

GS1 Healthcare – GTIN Allocation Rules for Indicator Digits

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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 **Work Group (WG)** 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 Indicator Digit Rules Work Group

- Record the Use Cases for the application of indicator digits for the marking and labeling of healthcare products in the global healthcare supply chain. For this Call To Action the supply chain starts at the manufacturer of the healthcare product and ends at the point of patient care. Healthcare products within the scope of work include: Vaccines, Biologicals, Therapeutic Nutritionals, Pharmaceuticals, Medical Devices, Instruments and Implants.
- Establish rules for indicator digits. GTIN Allocation Rules for Healthcare will be developed for incorporation into the GS1 General Specification to define the rules for the use of indicator digits for healthcare products.
- Create a General Specification Change Notice (GSCN) for the enhancement of the GS1 General Specification. The GSCN is the approved document to be developed, approved and ratified. GSCN's are the recognized standard until incorporated into the GS1 General Specification during the annual publication cycle.

2. Scope Constraints of the Indicator Digit Rules Work Group

GSMP WGs and BRGs 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:

- Develop documents that capture the business and technical requirements
- Develop documents that capture the additional considerations and concerns that were discussed during the group's calls and physical meetings.

This work effort is based off of Change Request: **#08-000181**.

3. Expertise Required

This is a call for business information and business information technology experts for the **Indicator Digit Rules 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 WG/BRG. The intent is to have balanced membership from the **Global Healthcare Sector** user community to define and establish proper global standards with the clear intention of implementation of these

4. Area's Affected

The task of this work group will affect the GS1 General Specifications Publication Team as the output from this work group will become an input to their annual GS1 General Specification publication activities.

This work group will collaborate with the Local Community Network via the LCN Global Agenda and surveys.

5. Distribution for Call to Action

Please circulate this **Call to Action** packet by forwarding it to your email distribution lists. GSMP WG/BRG 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/gsmg/involve/call_to_action.html

It is also distributed via a GSMP Community email announcement.

6. Timeline:

A kick off/introductory conference call will fully brief all participants of objectives and WG/BRG activities. The first call will be held on **Wednesday, 24 September 2008** from **0900-1030 EDT / 1500-1630 CET**. The overall duration of this group effort is expected to be approximately **4 Months**.

7. Participants:

Known Participants:

- Project Manager: **Ulrike Kreysa, GS1 Global Office**
- Sponsor: **GS1 Healthcare Leadership Team**
- Chair: **Mark Hoyle, <<Insert Company Name Here>>**
- GS1 Business Unit Manager: **Scott Gray, <<GS1 Global Office**
- GS1 Contact: **Tom Heist, GS1 GSMP**

GS1 Member Organisations (MO) Participants:

Name	Company

Supplier Participants:

Name	Company

Retailer Participants:

Name	Company

Data Pool Participants: Not Applicable

Name	Company
None	

Other Participants (Transportation, Logistics, Associations, Governmental etc.):

Name	Company

8. 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/>.

9. Sessions

The WG/BRG 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 cautions is located on the GS1 website at: http://www.gs1.org/services/gsmg/support/gs1_antitrust.html.

10. 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

11. Teleconferences

GSMP Indicator Digit Rules Work Group (WG) teleconferences will occur **every other Wednesday from 09:00 – 10:30 Eastern Time**. The kick-off (first) teleconference is scheduled for **Wednesday, 24 September 2008**.

12. 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.

13. How to Join

You can join this WG/BRG through the **GS1 Community Room**.

If you are already a GS1 Community Room member:

1. Access the GS1 Community Room at: <http://community.gs1.org/members/>
2. Click on **All Groups**
3. Choose **GSMP Indicator Digit Rules Work Group (WG)** from the list. The group's home page will appear.
4. Click on **Join the Group** in the upper left of the group's home page

If you are NOT a GS1 Community Room member:

1. Apply for GS1 Community Room membership by using our Online Form at: http://community.gs1.org/kmembership_info/person_signup/
2. Once you receive your username and password, follow the directions above to join this WG/BRG.