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F&B 2012: Significant trends & issues in the Wine Industry Supply Chain

A global survey of Food and Beverage Industry senior executives was conducted over the past 12 months giving us some unique insights and observations to share...

■1	Increasingly complex distribution systems, from Production to Wholesalers & Retailers against ever stricter regulatory environments resulting in conflicting interests
■2	Changing Consumer Preferences driven by demographic, economic and lifestyle changes
■3	Demands for reliable supply, despite the proliferation of SKU's in the face of a vulnerable and unpredictable source
■4	Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility expectations
■5	Industry Consolidation and globalization, requiring readjustment of Supply Chains
■6	Skyrocketing Commodities & Energy Prices impacting Product Cost

Source: Deloitte research 2008. Survey of 93 senior executives at leading food and beverages businesses

Executives voiced concerns over price & profitability pressures, compliance issues and talent management...



- Both retailers and manufacturers indicate customer service is becoming an important differentiator and good service needs well trained and experienced employees
- The industry appears to be well in tune with consumer trends and priorities notably around health and nutrition, innovation and variety, convenience, guarantees of provenance, quality and positive environmental and social contribution
- The importance of the factors influencing the business landscape is perceived differently by manufacturers and retailers, which can further complicate the overall supply chain

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Dilemma: Some industry trends have a contradictory impact on supply chains and the F&B companies face a tough challenge in balancing environmental & competitive drivers



[•] Using 3PL providers for outbound transportation might enhance efficient use of transportation methods and limit carbon release

Those businesses that can respond to the pressure of the changing and challenging F&B landscape and turn them to their competitive advantage will be the winners

