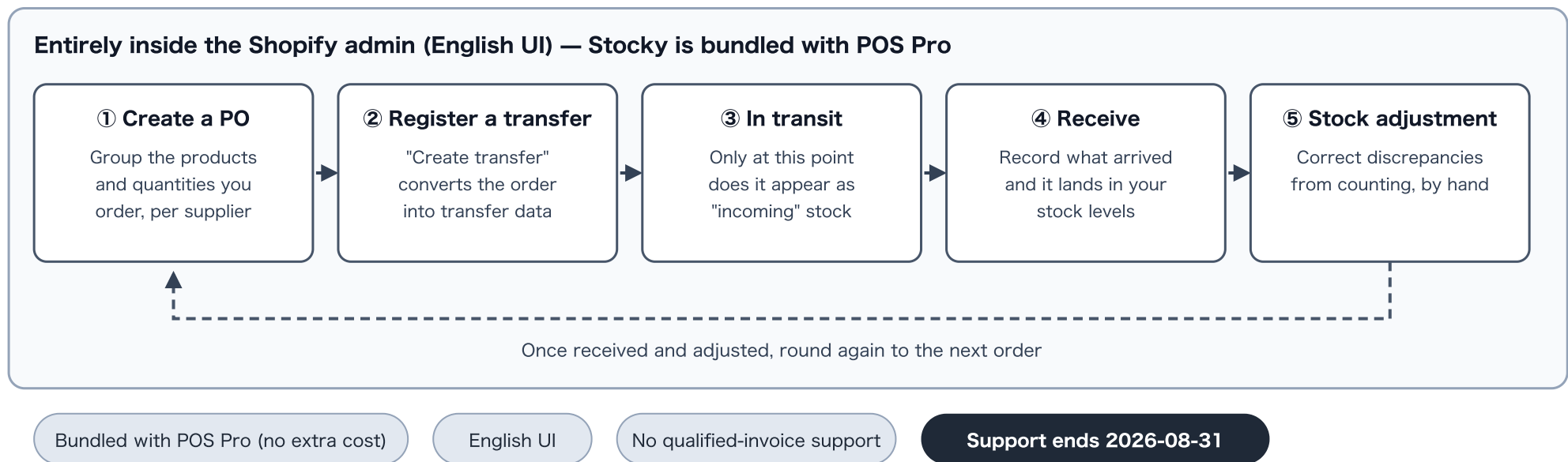


How it works — three purchasing cycles compared

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 2026-07-31; 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 support remain Japanese only.** Diagrams below name the Japanese screens and buttons as they appear in a Japanese admin, with the English wording alongside.

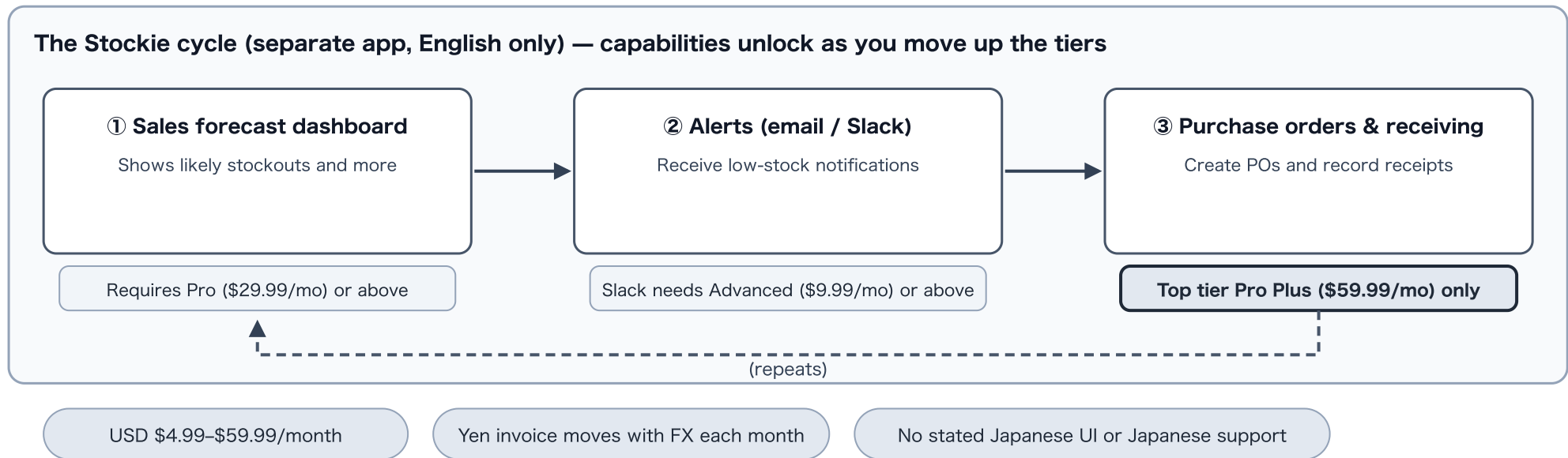
1. Stocky (Shopify's own app — ending 2026-08-31)



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).
- **Support ends 31 August 2026.** After that you need a replacement app.

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 2026-07-31).
- The listed language is English only (Shopify App Store listing, checked 2026-07-31). 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 2026-07-31).

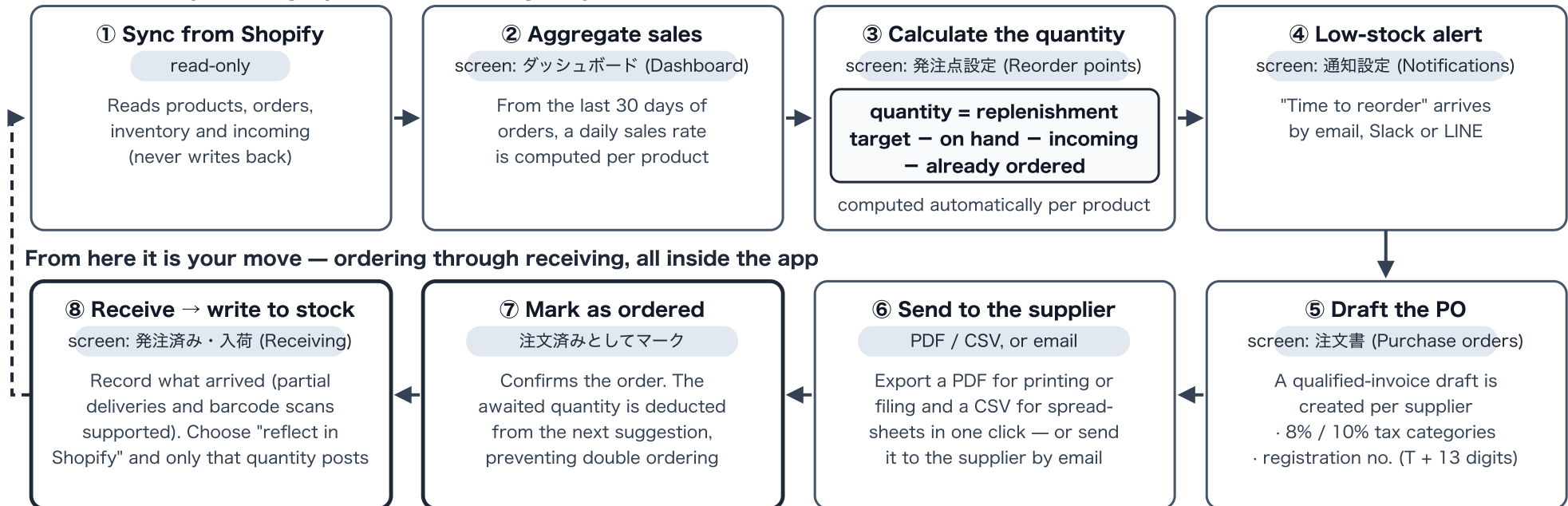
3. UreyukiBox — from forecast to stock, the loop closes inside one app

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

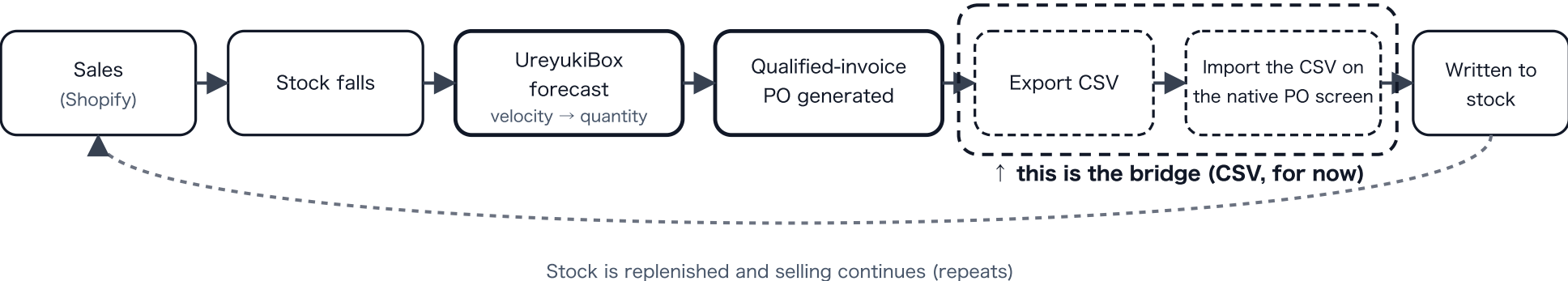
- Names in the diagram are the real screen names. The full navigation is: ホーム (Home) / ダッシュボード (Dashboard) / 注文書 (Purchase orders) / 在庫分析 (Inventory analysis) / 資金繰りカレンダー (Cash-flow calendar) / セット商品の在庫 (Bundle stock) / 発注点設定 (Reorder points) / 発注元情報 (Your business details) / Stocky コピー (Stocky copy) / 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 are based on a **demand forecast combining sales velocity with safety stock and seasonality** (Japanese mid-year and year-end gift seasons, public holidays), plus intermittent demand and first-lot sizing. The reasoning — replenishment target – on hand – incoming — stays visible on screen.
- What each plan includes: the Stocky copy works from Free. Per-product reorder-point tuning, auto-drafting from the forecast, the daily email alert and the cash-flow calendar start at Starter. Slack / LINE alerts, inventory analysis (valuation, ABC, dead-stock detection) and bundle/BOM stock start at Pro. Per-location management is 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**.
- ⚠️ Shopify is expected to ship new purchase-order APIs, and **the current CSV import route may change or end in future.** **UreyukiBox will support the new API as its top priority once Shopify ships it.** Even then, only the "export CSV" step is replaced by "hand over by API" — the forecast and the purchase order itself are unaffected.

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. Once Shopify ships a purchase-order write API, only the bridge is swapped out and the hand-off becomes automatic.

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

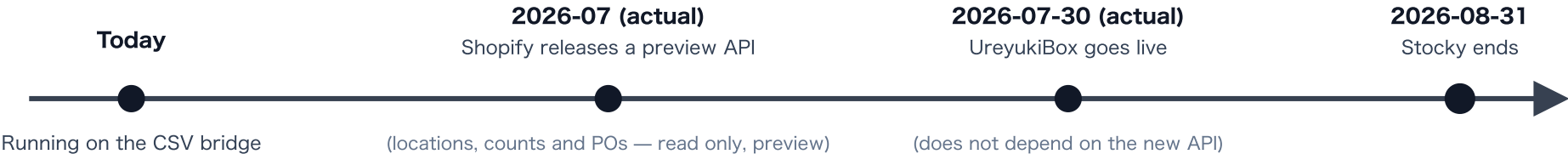


Next: once Shopify ships a "write" API for purchase orders (a read-only preview arrived 2026-07; writes are not yet available)

Only the "export CSV" box is replaced by "hand over by API". The forecast and the qualified-invoice PO carry over unchanged.

The version live today does not depend on the new API — it runs on the CSV route. API integration is our top priority once Shopify ships it (see document 06).

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)	¥0–¥12,800/month, fixed in yen
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 remain Japanese)
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)	◎ Automatic four-step import plus a migration guarantee (full refund of the following billing month if we cannot complete it). Stores that never used Stocky skip it entirely
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)

This document reflects public information as of 2026-07-31. Sources for competitor statements (URLs and dates checked) are shared with the footnotes of document 02, "Comparison". Competitor specifications and pricing change — please check their current websites and App Store listings when you decide.

6. As Stocky's successor — today, and next

For a store selling in Japan, UreyukiBox **covers what Stocky did — velocity-based ordering, purchase orders per supplier, inventory visibility — and adds Japanese-market requirements (language, qualified invoices) along with deeper forecasting and inventory analysis.**

- **Coverage is equal or better:** reorder reminders (with safety stock and seasonality) / qualified-invoice purchase orders / alerts by email, Slack and LINE / inventory valuation and ABC analysis / automatic migration from Stocky / stock adjustments, stocktakes, transfers between locations, barcode scanning and label printing.
- **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. **As Stocky's successor for Japanese stores**, the daily round closes here.
- **What is next:** in July 2026 Shopify released a preview of new inventory APIs (locations, counts and purchase orders — **read only**). **Writing** to purchase orders is not yet available, so CSV remains the route into the native purchase-order ledger. We will automate that hand-off as soon as the write API ships.
- **Shipped July 2026:** an **English UI** that follows the Shopify admin language, plus landed cost (allocating freight and duties across purchase-order lines) and profit / supplier reports. Notification emails, Slack and LINE messages are still Japanese only.

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