Customer Success: Ceva

Ceva Animal Health is one of the world’s largest veterinary health companies, with over 5000 employees and offices in 42 countries.

Challenge
As a leading pharmaceutical company, Ceva must comply with many regulations and, in most countries, its products must be approved by regulatory authorities before they can be distributed. The registration process for their products varies by country and involves many different types of documents like application forms, supporting documentation, government product licenses, and product packaging.

“Registering a new product with the government can take up to three years with a large number of documents and a lot of back and forth,” said Decio Francini, IT Manager at Ceva Brazil. “Tracking the process via paper was too much work. We wanted to digitize everything.”

Story
In an effort to modernize their day-to-day operations, Ceva wanted to launch a digital transformation that included Google Drive to store their documents and AODocs to track all the steps of the registration process. “We still have to use paper when sending or receiving documents to or from the government,” explained Decio. “But as soon as a document is received by Ceva, it is scanned and stored in AODocs.”

Going paperless was just one of three goals Ceva wanted as part of their digital transformation. The three key components included:
1. Going completely paperless and digitizing the product registration process.
2. Selecting a more modern document management solution to increase productivity
3. Reducing the number of costly human errors.

Since AODocs can capture rich metadata, Ceva could tag each document by its type, properties, and expiration data. Whenever a document is updated, like in the case of a document receiving an approval stamp from a government official, the new version is added to AODocs using AODocs’ version control, thereby dramatically increasing productivity.

Results
Ceva now relies on Google Drive and AODocs to perform at its highest level of efficiency and to increase efficiency as technology changes. “At any time, we have access to the full history of the document with all the changes that were made throughout the registration process,” said Decio. “And with Google Drive’s unlimited storage, we can keep as many versions as we want for as long as we need.”