

- **Today's Logistics Report: Packaging for Refills; Airbus May Take Wing; Walmart's Driving Trucks**

**Packaging for Refills:**

Some of the world's biggest consumer-goods suppliers are taking aim at packaging. Companies including Procter & Gamble Co. , NestléSA, PepsiCo Inc. and Unilever PLC say they'll start selling some products in glass, steel and other containers designed to be returned and refilled, reports the WSJ's Saabira Chaudhuri. It's a plan to eliminate plastic waste that would reverberate across their supply chains.

**Airbus May Take Wing:**

The corporate alarms over Brexit are growing louder. Aircraft manufacturing giant Airbus SE sharpened its threat to move operations out of the U.K. if politicians can't strike a deal for an orderly departure from the European Union, the WSJ's Robert Wall and Max Colchester report, raising the prospect of a big shift in high-value aerospace supply chains.

**Walmart's Driving Trucks:**

Walmart Inc. is sending a new warning signal to the U.S. trucking industry. The retailer plans to add around 900 drivers to its sprawling U.S. private-fleet operations after hiring about 1,400 truckers last year. The hiring effort comes in a trucking sector that added nearly 37,000 jobs last year as freight demand heated up and carriers raised pay and incentives for drivers.

Source: Wall Street Journal Jan 25 2019

- **New Job for Robots: Taking Stock for Retailers**

Retailers that have been turning to robots to handle inventory in warehouses are testing whether machines can handle a new task: detecting when store shelves need restocking. Keeping track of inventory and doing it quickly has become one of the most pressing supply-chain concerns for merchants as they try to put into place new strategies for selling and delivering goods under the fast-changing demands of e-commerce.

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