weele and Van Raaij, 2008; Elvander, Sarpola and Mattsson, 2007) in the demand management process.

According to ??in et al. (2005), the development of a joint business plan to be executed by the crossfunctional teams of organizations is one of the consequences of collaboration as the partners' relationship improves. In the context of demand management, Mentzer et al. (2007) define "planning" as a set of specific managerial actions to be taken in order to exceed sales forecast. Based on the economic condition, competitors, Marketing, Sales, Production, and Logistic plans, the expected future market demand is determined. The business plan is therefore developed as an iterative process because if the resulting business plan is not aligned with the needs and the financial objectives of the organization, the demand forecasting should be evaluated again concentrating on determining additional efforts for a successful business plan thus guaranteeing a plan based on the financial and market reality faced by the organization in terms of logistic capabilities, production capabilities, and supply chain (Mentzer et al., 2007).

With regard to the CPFR, the partner organizations will develop a joint business plan to identify the significant factors that affect demand and supply establishing sales forecasting and resupplying ??VICS, 2004). S&OP involves an integration of customer focused marketing plans with the management of the supply chain in order to support the annual business planning ??APICS, 2009). S&OP links the company's strategic plans and business plan to its detailed processes, this process requires a synchronized demand, supplies, and finance plan for a period between 18 and 24 months identifying the risks, opportunities, and action plans to solve problems (Wallace, 2004). VICS (2010) proposes the development of an integrated business plan, in which the S&OP activities, such as internal alignment, monthly review cycle, scope of planning, involvement of decision makers, detailing of sales and marketing plan are incorporated into the CPFR.

According to Esper et al. (2010), applying the knowledge about internal and external environments and demand forecasting is made possible through the demand plans (4Ps of marketing: price; place, promotion and product). Therefore, in the demand management, the marketing and supply management work together in order to develop adequate relationships for different customers, customer priority strategies, and accurate information process to customers. They also focus on developing combined actions to conciliate value requirements and operational capabilities.

According to Croxton et al. (2008), the objective of executing a single plan is to balance Manufacturing needs and costs, Logistics, Sales and suppliers to meet an anticipated demand. Therefore, the terms "joint business plan" (Barratt and Oliveira, 2001; ??in et al., 2005; ??ICS, 2004), "integrated business plan" (VICS, 2010), "business plan" (Mentzer et al., 2007; APICS, 2009; Wallace, 2004), "demand and supply management plans" (Esper et al., 2010), and "single execution plan" (Croxton et al., 2008) are used to designate the set of actions developed by partners in the supply chain management. Those actions include synchronizing marketing and operational management to better understand demands, and should be aligned with the strategic plans of organizations.

The process of collaboration should be formalized detailing the key performance indicators ??Min et al., 2005) that involve specific focus on costs, productivity, goals, and gains. In the demand management process, the cross-functional teams define the indicators to measure and monitor the process and establish performance improvement goals (Croxton et al., 2008).

The aim to implement demand management is to create synergies between operational and marketing management in order to understand the market and develop actions aligned with organizational strategy, productive capability, and meeting final customer needs (Croxton et ??in et al. (2005), the internal alignment involves determining organization internal actions and the role of external partners. In order to guarantee this alignment, the top management group involvement is essential. The support of senior decision makers is important for both financial and non-financial investments. Furthermore, the interaction between top management groups aiming at identifying opportunities and improvement areas is crucial to create an information sharing and communication environment among the supply chain agents ??Min et al., 2005).

The executive S&OP meeting requires the participation of top management group representatives to make decisions regarding the recommendations discussed in previous sections and to solve conflicts (Wallace, 2004). ??apide (2004) reinforces the need for senior decision makers' participation in the S&OP.

Hence, demand management should balance the customer needs and the company capabilities reducing uncertainties and providing efficient flow in the supply chain. Therefore, demand management is essential for the success of supply chain management. According to Croxton et al. (2008) proper implementation of the process can improve the level of services delivered to the customer and can derive substantial financial benefits such as inventory reduction, better use of assets, and product availability improvement.

IV.

13 Conclusions

This study contribute to a better understanding and a broader view of demand management as an integrated process that guides the actions of organizations to overcome the challenges of combining customer needs and supply chain capabilities. It clarifies the concept of demand management as the creation of synergies between operations and marketing aiming at understanding the market and developing actions synchronized with the company strategy, production capacity and final customer needs. This paper identifies two frameworks for demand management: integration between marketing and supply chain management and as a process or an element of supply chain management. As such, it should help practitioners as well as researchers understand demand management.

The framework in Figures 2 has considerable applicability for practitioners providing guidance as to the preconditions that need to be in place in order for a company to implement demand management with its suppliers and customers. Thus, in order to implement demand management process, it is necessary to understand the market through the capability analysis, constraints, and opportunities of external and internal environments to the organization. Such knowledge, together with the guidelines and strategic and operational practices of the company, focus on designing an efficient operational system to synchronize supply and demand through sales forecasting. In order to do so, the company needs a collaborative supply chain that consist of establishing corporative efforts between internal functions and external agents to the company aiming at meeting the final customers' needs and obtaining competitive advantage.

Demand management can incorporate different initiatives such as CPFR, S&OP, VMI, and IBP. The business plans are developed based on sales forecasting done by the cross-functional teams of the organizations in the supply chain. Those teams have also the responsibility to execute and monitor the business plan in order to find combined alternatives to better serve the clients and redirect actions in difficult situations. The whole demand management process should be supported by the organization top management group to guarantee a successful implementation of the process. Therefore, it can be said that demand management process involves a crossfunctional team composed of different level and sector members of an organization and some strategic supply chain representatives (suppliers and customers). This team will be responsible for the joint development

of sales forecasting and for formulating, execution, and monitoring a business plan. Therefore, the external and internal agents in the chain should have supply chain orientation.

The business plans to be reached should be based on sales forecasting through the joint efforts of the supply chain agents. Besides the responsibility for the joint development of sales forecasting, the crossfunctional teams of the focal company and its suppliers are responsible for executing and monitoring the business plan searching for joint alternatives to provide customers with better services and redirect actions in situations that diverge from expected. All demand management process should be supported by the company top management to guarantee a successful implementation of the process.

For researchers, Figure 2 provides a wealth of research questions to investigate: How demand management can be effectively coordinated within a company and across supply chain? What are the challenges for demand management? What are the key performance indicators for demand management? The results are based on a thorough review of the literature, thus this paper highlights the need for developing an empirical framework of demand management and the constructs and relationships proposed in Figure 2 is intended to guide this research.

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	1	Journal of Operations and Production Management
	6	Journal of Physical Distribution and Logistics Management
	1	Journal of Retail and Distribution Management
	10	Supply Chain Management
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