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NetSuite Inventory Carrying Cost: Rates and Cash Savings

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Executive Summary

NetSuite inventory carrying cost should be calculated from annual eligible holding costs divided by a reconciled average inventory value, with the capital-cost policy shown separately. APQC's measure uses average inventory and includes capital, storage, insurance, taxes, administration, shrinkage, and obsolescence. Oracle's Inventory Turnover report calculates average value from month-end on-hand values; Inventory Optimization's projected values are a different input. This 2026 analysis proposes a workbook connecting those definitions to company records and decision-specific savings. (www.apqc.org) (docs.oracle.com)

Generic rates are useful sensitivities, not approval evidence. NetSuite's divide-by-four shortcut implies **25% of the selected inventory value**. A Rice University Baker Institute report cites the vendor's **20% to 30% estimate**, explicitly qualified as an estimate. APQC's displayed median should likewise not be imported as a company target without matching scope, cost categories, period, and participants. The practical answer is to document actual pools, preserve the historical denominator, and state whether capital means financing interest or an economic opportunity charge. (www.netsuite.com) (www.bakerinstitute.org) (www.apqc.org)

The worked **Hypothetical Example** uses **\$4 million** average inventory, **\$480,000** annual eligible expense, and an assumed **8%** opportunity rate. These illustrative inputs produce a **12% expense rate** and **20% economic management rate**. Reducing average inventory to **\$3 million** lowers recurring expense by an assumed **\$100,000**, of which **\$70,000** is direct cash spending and **\$30,000** is non-cash loss expense. The capital charge falls **\$80,000**. Economic cost falls from **\$800,000 to \$620,000**, even while its rate rises to **20.67%**. All amounts are this report's assumptions and arithmetic, not externally measured benchmarks. Cash-flow reporting distinguishes accounting profit from actual cash movements. (www.sec.gov)

The decision must therefore show **released working capital**, **avoidable operating expense**, and **economic opportunity cost** separately. Controlled sell-down can reduce paid replacement purchasing; liquidation produces actual proceeds, potentially below carrying value. Neither mechanism makes inventory principal an annual expense saving. Relevant-cost analysis asks which future cash flows change because of the choice,

while accounting guidance recognizes inventory write-downs as expense. Approval should require a GL cost-pool map, ownership and cutoff evidence, contract-level avoidability tests, and a service-risk assessment. (www.open.edu) (www.ifrs.org)

Introduction and Background

The useful answer to **NetSuite inventory carrying cost** is an annual measurement tied to company records, followed by a separate decision calculation. The first explains the cost of holding an inventory portfolio. The second asks what changes if management reduces stock, liquidates a product line, changes warehouses, or redesigns replenishment. Treating these as separate questions prevents an allocated cost from being presented as an achievable cash saving. (www.open.edu)

A distributor may assign rent across every pallet without being able to cancel any leased space. A manufacturer may reduce obsolete materials and record a smaller future write-down without receiving an immediate cash inflow. A direct-to-consumer business may reduce storage fees while continuing to incur picking charges on the same sales volume. These are different mechanisms, requiring different evidence. (www.ifrs.org) (www.shipbob.com)

Carrying cost in this report means the annual cost attributed to holding eligible inventory, including an explicitly selected capital charge. **Average inventory value** means the agreed monetary exposure over the same measurement period. The **carrying-cost rate** divides the former by the latter. APQC's measure includes opportunity cost or cost of capital, storage, insurance, taxes, handling or administration, shrinkage, and obsolescence. Its denominator is average inventory value. (www.apqc.org)

The following workbook specification is intended for chief financial officers, controllers, inventory finance managers, and chief operating officers using **NetSuite**. It does not prescribe an accounting policy or replace the company's accounting framework. Houseblend's perspective here is advisory; finance owns the scope, assumptions, reconciliation, and approval. Accounting conclusions should be confirmed with the company's accountant, particularly when a management allocation is compared with capitalized inventory costs. IAS 2 distinguishes inventory cost from expenses recognized when inventory is sold or written down. (www.ifrs.org)

Key Changes in Measuring Carrying Cost

Replace shortcuts with a defined numerator

NetSuite's practitioner guide describes capital, storage, service, and risk costs. It also presents a quick estimate obtained by dividing inventory value by four. That shortcut produces a scenario equivalent to **25% of the selected inventory value**, not a calculation of a particular company's invoices, losses, or funding requirement. Treat it as a starting hypothesis to replace with evidence. (www.netsuite.com)

An independently authored Rice University Baker Institute report cites the NetSuite article for a **20% to 30% estimate** and qualifies the range as an estimate. (www.netsuite.com) This verifies a specific external citation of the vendor explanation. It does not establish a representative carrying-cost benchmark for a Canadian wholesaler or a US manufacturer. (www.bakerinstitute.org)

Table 1 compares the sources and the company measurement they can support. Their differences should remain visible in the workbook rather than being combined into one average rate. The public observations were checked for this report on **October 20, 2026**.

Source or calculation	Definition and observed evidence	Appropriate use and limitation
APQC measure 100784	Carrying cost divided by average inventory value; the public display shows a sample of 6,468 and median 10.0% . (www.apqc.org)	A defined benchmark measure. The opened display does not establish a matched peer group or clear measurement vintage; neither figure is a company target.
NetSuite practitioner explanation	Component-based explanation plus the divide-by-four shortcut. (www.netsuite.com)	A communication aid and scenario, not an audited company numerator.
Rice University Baker Institute report	An independent policy discussion cites the vendor's 20% to 30% estimate. (www.bakerinstitute.org)	Evidence of that citation and its qualification, not another independent survey producing the range.
Company workbook	Actual eligible cost pools, a reconciled average inventory denominator, and a separately approved capital policy.	A proposed management measurement, valid only for its documented scope, period, and assumptions.

The apparent disagreement is useful. A rate can change because of geography, financing assumptions, cost categories, inventory valuation, period, or participant selection. A low rate can also reflect a large denominator. Finance should first reproduce each definition, then decide whether comparison is meaningful. For example, the US Census Bureau's inventory-to-sales ratio compares month-end inventory with monthly sales. It is not an annual carrying-cost rate, and cannot establish one. (www.census.gov)

Separate measurement from action

A **fully allocated cost** helps explain how resources support inventory. An **avoidable cost** changes because a decision changes future spending. ACCA's relevant-cost guidance excludes costs that remain unchanged and includes changes in future cash flows. A pallet allocation therefore needs a second test: which invoice, staffing commitment, or capacity requirement disappears, and when? (www.accaglobal.com)

An economic capital charge adds the value of alternative use of funds. It is a policy assumption, not a journal entry. A reconciled expense view and an economic management view can coexist, provided their bridge is explicit. Do not add both the selected interest charge and a full alternative capital charge to the same inventory exposure. The purpose is a transparent choice of capital method, consistent with the opportunity-cost concept. (www.accaglobal.com)

Establish the NetSuite Inventory Baseline

Freeze scope before extracting balances

Use a signed scope sheet before calculating a rate. A practical minimum is:

- **Entity:** legal company, subsidiary set, and consolidation perimeter.
- **Book:** accounting book and reporting currency, with a documented foreign-exchange convention.

- **Period:** fiscal year or trailing annual period, dated extracts, and cutoff time.
- **Ownership:** owned stock, vendor-owned consignment, and owned goods held elsewhere.
- **Classes:** raw materials, work in process, finished goods, and resale merchandise included.
- **Locations:** owned warehouse, third-party logistics provider, store, and transit boundaries.
- **Valuation:** the accounting basis and treatment of reserves or write-downs.
- **Exclusions:** customer property, supplier property, and categories outside the selected cost pools.

These are workbook controls, not promises about a universal NetSuite configuration. Oracle documents accounting-book filters for supported reports and warns that saved searches default to the primary book. A convenient search output is therefore not automatically evidence for the selected book. Validate its scope against the reporting configuration. (docs.oracle.com)

Ownership also needs a separate field. Oracle documents vendor-consigned inventory accounting even while inventory remains owned by the vendor. Physical possession and an inventory-related account balance do not by themselves prove company capital exposure. Company-paid storage for vendor-owned goods can remain a real expense, but it should be identified separately rather than divided indiscriminately by owned inventory value. (docs.oracle.com)

Use the correct historical average

Oracle's **Inventory Turnover Report** provides an average inventory value. Its average uses inventory on-hand value on the last day of each month, divided by the number of months in the period. Confirm the actual date range instead of assuming that a fiscal-period preference controls this report. (docs.oracle.com)

For a monthly workbook, retain the component balances rather than only the final average. Reconcile each dated eligible inventory total to the relevant general ledger (**GL**) balance, documenting items such as excluded ownership classes, transit balances, reserves, and currency translation. The reconciliation is a finance control proposed here; it is not a claim that every inventory report automatically equals every GL inventory account.

Oracle notes that landed cost is included in the **Inventory Valuation Summary** Unit Value column. (docs.oracle.com) Keep purchase cost and capitalized landed cost in the inventory baseline where required by the accounting policy. Do not automatically add the same costs again as annual holding expense. IAS 2 includes costs of purchase, conversion, and bringing inventory to its present location and condition in inventory cost. (www.ifrs.org)

Preserve the extract date and reconciliation version. Oracle cautions that running a valuation report for a past date does not recalculate average cost as of that date. This is a reason to validate dated outputs and preserve evidence, rather than assume a later rerun reproduces an earlier export. (docs.oracle.com)

Finally, do not substitute **Expected Average Inventory Value** from Inventory Optimization for the historical denominator. Oracle explicitly describes projected outputs as distinct from actual transaction results. Use those projections in the future scenario, and historical accounting evidence in the baseline. (docs.oracle.com)

Build the Cost-Pool Workbook

Map accounts to economic causes

The workbook should make every inclusion traceable from a GL account or external assumption to a cost pool. Invoice completeness matters too: ShipMonk documents charges that are not order-specific, so an order-only analysis can omit part of the bill. This is an analogous data-control warning, not a statement about a NetSuite join. (datacatalog.shipmonk.com) APQC's component definition supplies a useful taxonomy, while IAS 2 supplies an accounting boundary: management carrying cost and capitalized inventory cost serve different purposes. (www.apqc.org) (www.ifrs.org)

Table 2 is a proposed **source-to-cost-pool matrix**. Its treatments are review questions, not universal posting instructions. Account numbers and amounts must come from the company's own records.

Pool and record	Include or exclude	Behavior and proposed driver	Owner and retained evidence
Storage: warehouse GL, lease, 3PL invoices	Include eligible holding space and directly related occupancy; identify unrelated distribution activity separately.	Split committed, variable, and step costs; use pallet-days, occupied space, or billable volume where causal. (www.shipbob.com)	Operations and controller: contracts, occupancy records, invoice tie-out.
Insurance and inventory taxes	Include documented inventory-related exposure for the jurisdiction and policy period; exclude unrelated property coverage.	Use insured value or the documented assessment base; test actual policy or assessment terms. (www.apqc.org)	Finance: policy schedule, allocation basis, assessment and renewal dates. Changing inventory can change coverage needs. (www.thehartford.com)
Holding-related handling and administration	Include identifiable work caused by holding stock; separate receiving, production, and outbound fulfillment where their economics differ.	Labor touches, hours, or activity counts; retain fixed supervision separately. (help.shopify.com)	Warehouse finance: payroll mapping, time study, activity evidence.
Shrinkage and obsolescence	Include the selected annual loss or expense measure, reconciled to reserves and disposals; prevent duplication.	Exposure by category, age, or value only where justified; distinguish provision from cash. (www.accaglobal.com)	Controller: reserve roll-forward, adjustment reports, disposal records.
Capital: funding or opportunity charge	Choose the financing-interest approach or an economic capital rate applied to eligible average exposure. Exclude inventory principal as an annual cost.	Value exposure over time; economic assumptions remain outside the GL expense reconciliation. (www.accaglobal.com)	Treasury or CFO: rate rationale, funding terms, approval.
Purchase and conversion costs	Keep inventory acquisition and production amounts within their accounting treatment; do not reclassify the full purchase value as annual holding cost. (www.ifrs.org)	Not an extra carrying-cost pool merely because stock remains unsold.	Controller: accounting policy and capitalization reconciliation.

An allocation can be reasonable for measurement without being avoidable for a decision. A warehouse manager may assign rent by occupied area, while the lease payment remains unchanged until space is surrendered or a contract step is reached. The workbook should preserve **unallocated fixed cost** rather than forcing all overhead onto items to create a misleading savings claim. Relevant-cost analysis depends on future changes, not allocation completeness. (www.open.edu)

Keep two numerators and one documented bridge

The **reconciled expense numerator** contains eligible recognized annual costs, with a schedule back to the accounts. The **economic management numerator** adjusts that expense view for the selected capital policy. For example, remove included financing interest before substituting an approved opportunity charge on the same exposure. The interest and capital-rate schedules should identify exactly what overlaps. (www.apqc.org) (www.accaglobal.com)

Use these spreadsheet-ready relationships, with consistent annual periods and currencies:

- **Historical denominator:** $\text{AverageInventory} = \text{SUM}(\text{EligibleMonthEndValues}) / \text{COUNT}(\text{EligibleMonthEndValues})$.
- **Expense numerator:** $\text{EligibleExpense} = \text{SUM}(\text{ApprovedEligibleGLPools})$.
- **Expense rate:** $\text{ExpenseRate} = \text{EligibleExpense} / \text{AverageInventory}$.
- **Economic capital:** $\text{CapitalCharge} = \text{AverageInventory} * \text{ApprovedAnnualCapitalRate}$.
- **Economic numerator:** $\text{EconomicCost} = \text{EligibleExpense} - \text{OverlappingInterest} + \text{CapitalCharge}$.
- **Management rate:** $\text{ManagementRate} = \text{EconomicCost} / \text{AverageInventory}$.
- **Cost allocation:** $\text{AllocatedPool} = \text{PoolAmount} * \text{ItemDriver} / \text{TotalEligibleDriver}$.
- **Decision saving:** $\text{AvoidableCost} = \text{BaselineFutureCost} - \text{ScenarioFutureCost}$.

The average formula follows Oracle's documented month-end approach; the rate structure follows APQC's average-inventory denominator. The additional columns are this report's proposed control design. Prevent division by zero and flag incomplete periods rather than silently annualizing missing records. (docs.oracle.com) (www.apqc.org)

Implementation Considerations and Process Changes

Make the spreadsheet template auditable

A usable **inventory carrying cost spreadsheet template** is a controlled set of linked schedules. It should let a second reviewer reconstruct the calculation without reading the author's mind. The following proposed tabs and fields provide that structure; they do not require an unverified NetSuite custom field or a particular integration product.

- **Scope:** entity, book, currency, fiscal dates, eligible classes, ownership rules, exclusions, preparer, and approver.
- **Inventory:** month-end date, subsidiary, location, item class, ownership flag, gross carrying value, reserve treatment, eligible value, and source identifier.

- **GL pools:** account, period, actual amount, eligible share, excluded amount, pool, and reconciliation reference.
- **Drivers:** location, activity, driver units, measurement window, source, and allocation rationale.
- **Capital policy:** selected method, rate, exposure base, overlapping interest, sensitivity range, and approval date.
- **Scenarios:** implementation date, inventory reduction path, avoided purchases, cash costs, expense effects, capacity thresholds, and service assumptions.
- **Evidence:** report parameters, extract timestamps, contract references, reserve roll-forwards, and assumptions awaiting validation.
- **Review:** exceptions, owner, due date, resolution, approval, and next recalculation trigger.

A report extract is evidence only within its documented settings. Book selection and historical valuation cautions make parameter retention material. Finance should obtain help from a NetSuite specialist when books, ownership, report filters, and transaction behavior cannot be aligned into a reproducible baseline. The specialist's deliverable should include a reconciled source map and retained report parameters.

(docs.oracle.com)

Validate whether savings can actually occur

For each proposed reduction, replace a percentage allocation with a testable operating event. A storage charge based on occupied volume may change with space used, while an outbound handling charge may continue when the same orders ship. Official provider descriptions distinguish storage from fulfillment activity; actual company contracts determine the invoice outcome. (www.shipbob.com) (help.shopify.com)

Use an approval checklist that records:

- **Baseline completeness:** the cost pool agrees to source records, including exclusions.
- **Causal change:** the scenario identifies the capacity, exposure, or activity that declines.
- **Contract trigger:** billing minimum, notice date, volume tier, or capacity step is checked.
- **Timing:** savings start when the relevant commitment or activity changes.
- **Cash conversion:** collections, purchases, financing repayment, and fees are scheduled separately.
- **Service guardrail:** availability, lead time, and expected lost contribution are evaluated.
- **Accounting treatment:** write-downs, realized losses, and provisions remain visible.
- **Approval:** finance and operations accept both the evidence and the remaining uncertainty.

A small reduction can leave a bill unchanged, while crossing a capacity threshold can create a discontinuous saving. Conversely, reducing the wrong stock can increase shortage exposure. The company should retain the planning input and its service assumptions alongside the financial model, rather than treating an inventory target as an approved business outcome. ShipMonk, for example, links its monthly minimum to pick fees and projected order volume. That is a provider-specific contract mechanism, not a universal storage rule.

(www.shipmonk.com) (www.apqc.org)

Data Analysis and Evidence

Denominator and capital-rate sensitivity (Hypothetical Example)

All figures in the remainder of this section are **illustrative assumptions or arithmetic**, not client results, provider prices, or industry benchmarks. The calculation methods are grounded in the month-end average and relevant-cost definitions already discussed. (docs.oracle.com) (www.accaglobal.com)

Assume twelve month-end eligible inventory balances, in millions of the company's reporting currency: **4.8, 4.6, 4.5, 4.3, 4.1, 4.0, 3.9, 3.8, 3.7, 3.6, 3.5, and 3.2**. Their sum is **48.0 million**, so the monthly average is **4.0 million**. If opening inventory was **6.0 million**, the beginning-and-ending shortcut gives **4.6 million**. These are internally calculated values under alternative averaging methods, not quoted benchmarks.

Suppose eligible annual expenses are **\$480,000**: storage **\$240,000**, insurance and inventory taxes **\$40,000**, holding-related handling **\$80,000**, and loss or obsolescence expense **\$120,000**. With no overlapping interest included, an approved illustrative **8%** opportunity rate adds **\$320,000**. The expense rate is **12.0%**, while the economic management rate is **20.0%**.

Using the endpoint average instead produces an expense rate of **10.43%**. Recalculating capital on that larger exposure produces an economic rate of **18.43%**. Holding the original capital charge constant while changing its exposure denominator would mix assumptions. At capital rates of **6%, 8%, and 10%**, with the monthly inventory base unchanged, the economic management rates become **18%, 20%, and 22%**. These sensitivities demonstrate policy dependence, not statistical uncertainty or recommended rates. Opportunity costs belong in the decision analysis even though their treatment differs from recorded expense. (www.accaglobal.com)

Released cash versus recurring cost (Hypothetical Example)

Assume management can sustainably reduce average eligible inventory from **\$4 million to \$3 million**. This comparison resets the steady-state baseline to that assumed level; it is not a cash forecast derived from the declining month-end series above. The first-year transition path must be modeled separately from the steady-state comparison. For the controlled sell-down, assume normal customer demand continues, fewer replacement purchases are paid, supplier terms are unchanged, and the retained stock supports the assumed service outcome. Customer payment timing must also be modeled; BDC recommends forecasting receipts according to when customers actually pay. (www.bdc.ca)

Table 3 separates the proposed alternatives. Both reduction scenarios share the same hypothetical steady-state cost changes solely to make the accounting and cash distinction clear. Actual liquidation may change assortment, sales, and service differently.

Measure	Hold	Controlled sell-down and replenishment reduction	Immediate liquidation
Steady-state average inventory	\$4,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
One-time inventory cash mechanism	None modeled	\$1,000,000 less paid replacement purchasing, assuming the full release is realized	Sell stock carrying \$1,000,000 for \$750,000; less \$25,000 cash fees gives \$725,000 net cash

Measure	Hold	Controlled sell-down and replenishment reduction	Immediate liquidation
One-time expense consequence	None modeled	No incremental markdown assumed; normal trading margin excluded from this comparison	\$250,000 inventory loss plus \$25,000 fees, total \$275,000 expense
Annual recognized holding expense	\$480,000	\$380,000	\$380,000
Annual avoidable expense improvement	Zero	\$100,000 , including \$30,000 lower non-cash loss expense	Same illustrative \$100,000
Direct recurring cash cost improvement	Zero	\$70,000 , excluding that \$30,000 non-cash component	Same illustrative \$70,000
Annual opportunity charge at 8%	\$320,000	\$240,000	\$240,000
Annual economic carrying cost	\$800,000	\$620,000	\$620,000
Economic rate on remaining inventory	20.0%	20.67%	20.67%

The controlled sell-down releases working capital through reduced replacement spending. It does not create an extra million of profit. The liquidation column measures proceeds against carrying value and fees; it cannot also claim the full carrying amount as released cash. IAS 2 links inventory expense recognition to sale and write-down, while cash-flow reporting reconciles accounting profit with cash movements. (www.ifrs.org) (www.sec.gov)

The **\$100,000** expense improvement comprises **\$40,000** storage, **\$10,000** insurance or tax, **\$20,000** handling, and **\$30,000** loss expense reductions. Only the first three are assumed to reduce direct cash spending in this illustration. Avoiding a non-cash write-down is not itself a cash receipt, and any eventual reduction in replacement purchases must not be counted a second time. (www.ifrs.org)

Economic cost falls **\$180,000**, comprising **\$100,000** expense reduction and **\$80,000** lower opportunity charge. Yet the rate rises because the remaining inventory denominator falls faster than cost. Neither the opportunity charge nor the one-time inventory release belongs in recurring operating profit. This is why approval should focus on the cash schedule, expense bridge, and service trade-off rather than a single carrying percentage. (www.open.edu)

Implications and Future Directions

A credible rate makes existing planning recommendations financially testable. It does not establish that every recommended inventory reduction should proceed. APQC's definition includes several cost mechanisms, and NetSuite's projected inventory calculations describe expected outcomes rather than actual transaction results. The controller must connect those two perspectives through a company-specific scenario. (www.apqc.org) (docs.oracle.com)

The most useful improvement is often better evidence at the boundary between finance and operations. For storage, retain billable occupancy measures. For handling, retain activity counts. For losses, retain the reserve movement and disposal history. For capital, retain the approved alternative-use assumption. Different drivers should remain different rather than being forced into a value-based allocation merely because inventory value is easy to export. Provider billing descriptions can help identify relevant activity measures, but they cannot replace the company's contract. (www.shipbob.com) (help.shopify.com)

Recalculate the model when a material operating assumption changes, not merely when a dashboard refreshes. Useful triggers include:

- **Warehouse changes:** a lease renewal, provider change, or capacity tier is reached.
- **Inventory shifts:** ownership, product mix, locations, or reserves change materially.
- **Funding changes:** borrowing arrangements or the approved capital policy change.
- **Reporting changes:** new books, subsidiaries, or report configurations affect comparability.
- **Service changes:** lead times or demand assumptions invalidate the approved scenario.

Finance should assign owners to these triggers and preserve a versioned approval pack. A later reviewer should be able to distinguish a revised operating assumption from a change in accounting scope. This matters especially when comparing tax records and management accounting: the IRS and Canada Revenue Agency publish their own inventory rules, which should not be treated as interchangeable management carrying-cost definitions. (www.irs.gov) (www.canada.ca)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How is inventory carrying cost calculated in NetSuite?

NetSuite provides inventory reporting inputs; the workbook supplies the approved annual numerator. Use a reconciled historical average for the agreed scope, divide eligible annual carrying costs by that average, and document the selected capital treatment. Oracle's Inventory Turnover report has a month-end average definition. (docs.oracle.com)

Is a 25% rate acceptable for a first pass?

It can be an explicitly labeled sensitivity. NetSuite's divide-by-four shortcut does not validate the company's actual expenses or achievable savings. Replace it with sourced pools before approving a warehouse move, liquidation, or material purchasing change. (www.netsuite.com)

Does reducing inventory by one million save one million in expenses?

No. It can release working capital through the purchase and collection cycle. Expense savings require separate changes in recognized costs; direct cash savings require changes in cash outflows. A lower non-cash write-down and a lower warehouse invoice are different outcomes. (www.sec.gov) (www.ifrs.org)

What validates the assumptions?

Retained reports, GL reconciliations, ownership evidence, contracts, activity measures, capital-policy approval, and scenario-specific cash schedules. Relevant-cost guidance makes the central test explicit: the decision must change future cash flows for a cash item to be relevant. (www.accaglobal.com)

Conclusion

An auditable inventory carrying-cost workbook begins with a defined company boundary, a historical average inventory baseline, and a cost-pool schedule that reconciles to records. It adds a documented capital policy without disguising opportunity cost as booked expense. APQC's average-inventory definition provides a useful reference for that measurement. (www.apqc.org)

The management decision then requires another bridge. Released working capital, recurring avoidable expense, direct cash spending, and economic capital charges answer different questions. A lower inventory balance may improve cash availability while leaving a facility commitment unchanged. A liquidation may generate proceeds while recognizing a loss. The relevant-cost test focuses attention on the future changes caused by the choice. (www.open.edu)

The proposed workbook makes those distinctions reviewable: preserve the dated extracts, show cost inclusions and exclusions, document drivers, retain fixed commitments, and test timing and service assumptions. Use generic percentages as scenarios, not as proof of savings. Approve a reduction only when finance and operations can explain where the cash comes from, which costs change, and what evidence supports the expected outcome. That standard makes the rate useful beyond a single report and keeps inventory decisions tied to their actual economic consequences.

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