

Purpose:

The proposal is:

- Revise the current voting rules (mandatory 4 trading partners from either side of the trading partner relationship, plus 4 MO's) to a 12 voter minimum, with at least two from either side of the trading partner relationship plus a minimum of two MO's
- These rules will apply universally to:
 - Voting on all CR's
 - Minimum participation in a work group
 - A minimum threshold of committed participants in a work group prior to issuance of a Call To Action

Why the Voting Participation Variance is Required

Six months of experience with the "4/4/4" model has shown the need to be more flexible as it relates to the determination of minimum thresholds of participation and voting. Some CR's are more pertinent to suppliers, for instance than retailers and the reverse is true. This new model brings this flexibility and can be used for ALL "minimum threshold" calculations (ie. Voting, participation minimum interest, etc.).

The Voting Participation Variance

Twelve parties that are committed to support the development of the standard and implement the standard are required and a minimum of two parties is required from each stakeholder types. For all standards, a balance is desired between three stakeholder types and all regions: both sides of the trading partner relationship plus GS1 Member Organizations. In the case of GDSN standards, GDSN Data Pools are considered as an MO.

The Voting Participation Variance applies to both Complex and Simple Change Requests.

Examples:

2 Retailers, 2 Manufacturers, and 7 GS1 Member Organisations and one Certified-GDSN Datapool.

7 Suppliers, 2 3rd party logistics suppliers and 3 MO's

GSMP Manual eligibility rules are listed in the User Manual and are still are a prerequisite for a member being able to participate on a Change Request.