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Belco Global Foods Case Study Analysis

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About Belco Global Foods

- Belco is an international food distribution company
- Founded in 1978
- 18 offices on 4 continents, employee base speaks 22 languages and span 40 nationalities
- Product sourced in U.S., then exported to more than 125 countries
- Annual sales are nearing \$1 billion

The Growth of Belco TheCasesolutions.com

- Vision: Build strong, mutually advantageous relationships with suppliers and customers
- Committed to understanding its markets and customers
- Hire employees that are able to speak with local customers



- Developed branded products
- Adaptable strategy

Background TheCasesolutions.com

- Belco experiences a great deal of risk
- Strong credit and risk management team
- 40-50% of sales are made on open account terms
- Examine customer's financials before granting open terms
- \$100 million outstanding in accounts receivable
- Insured receivables for 85-90% of contract value

Credit lerms



- Cannot exceed 30 days after arrival of cargo to destination
- No grace period
- Contact customer on due date
- Credit team puts credit hold on account
- Average maturity = 30 days

Kooritsa Kiev

- Wholesaler of poultry, pork, and other food products in Moscow, Russia
- Trading with Belco for 4 years
- Granted open trade terms in 2008
- Overdue receivable was \$84,000 worth of food product
- Outstanding balance of \$78,000 due in 15 days
- Had 30 days to pay after goods arrived



The Problem

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How can Pam Arnold and the credit team collect the outstanding receivable from Kooritsa Kiev without damaging their relationship with Belco?