

GSMP Healthcare Dispensing Unit Work Group

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This is a GSMP **Call-to-Action** to recruit users from all industries and from everywhere in the world to bring their expertise, commitment, and contribution to a new GSMP work area.

The information herein gives a general description of the new work area and the **GSMP Healthcare Dispensing Unit Work Group** that is being formed to accomplish the work. For information on how to join this work area, please refer to Section 12 below.

1. Objective/Scope of the GSMP Healthcare Dispensing Unit Work Group

The objectives of the group are to define the rules and methods of GTIN Allocation for the Dispensing Unit while considering the following:

- Introduce a standard unique identifier for the Dispensing Unit
- Parties responsible for assigning the Dispensing Unit Identification
- Governmental regulatory requirements
- Brand Owner liability

2. Scope Constraints of the GSMP Healthcare Dispensing Unit Work Group

GSMP Work Groups must adhere to the GS1 Standards Development Methodologies to assure their scope and deliverables, upon which the work of the other GSMP groups depends.

Generally, the team must operate within the following context:

- Units dispensed may only be combined from different packaging levels if they originate from one brand owner (Product is produced by the same manufacturer and may be contained within multiple package sizes)
- The brand owner is responsible for determining what the dispensing unit is and there will only be one (Product is always the same product)
- The dispensing unit is not a unit dose. A unit dose is specific to a patient as prescribed by a physician.
- There is no requirement that the GTIN for the dispensing unit be marked in human readable text or bar coded on the product (this is up to the brand owner's discretion to apply)
- There is no liability for the brand owner for use of the dispensing unit GTIN in operations after the regulated packaging they supply is broken

3. Expertise Required

This is a call for business information and business information technology experts for the **GSMP Healthcare Dispensing Unit Work Group**. The experts should represent trading partners from

both sides of the trading relationship, third parties, and solution providers to have proper representation on the Work Group. The intent is to have balanced membership from the user community, particularly the GS1 Healthcare and BarCodes and Identification Business Requirements Group to define and establish proper global standards with the clear intention of implementation of these.

4. Distribution for Call to Action

Please circulate this **Call to Action** packet by forwarding it to your email distribution lists. GSMP Work Groups are open to broad participation from any industry group, company, or region. All **'Call to Action'** packets are posted in the:

- GS1 website at: http://www.gs1.org/services/gsmf/involve/call_to_action.html

It will be distributed via a GSMP Community email announcement.

5. Timeline:

A kick off/introductory conference call will fully brief all participants of objectives and Work Group activities. The first call will be held on **Wednesday, September 26th, 2007 from 8:30 am - 9:30 am EST/ 14:30-15:30 CET** (local time reference use: <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/>). The overall duration of this group effort is expected to be approximately **6 - 9 months**. (The frequency and length of calls TBD.)

6. Participants:

Known Participants:

- Project Manager: **Melanie Kudela, GS1**
- Sponsors: GS1 Australia, GS1 Canada, GS1 Germany
- Chair: TBD; Sue Schmid, GS1 Australia
- GS1 Business Unit Manager: Ulrike Kreisa, GS1 Healthcare
- GS1 Contact: Melanie Kudela, GS1

GS1 Member Organisations (MO) and GS1 Participants:

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Supplier Participants:

Name	Company
Jill Buss	3M
Jackie Elkin	Medtronics
Mark Hoyle	Tyco Healthcare
Steve Robba	J&J
Peter Tomicki	Baxter Healthcare
Mark Walchak	Pfizer

Hospitals and Retailer Participants:

Name	Company
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Colleen Dooley	Sobeys Pharmacy Group
Ole Andersen	London Drugs Limited

Name	Company
Patrik Muff	Hôpital Fribourgeois

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Name	Company
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David Freedman	Inovis Inc.
Grant Kille	Agentrics
Jeff Secunda	ADVAMED
Brad Sokol	Fast Track RFID
John Wilson	NCR

7. GSMP Process:

For complete information regarding the GSMP (including access to the GSMP Manual), please refer to the website at: <http://www.gs1.org/services/gsmg/overview/>.

8. Sessions

The Work Group is responsible for scheduling meetings to accomplish their work. Sessions are defined as face-to-face or physical meetings and teleconferences. All GSMP Sessions include the necessary Anti-Trust cautions as defined by GS1 legal counsel. The Anti-Trust caution is located on the GS1 website at: http://www.gs1.org/services/gsmg/support/gs1_antitrust.html.

9. Face-to-Face Meetings

The Process Manager schedules face-to-face meetings with reasonable advance notice to allow for proper planning. Face-to-face meetings will cover 2 or 3 days per meeting and will be held in order to speed up the work as much as possible. Participants are expected to cover their own expenses related to travel, accommodation, and time for the physical meetings. Face-to-face meetings will be arranged in GS1 GO locations: **Brussels, Belgium** or **Princeton, NJ, USA** or may be hosted by participant companies or Member Organizations

10. Teleconferences

GSMP Healthcare Dispensing Unit Work Group teleconferences schedule will be decided during the Kick-Off meeting – see Point 5.

11. Agendas and Minutes

GSMP eRoom facilities will be used to support this WG/BRG. The Process Manager is responsible for preparing all agendas and minutes.

Agendas must include:

- Review of the agenda.
- Approval of previous meeting or call minutes.
- Discussion of all pending issues and action items.

Meeting minutes should record:

- The original agenda
- Members, participants, guests, and staff present
- Requests for notation
- Decisions, resolutions, and action items.

12. How to Apply

Apply for membership by completing the GSMP Membership Application on the GSMP web site:

<http://www.gs1.org/services/gsmg/involve/>

In section 3 of the Membership Application, please select the **GSMP Healthcare Dispensing Unit Work Group**.