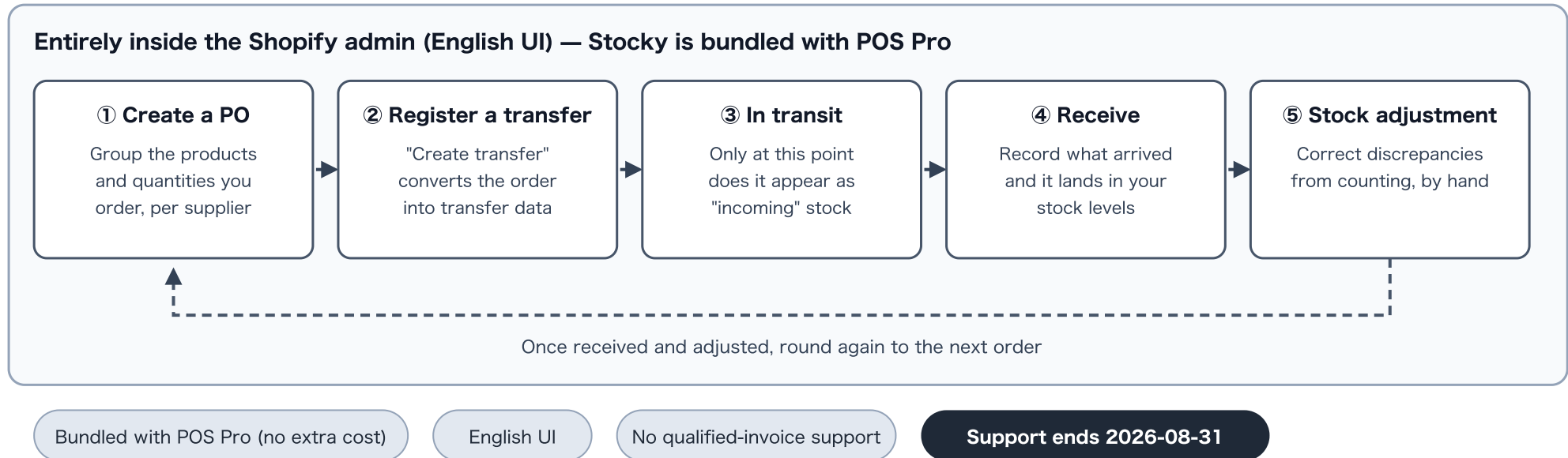


How it works — three purchasing cycles compared

With Stocky, Shopify's own inventory app, reaching end of life on **31 August 2026**, this document draws one diagram each for **Stocky today**, **Stockie** (a leading overseas alternative) and **UreyukiBox**, all from the same angle: **how the purchasing cycle turns — order → receive → stock → next order**. It is written to be shown as-is to non-technical colleagues. Statements about competitors reflect public information as of 2026-08-09; source URLs and dates are in the footnotes of document 02, "Comparison".

Note on UreyukiBox's interface. The screens and purchase-order PDFs follow the Shopify admin language, so an English admin gets an English interface. Notifications and supplier purchase-order emails are available in English too, following the store's country; support is provided in Japanese and English. Diagrams below name the Japanese screens and buttons as they appear in a Japanese admin, with the English wording alongside.

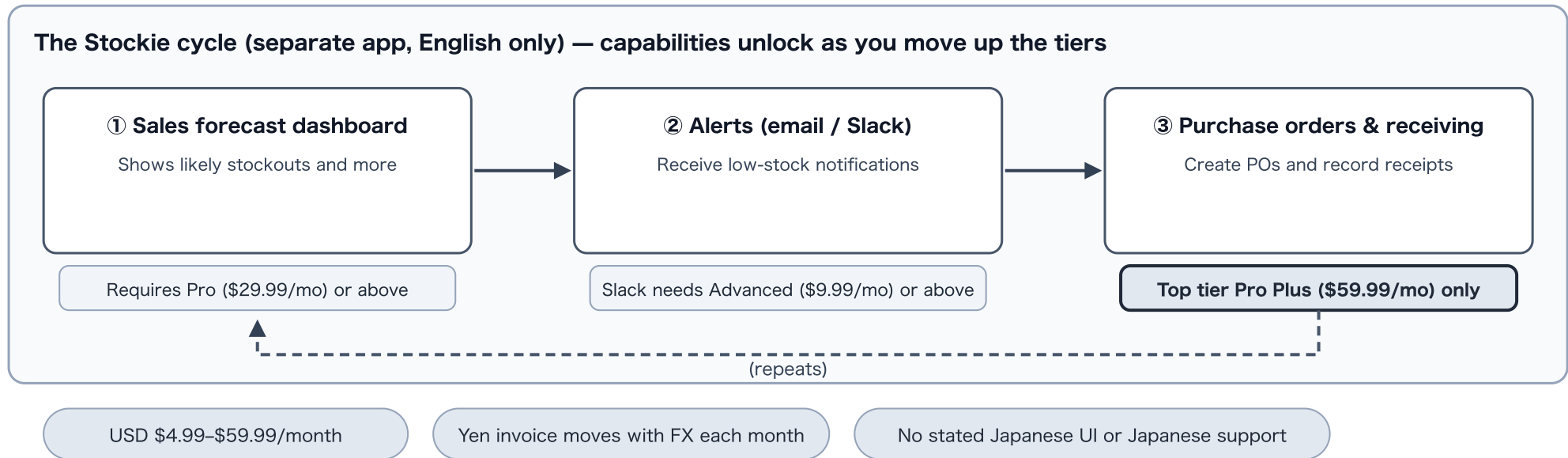
1. Stocky (Shopify's own app — ending 2026-08-31)



Notes

- Stocky is a first-party app bundled with Shopify POS Pro, usable at no additional cost of its own.
- The interface is primarily English (Japanese documentation exists in the Shopify Help Center).
- It does not handle Japanese qualified invoices (8% / 10% tax categories, registration number printed).
- **Stocky ends and every Stocky API stops on 31 August 2026.** It remains read-only for export for at least 90 days, but suppliers cannot be exported from Stocky.

2. Stockie (a leading overseas candidate)



Notes

- Pricing is in USD across four monthly tiers: Basic \$4.99 / Advanced \$9.99 / Pro \$29.99 / Pro Plus \$59.99. A Japanese store is invoiced in yen, but because the USD price is converted, **the invoice moves every month**.
- The forecast dashboard needs Pro or above; purchase orders and receiving are on the top Pro Plus tier only; Slack alerts need Advanced or above. Running the whole cycle in the diagram means the top tier (per public information as of 2026-08-09).
- The listed language is English only (Shopify App Store listing, checked 2026-08-09). We could not confirm Japanese-language support from public information.
- Sources: the footnotes of document 02, "Comparison" (URLs and dates checked; Shopify App Store public information, checked 2026-08-09).

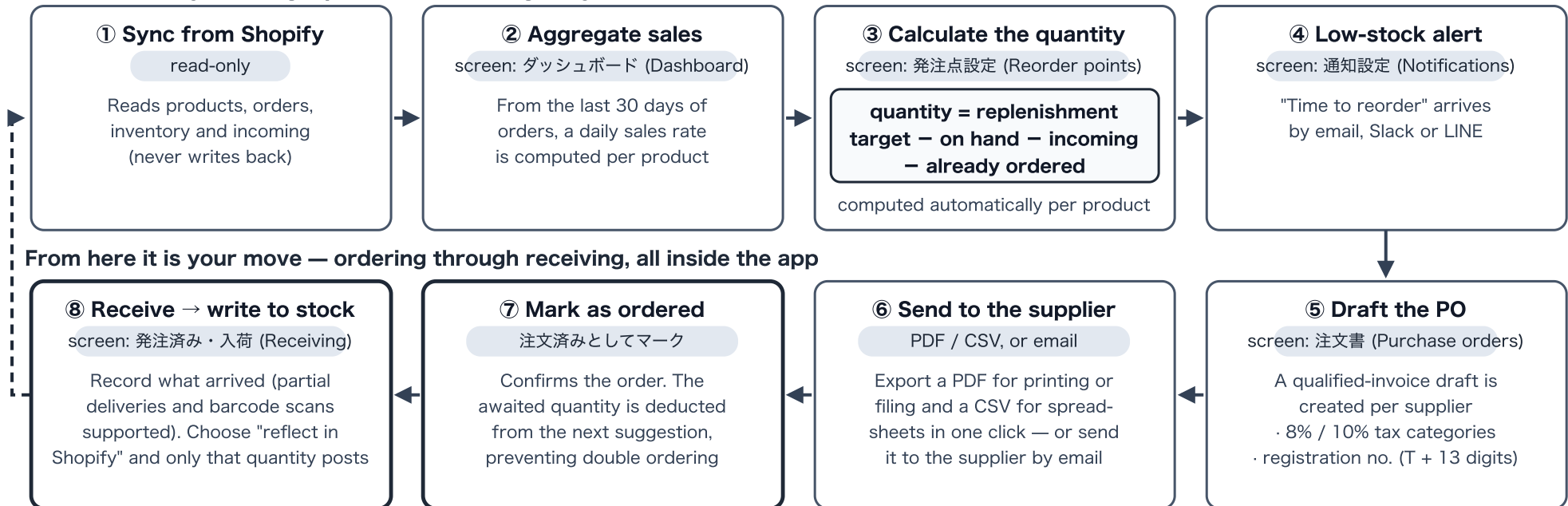
3. UreyukiBox — from forecast to stock, the loop closes inside one app

Steps ① to ④ — sync, forecast, order quantity, alerts — run automatically once every morning. From there, ordering → marking as ordered → receiving → writing back to stock (⑤ to ⑧) also completes inside the app. Names in the diagram are the real screens and buttons (shown in Japanese, as they appear).

Forecast, order, receive, write back to stock — one app, one loop

Stock changes only when you act

Automatic every morning, up to here — nothing for you to do



After ⑧, back to ① next morning (repeats automatically)

The purchasing loop closes inside the app

- ① to ④ run once every morning, fully automatic. Only ⑤ to ⑧ are yours.
- Shopify stock changes at ⑧ only when you choose "reflect in Shopify inventory".
- A CSV bridge to the native PO screen exists, but only if you want it (optional — next page).

Why you will not double-order

Both Shopify's native "incoming" and the "ordered, not yet received" quantity you confirmed at ⑦ are deducted first.

Notes

- Names in the diagram are the real screen names. The full navigation is: ホーム (Home) / ダッシュボード (Dashboard) / 注文書 (Purchase orders) / 在庫分析 (Inventory analysis) / 資金繰りカレンダー (Cash-flow calendar) / セット商品の在庫 (Bundle stock) / 発注点設定 (Reorder points) / 発注元情報 (Your business details) / Stocky コピー (Stocky copy) / 通知設定 (Notifications) / プラン (Plan) — plus the warehouse screens 在庫調整 (Stock adjustments), 棚卸し (Stocktakes) and 拠点間移動 (Transfers).
- The sync is **read-only**. A write to Shopify inventory happens **only when you act in the app** — ① recording a receipt with "reflect in Shopify inventory" selected, ② recording a stock adjustment, ③ confirming a stocktake, or ④ recording a transfer between locations. No sync or background process ever writes stock. By design, installing the app cannot leave your inventory out of step.
- Alerts combine **sales velocity, safety stock, intermittent demand and a 51-country seasonal calendar**. Event timing does not require a full year of history, but quantities use the store's own sales; where there is no basis, no numeric suggestion is produced. The calculation stays visible on screen.
- What each plan includes: the Stocky copy works from Free. Per-product reorder-point tuning, auto-drafting, the daily email alert and cash-flow calendar start at Starter. Slack / LINE alerts, inventory analysis and bundle/BOM stock start at Pro. Location caps are Free 1, Starter 2, Pro 5, Business unlimited; transfers between locations require Business.
- **This loop completes without touching Shopify's native purchasing.** Forecast, drafting, confirming the order, recording the receipt and writing back to stock (① to ⑧) all close inside the app. The optional CSV bridge in the next section is only for stores that also want incoming and receipts reflected in the **native purchase-order screen**.
- ⚠ Direct API integration with native POs is not available today and has no committed delivery date or guarantee. The live forecast and PO workflow do not depend on a new API; the CSV bridge works today.

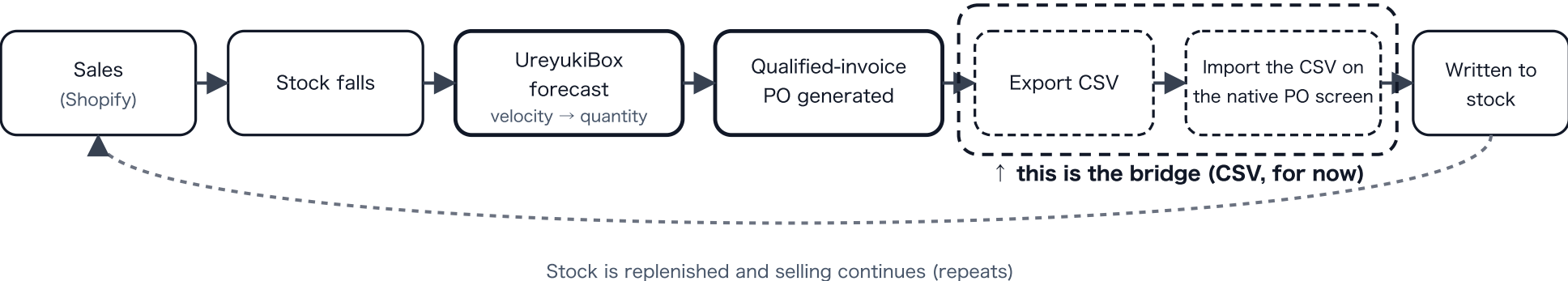
4. (Optional) The bridge — integrating with Shopify's native purchase orders

This section is not required for every store. The daily cycle in section 3 — forecast through to qualified-invoice purchase order — completes without it. The bridge matters only when you **also want incoming and receipts reflected in Shopify's native inventory ledger.**

Shopify's native purchase orders **cannot be written to directly by an external app** — that is a Shopify constraint. UreyukiBox crosses it with a CSV bridge. Direct API integration is not available today and has no committed delivery date or guarantee.

Shopify already includes purchase orders, transfers and supplier management, low-stock alerts through Flow, and Sidekick recommendations / PO or transfer drafts based on sales data. Lead times and MOQs can be stored in metafields or metaobjects for reference, but are not connected to PO ordering or receiving calculations. Native Shopify cannot email a PO directly to a supplier and does not allocate landed cost automatically. UreyukiBox differentiates with persistent demand / lead-time / MOQ policies, alerts, direct supplier PO email and landed cost (Pro and above).

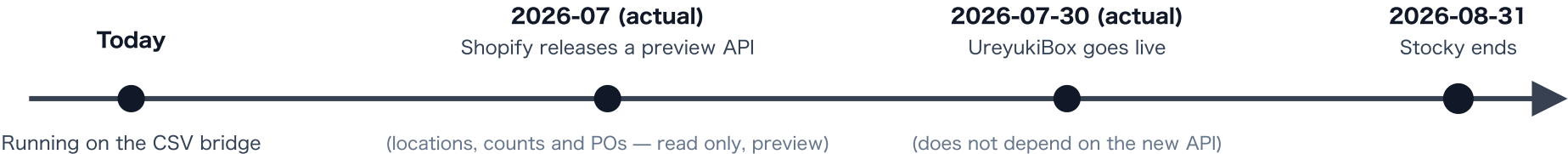
Feeding order data into Shopify's native purchase orders (today: a CSV bridge)



Current: no write API for native POs (the 2026-07 preview is read-only)

The CSV bridge works today. Direct API integration is unsupported and has no committed delivery date. The live workflow does not depend on a new API; forecasting and purchase orders continue to work as they do today.

Timeline — how the bridge changes



- This "bridge" is a different thing from the Stocky data migration in section 3 (a one-time move of historical data). It is **the day-to-day mechanism that connects each order to the native purchase-order screen**.
- Reading incoming quantities is already supported and is deducted automatically when the order quantity is calculated (preventing double ordering).

5. The differences at a glance

Dimension	Stocky (until 2026-08-31)	Stockie	UreyukiBox
How the monthly cost works	Bundled with POS Pro (no extra cost) — ends 2026-08-31	\$4.99–\$59.99/month (USD, so the yen invoice moves monthly)	JPY-billed: ¥0–¥12,800; non-JPY: \$0–\$83 (both fixed)
Japanese interface and support	– (mainly English; Japanese enquiries possible via Shopify support)	– (English only)	◎ Japanese-native UI and Japanese support
English interface	◎	◎	◎ Follows the Shopify admin language; notifications and supplier PO emails are available in English too
Qualified-invoice purchase orders	– (not supported)	– (not confirmable publicly)	◎ 8% / 10% tax categories, registration number printed
Migrating from Stocky	— (it is Stocky)	– (no official migration guidance found)	○ Four-step API copy through 31 August plus Low Stock / stocktake CSV and MOQ paste routes. Purchase tax types are copied with sales-purpose rows excluded. Historical POs / adjustments are count-only in the current UI; current-product tax assignments are not migrated automatically
Writing to Shopify inventory	Yes (receiving posts to stock)	– (not confirmable publicly)	Yes — receiving, stock adjustments, stocktakes and transfers, each only when you act. Syncs and background processes never write, so installing cannot leave stock out of step. It posts to the same Shopify inventory ledger Stocky used
Warehouse operations	○ (adjustments, counts, transfers)	– (not confirmable publicly)	◎ Adjustments with reason codes, stocktakes, transfers, barcode scanning and label printing

Key: ◎ strong / – (absent, or not confirmable from public information)

Public information as of 2026-08-09. Sources and check dates are in document 02, "Comparison"; verify current vendor sites and App Store listings before deciding.

6. Day-to-day operations after moving from Stocky

For stores selling in Japan, UreyukiBox provides day-to-day ordering, receiving and inventory visibility, plus Japanese and qualified-invoice support. Shopify native already includes purchase orders, transfers and suppliers, Flow alerts, and Sidekick recommendations / drafts, so the choice is not simply about whether a feature exists: UreyukiBox focuses on persistent demand / lead-time / MOQ policies, notifications and direct supplier PO email.

- **The operating scope available in UreyukiBox:** reorder reminders based on the store's own sales plus a 51-country seasonal calendar / qualified-invoice purchase orders / email, Slack and LINE alerts / inventory analysis / Stocky API copy through 31 August plus separate CSV and paste routes. Transfers between locations require Business; multiple suppliers per SKU and landed cost require Pro or above.
- **Receiving posts to the same ledger Stocky used:** recording a receipt in UreyukiBox writes only the quantity received to **the same Shopify inventory ledger**. You can keep using Shopify's native receiving instead — just turn off "reflect in Shopify inventory" in the app to avoid double counting.
- **The order-to-receipt loop already completes in the app:** "mark as ordered" confirms the PO, "ordered / receiving" records what arrived (partial deliveries supported), and only that quantity is written to Shopify inventory. All of it is in v1.
- **Native-PO API status:** CSV remains the route into the native purchase-order ledger. Direct API integration is not available today and has no committed delivery date or guarantee.
- **Shipped by 31 July 2026:** an **English UI** that follows the Shopify admin language and English notification emails, Slack / LINE messages and supplier purchase-order emails; landed cost and profit / supplier reports ship on Pro and above.

The future items above depend on Shopify's API availability and are not commitments.