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Energy Efficiency Measures in Supply Chain Systems

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Energy efficiency represents a strategic resource for sustainable development in the three dimensions (i.e., economic, environmental, and social) because it provides multiple benefits to different stakeholders. There are many opportunities to develop this topic from the practice and research point of view. For instance, further interesting developments in the following fields (as well as other topics) remain:

- the evaluation of the effects that the energy management has on the economic and environmental results of the supply chain while considering also different forms of cooperation among the actors
- how supply chain management can support the development of energy efficient measures to overcome existing barriers
- how different learning curves and knowledge of participants along the supply chain can influence the outcomes
- the effects introduced by considering risks and uncertainties that characterise the current environment
- the effects of specific supply chain energy efficiency measures, in order to compare and prioritize the existing alternatives in different industrial sectors, since they may have different relevance and impacts

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