

FleXipod Interface

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1 Flexipod Interface

This guide shows how the Aptean Proof of Delivery system (APOD or formerly Flexipod) can be configured to be used from CTMS.

This require configuration as to when messages are sent, how they are formatted (the Flexipod attributes), at what level are messages sent (orders, stops, etc) and what information is expected to be received.

1.1 Configuration

1.1.1 System Parameters

Parameter	Description	Config By
FLEXIPOD	Set to Y to indicate the FlexiPod interface is active	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_ACID	Flexipod acid	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_BREAK_DROPS	Flexipod include breaks for the drops in the Add API call (Y/N)	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_CARRIERS	Set to Y indicates the Carrier can control if a trip is sent to FlexiPod	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_CLIENTNUM	Flexipod ClientNum sent in interface	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_CONSOLIDATE_APOD	Flexipod consolidate the drops in the API calls (Y/N)	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_CONSOLIDATE_APOD_REF	Flexipod consolidate the orders for the drops as the OMS reference or a type of customer reference (OMS/CUST/BOOK/DEL)	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_DEPOTS	Set to Y indicates the Depot can control if a trip is sent to FlexiPod	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_DEPOT_DEPART_ACTION	Flexipod Depot Depart Action (Y/N)	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_DEPOT_RETURN_ACTION	Flexipod Depot Return Action (Y/N)	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_DIRECT	Set to Y to indicate the FlexiPod interface is direct and not using Route Execution	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_DROP	Determines the Drop level STOP-OMS or ITEM	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_END_OF_TRIP_ACTION	Flexipod End of Trip Action (Y/N)	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_EXPIRY	Sets the expiry date for the manifest as a number of days after the end of the trip.	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_EXTERNALSYSTEMUPDATE	Flexipod process the External System Update messages in the API call (Y/N)	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_FORCEITEMSCAN	Force the items to be scanned separately: 0 to use the ScanLevel or 1 to force the scan by item.	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_LISTPENDINGMANIFESTS	Flexipod process the List Pending Manifest Update messages in the API call (Y/N)	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_MERGE_DROPS	Flexipod merge the orders on the drop in the Add API call (Y/N)	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_PASSWORD	Flexipod Webservice password	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_PREDEPARTURE_ACTION	Controls whether the system Flexipod Pre-Departure Action get sent as part of the manifest (Y/N)	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_PROXY	Flexipod proxy server	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_READDROP	Flexipod process the Read Drop messages in the API call (Y/N)	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_SCAN_LEVEL	1,2 or 3 to indicate line or item level scanning	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_SCAN_TYPE	Contents and items	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_SIGNATORY	Set to Y to store the SignedByName as the actual signatory as information for the order at its collection of delivery location	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_SPLIT	Are orders to be split?	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_SYSTEM	Flexipod SYSTEM ID sent in interface	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_TIMEZONE	Flexipod timezone for the UpdateManifests API calls	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_TPCLIENTNUM	Flexipod TPClientNum sent in interface	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_UNALLOCATED_DRIVER	Flexipod uses an unallocated driver when one is not assigned to a trip	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_UPDATE_MANIFESTS	Flexipod use UpdateManifests to add manifests (Y/N)	SYSTEM



Parameter	Description	Config By
FLEXIPOD_USERCODE	Flexipod webservice usercode	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_USERNAME	Flexipod webservice username	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_WEBSERVICE	Flexipod webservice endpoint URL	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_WEBSERVICE_TASK	Flexipod webservice endpoint URL for Tasks	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_WEBSERVICE_UI	Flexipod webservice endpoint URL	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_WEBSERVICE_UI_EXEC	Flexipod webservice endpoint URL for Route Execution	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_X_API_KEY	Flexipod x-api-key for External System Update messages	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_TENNANT	?	SYSTEM
FLEXIPOD_TENNANT_KEY1	?	SYSTEM

Key:

- red: no longer in use
- green: in use
- amber: in use, but not defined

1.1.2 Carrier

The FLEXIPOD flag must be enabled when configured by carrier (system parameter FLEXIPOD_CARRIERS) for carriers that require the use of FlexiPOD.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Carrier' window in the 'Resource Maintenance' application. The carrier is 'AD TRANSPORT' (A & D TRANSPORT). The form includes various fields for carrier details, contact information, and operational parameters. The 'Flexipod' checkbox is located under the 'OTM Enabled' section, which is currently unchecked. Other visible checkboxes include 'Multiple Tariff', 'Allow Palletisation', 'EPOD Enabled', 'Auto Debrief Cal', 'Send to ePOD Col', 'Single Box tracking', 'Transport Mode', 'Cost Centre', 'Trips per day', 'Reporting Carrier', '3rd Party Labels Required', 'Air Waybill/Consignment Required', 'Default Resource', 'Auto Debrief Del', 'Send to ePOD Del', 'OTM Enabled', 'Van Fleet', 'Flexipod', and 'LogiNext Enabled'.

1.1.3 Depot Locations

The FLEXIPOD flag must be enabled when configured by depot (system parameter FLEXIPOD_DEPOTS) for depots that require the use of FlexiPOD.



The screenshot shows the 'Locations' window in the Flexipod interface. The 'Special' tab is selected, displaying details for location 'LETCHWORTH'. The ID is 018. The location is active. The coordinates are 51.98284 latitude and -20695 longitude. The time zone is set to 'RDC'. The loading rate is 'DEPOT LOAD' and the unloading rate is 'DEPOT UNLOAD'. The account profile is 'Control Tower'. The comments section contains the text 'Always report to Security gate upon arrival'. There are several checkboxes for various settings: RF Cross-dock, Early Stop Window, Fixed Lat Longs, Email Trip Manifest, Exclusive Drop, Allow DG Pallets, Create Empties, WCS item to Asset, Master Location, MIXMOVE, and Retain Planning Region. A 'Delete' button is located at the bottom right of the main form area. At the very bottom of the window are buttons for 'New Location', 'Save', 'Cancel', 'Close', and 'Linked Maint'.

1.1.4 EDI Processes

FLEXIPOD_OUT

This process sends the triggered manifests to APOD.

- Flow Type: PROCESS
- Package Name: PROCESS, DP_FLEXIPOD.PROCESS_FLEXIPOD_OUT
- Process: i_process_name FLEXIPOD_OUT
- Interval: 5 minutes

FLEXIPOD_SENDLISTPENDING

This process checks to see if there are any pending updates from the manifests and imports the details.

- Flow Type: PROCESS
- Package Name: PROCESS DP_FLEXIPOD.send_listpendingmanifestupdates
- Process: PROCESS FLEXIPOD_SENDLISTPENDING
- Interval: 1 minute

1.1.5 Reason Codes and Decodes

A decode of name "FLX_RESULT_CODES" type "REFERENCE" must be configured to map all of the reason codes from APOD into CTMS.

Several ITEM_NON_CON reason codes must be created to map to the APOD reason codes.:


Examples:

APOD	CTMS	Description	At Fault	Action	Type	CBR
1	SD	Successful Delivery				
10	SD	Successful Delivery				
2	FV	Failed Visit			FAILURE	Y
3	SD	Successful Delivery				
4	UD	Unsuccessful Delivery			FAILURE	
5	SC	Successful Collection				
6	SJ	Skipped Job			FAILURE	Y
7	NR	No Longer Required			FAILURE	




APOD CTMS	Description	At Fault Action	Type	CBR
8	PR	Payment Refused		


Plus any reason codes created in FlexiPOD must be created within TMS for the audit history to accurately represent any reasons selected by the driver.

 **Note:** For each implementation, the reason codes and numbers will differ. For example, 1 and 10 may not be "Successfully Delivered", so the decode mapping MUST be in place for the APOD interface.

1.1.6 Attribute Configuration


Attributes against Manifests, Drops and Items can be configured by your Aptean implementation team. Up to  **Warning:** 10 attributes may be defined at each level except Drop, which may contain 20 attributes.

In general, the following is allowed at each level:

- Manifest
 - ◆ Information derived directly from the trip, such as route code, trailer type, driver, etc.
- Drop
 - ◆ Information derived from the transport order header, such as the main references, instructions
 - ◆ Information derived from the customer of the transport order, such as parameters against that customer.
 - ◆ Any sub-reference held against that transport order.
 - ◆ Any sub-reference held against the transport order's destination location.
- Item
 - ◆ Information derived from the order items.
 - ◆ Order Reference information
 - ◆ Any references from the Drop above
 - ◆  **Note:** Including Quarantine status through the order reference STATUS)

An example is below:

Project Name	Level	Number	Source	Target
Stapletons	Drop	1	so.booking_ref	
Stapletons	Drop	2	so.del_point_ref	
Stapletons	Drop	3	dp_flexipod.get_order_val("ORDER","PRICE",	
Stapletons	Drop	4		
Stapletons	Drop	5		
Stapletons	Drop	6	dp_flexipod.get_ref("LOCATION","PERMIT_NUMBER",	
Stapletons	Drop	7	oc.free_text1	
Stapletons	Drop	8	dp_flexipod.get_ref("LOCATION","UNITARY_AUTHORITY",	
Stapletons	Drop	9	dp_flexipod.get_ref("LOCATION","LICENCE_NUMBER",	
Stapletons	Drop	10	so.total_weight	
Stapletons	Drop	11	so.total_pieces	
Stapletons	Drop	12	oc.pay_on_delivery	
Stapletons	Drop	13	oc.collect_casings	
Stapletons	Drop	14		
Stapletons	Drop	15		
Stapletons	ItemAttributes	1	soi.du_type	
Stapletons	ItemAttributes	2	soi.weight	
Stapletons	ItemAttributes	3	dp_flexipod.get_order_val("ITEM","UNIT_WEIGHT",	
Stapletons	ItemAttributes	4	dp_flexipod.get_order_val("ITEM","UNIT_PRICE",	
Stapletons	ItemAttributes	5	dp_flexipod.get_order_val("ITEM","STATUS",	
Stapletons	Manifest	1	st.route_code	
Stapletons	Manifest	2	st.trailer_type	

 **Warning:** You MUST use double-quotes when specifying attributes to dp_flexipod functions such as dp_flexipod.get_order_val.



1.2 Sending Trips to FlexiPOD

This happens automatically when:

- the trip is set to status "ACCEPTED" or "EN-ROUTE"
- when any changes happen to the trip i.e. orders are added, removed or moved on a trip that is at those statuses.
- When the driver, carrier or tractor has been added or changed on a trip that is at those statuses.

The send to APOD has many parameters that affect it, which allow such functionality as:

- Consolidating all orders on a stop
- The scan level (pallets, contents, items only).
- Controlling whether pre-departure jobs are sent
- Controlling whether depot departure jobs are sent
- Controlling whether breaks are sent
- Controlling whether depot return jobs are sent
- Controlling whether end of trip jobs are sent

1.3 Actions Taken on Update

Gets updates from Flexipod drops and processes them

Marks message as collected

Stores order references

- TrackingID
- TrackingURL
- JobReportName

Stores signatory and filename if present

- As ord_information
- As References
 - ◆ SignedByName
 - ◆ SignedByFilename
 - ◆ SiteImageFilename

If item details provided:

- Updates stop Actual Arrive and Actual Depart
- If scan_type = 'I' (per scanned deliverable item)
 - ◆ Creates Order Item Reasons from decoded reason code for actions against the drops and items (such as successful delivery, etc).
 - ◆ Creates Order Item Reasons from decoded reason code if there are non-conformities
 - ◆ Updates item delivered quantities
 - ◆ Updates order line quantities
 - ◆ Updates POC/POD flag against the order
- If scan_type = 'P' (per scanned deliverable item)
 - ◆ Same for each item in the pallet.

If event_name = 'Pre-Departure'

- Updates SU (start-up) stop actual arrive

If event_name = 'Depot Depart'

- Updates SU (start-up) stop actual arrive and actual depart
- Sets the trip status



- Updates items as despatched
- Updates lines as despatched
- Validates the order

If event_name = 'Depot Return'

- Updates CL (close-down) stop actual arrive

If event_name = 'End of Trip'

- Updates CL (close-down) stop actual arrive and actual depart
- Sets the trip status

For all order updates:

- Change order status to DELIVERED if anything delivered
- Change order status to FAILED if nothing delivered



Note: All changes to order are audited.

