

**Efficient GDSN Code List Deployment**

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**Purpose:**

The proposal is:

- To improve the speed at which code lists are available and deployed into the GDS Network

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## 1.1. Current Opportunity

The use of code values in the GDS Network requires timely changes as these relate directly to current business processes and can often be required to support seasonal marketing and other promotions.

Though most code list updates are considered a Level of Impact (on implementers) 1 (low), currently, they must be bundled with other requirements and deployed as part of a maintenance release.

To date, there have only been a maximum of 2 maintenance releases a year, which can mean businesses can sometimes wait 6+ months to get the code lists they need to synchronize current products.

## The Evolution of the Process

The Maintenance Release Team recommends the below changes with the effect of improving code list availability in the GDS Network.

1. Document code list changes monthly (compilation of changes approved in BRG)
2. Release code list changes in the GDS Network monthly (would require a communication to the community with sunrise date)
3. Create boundaries for which code lists can be updated when based on principles of minimum impact with maximum effect.
  - a) In Scope for Monthly Code List Releases: Any external code list where GDSN standard validations are not being performed.
  - b) Out of Scope for Monthly Code List Releases: Code Lists that part of the core or are embedded within schema. Code List deletions or codes that are part of common lists (unit of measure, time, etc..). These must be part of a Maintenance Release.

## Next Steps

- MR Team, GDSN Inc., GSMP, and GDSN BRG approval of Plan.
- GSMP Process updated
- Process Change Notification (PCN) released to GSMP community
- Process changes implemented
- GDSN Operations Manual updated with process
- External code lists are removed from BSDs and posted on the GS1 website