



Quarterly GSMP Management Report
June - September 2006



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Overview

The GSMP Management Report was created to give a high level overview of the state of GSMP and recent outcomes. As a first report, this issue covers the period of **June through September, '06**. During this period the GSMP witnessed continued strong performance while undergoing major changes to the process, governance and infrastructure as part of the GSMP Re-Structuring program.

Highlights of the Quarter

- The key initiatives include:
 - Data Accuracy standard (tolerances) published
 - GDSN support: all standards for the Roadmap were completed on time and the Certification program was launched successfully
 - Global Verification Report sets the stage for alignment of verification programs from around the world
- Metrics
 - The volume of CR's remains high (2006 is shaping up to be the second largest # of CR's after 2005)
 - CR Processing time continues to go down (for Average Cycle Time (ACT), the projection for '05 CR's was approx. **170 days, and is now under 150 days**)
 - The performance to schedule remains above 90%
- Improved Infrastructure
 - The New Website is designed and deployed
 - The GDD is built out with additional functionality supporting a host of trading partner/MO needs
 - "GSMP adds style": with the adoption of the documentation strategy the look of the new GSMP documentation is greatly improved and takes on a solid alignment with the GS1 branding strategy
- New Governance
 - Under the auspices of the Board Committee for Standards, the new governance structure is formed, populated and begins to address a host of issues around governance and management
- New Process Launched
 - The GSMP is now fully migrated to the new process, with complex work items now handled by "mission specific" work groups, simple CR's are sent directly to the BRG's and membership is climbing

Following are the key GSMP highlights of June-July 2006:

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New GSMP Website launched: (www.gs1.org/gsmg) Redesign of website allows for improved navigation and easier access to content	Vast functional improvement; now with the GS1 look and feel...and more to come
Launch of new GSMP BRG Membership: Call-to-Action to populate the new GSMP groups has been released	GSMP Membership has already grown significantly in the new model (ie. Membership of GDSN-Align BRG is over 100), bringing new input to standards development
The new GSMP Kick-off Webinar: has been held on 13 July with over 100 global participants. Second webinar will be held for the people on the waiting list	Good Q&A; good feedback; many participants requested the power point to communicate internally; will be reviewed in Cologne. "I attended the webex on the changes to the GSMP. The information was excellent."
The GSMP Manual: The Manual, QA Staff Handbook and Procedures have been completed and validated	Uniformity brings quality and consistency...the manual will help us deliver these
GDSN: Data Management approved	Another important work effort to enhance the data content flowing through the GDSN network;
Fresh Foods Solution: Major retailers endorse GDSN Fresh Foods solution for data synchronization	This expands the footprint of GDSN to the whole fresh foods area of the grocery store and represents another step in the ability of GDSN to serve all data needs
GDD Search: Enhanced search functionality in the Global Data Dictionary (GDD)	Searching the GDD will be more efficient both for users and for GS1 Development staff.

Following are the key GSMP highlights of August-September 2006:

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GSMP Style Guide completed and implemented: Reference guide for developing Technical Documentation that sets rules and conventions for grammatical style, standardized spellings, proper word usage, and correct punctuation.	A VAST improvement in the quality of GSMP documentation has occurred. The look is greatly enhanced and integrated with the GS1 brand appearance; the quality of the content is also improved. Very strong feedback from the community.
GS1 Document Library: The documentation Strategy Delivers a single point of entry for users to easily navigate through all approved product documentation	A VAST improvement on documentation organization on the web.
GS1 Custom Industrial Supply Number: Solution for the industrial supply industry	This solution allows the industrial supply industry to utilize the GS1 system to support Items sold by a manufacturer to a business who uses them in the Maintenance, Repair, Operations and Production (MROP) environment.

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<p>Data Accuracy Package Measurement Tolerances (Approved 23 – 0):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Defines what Accurate Package Measurement Data is when passed via GDSN creating true Return On Investment. 2. Builds trust in the supply chain allowing the automated loading of GDSN data 3. Reduces costs by eliminating the need for Re-measurement 	<p>A big deliverable for the GDSN Inc. and GSMP. The project was delivered despite “political sensitivity”. The response from the chair: “OUTSTANDING” (Brad Papietro, Wegmans).</p> <p>The team has also delivered: Best Practices GDSN Data Accuracy Package Measurement Tolerances Guideline</p>																
<p>GSMP Governance: The Process Group forms and delivers numerous requests for the BCS: The GSMP Charter, Critical Mass Definition, A prioritization process defined.</p> <p>The Architecture Group holds its first call. Both groups will meet physically in Philadelphia.</p>	<p>The Bus's restructuring 5 point plan is continually being delivered.</p>																
<p>GSMP Organization: The Technology Center-created as part of the restructuring program to increase collaboration across technical committees-held their kick-off meeting in September.</p>	<p>This will promote the flow of communications between technical teams and expose areas of mutual interest creating synergies for the Global Community. This will also put into practice one of the recommendations from the BCS GSMP review committee under phase one of the GSMP Re-Organization</p>																
<p>GDSN Extended Attributes: During this period, the following GDSN Data customers have utilized the GDD/Knowledge Center Extended Attribute Web Page to provide their data needs to their trading partners on a global basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Best Buy 609 ■ Carrefour 61 ■ NABCA 30 ■ Tesco 52 ■ Wal*Mart 14 	<p>The extended attribute page allows all data pools, member organizations, and trading partners to find their customers' data needs beyond the standard, thereby allowing GDSN to support ALL data needs.</p>																
<p>GDD Meeting Community Needs: There is a significant increase in visitors between '04 and '05 and we are expecting we will double from '05 to '06! The numbers here for 2006 leave out Sept - Dec.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Date/time</u></th> <th><u>Hits</u></th> <th><u>Page views</u></th> <th><u>Visitors</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><u>2004</u></td> <td>180,040</td> <td>91,327</td> <td>1,438</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>2005</u></td> <td>232,519</td> <td>119,837</td> <td>3,660</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>2006</u></td> <td>273,412</td> <td>101,606</td> <td>6,056</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Date/time</u>	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Page views</u>	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>2004</u>	180,040	91,327	1,438	<u>2005</u>	232,519	119,837	3,660	<u>2006</u>	273,412	101,606	6,056	<p>The strategy of GDD improvement is almost two years old, and during that period numerous enhancements have been made to both the content of the GDD and the presentation of the data. The increase in visitors reflects the growing value of this tool to the GS1 community.</p>
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<p>Price Synchronization: Price Synchronization GDSN will not conduct an early adopter pilot test. Using the normal pilot schedule, more data pools and trading partners will be able to participate in the test.</p>	<p>Quality over speed: the current approach has improved quality and participation and now the pilot is up to 27 participants!</p>																
<p>Global Verification Report: Include within GS1 General Specifications a Verification Report as the result of a project GS1 BarCodes Performance - Verification Best Practice and a Change Request reviewed and approved by BarCodes & Identification BRG.\</p>	<p>Sets the stage for globally aligned verification/certification programs.</p>																

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<p>GSMP Delivers for GDSN Certification: All standards needed for GDSN Certification were delivered to GDSN for Pilot as scheduled. Additionally, 16 Industry extensions have been created and are awaiting implementation within GDSN.</p>	<p>All is complete from GSMP to GDSN Inc. for Certification on schedule! To date, no changes have been requested to standards going through Pilot. The extensions are critical to the expansion of GDSN to new sectors and geographies.</p>

Work Status

New CRs/SOW – June 2006 (This section shows the new work items submitted to GSMP and their submitters)

CR Number	Type	Submitter	Status
06-000127	BMS	Priyansh Dixit, IBM	Routed
06-000136	EANCOM	Richard Chresta, GS1 Switzerland	Closed Approved
06-000137	BMS	Aurelie Virgili, GS1 France	Routed
06-000138	GDSN	Cameron Green, GS1	Closed Motion to Pilot Approved
06-000141	BMS	Donna Yeksigian, 1SYNC	Closed Withdrawn by submitter
06-000142	GDSN	Cameron Green, GS1	Closed Approved
06-000144	BMS	Aurelie Virgili on behalf of Align BRG	Routed
06-000145	BMS	Aurelie Virgili on behalf of Align BRG	Closed Withdrawn by submitter
06-000146	BMS	Aurelie Virgili on behalf of Align BRG	Closed Withdrawn by submitter
06-000147	GDSN	Pete Alvarez, GDSN, Inc.	Closed Approved
06-000148	EANCOM	Klaus Foerderer, GS1 Germany	Routed
06-000149	EANCOM	Klaus Foerderer, GS1 Germany	Routed
06-000150	BMS	Melanie Kudela on behalf of Align GDSN 2 Trade Item Model Team	Routed
06-000151	GDSN	Melanie Kudela on behalf of Gina Tomassi, PepsiCo	Closed Disapproved
06-000152	BMS/GDSN	Grant Kille, Agentrics	Routed
06-000153	BMS/GDSN	Grant Kille, Agentrics	Routed
06-000154	BMS/GDSN	Grant Kille, Agentrics	Routed
SOW	BarCodes	Jane Wulff, GS1 Denmark	In review by OG for resourcing

Closed CRs – June 2006

Total Number	Approved	Closed based on complex rules	Withdrawn by Submitter	Closed Invalid CR (Solution already exists)
23	18	2	1	2

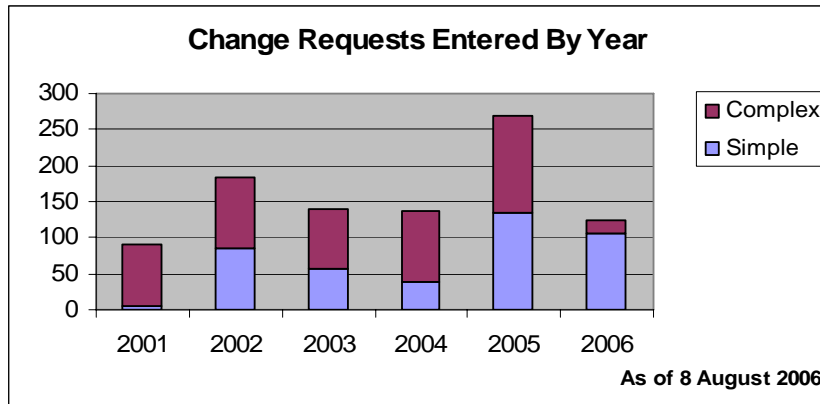
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CR Number	Type	Submitter	Status
06-000176	GDSN	Chrystopher VanTine, GXS	Routed
06-000177	GPC	Steve Hicks, Radica USA	Routed
06-000178	GDSN	Cameron Green, GS1	Routed
06-000180	GDD	Grant Kille, Agentrics	Routed
06-000181	BMS	Grant Kille, Agentrics	Routed
06-000182	BMS	Grant Kille, Agentrics	Routed
06-000183	BMS	Milan Vacval, UDEX	Routed
06-000184	GDD	Chrystopher VanTine, GXS	Routed
06-000185	GDSN	Sean Lockhead, On Behalf of GDSN Architecture Group	Closed and distributed to Business Unit per GSMP CR rules
06-000186	GDD	Staffan Olsson, GS1 Sweden	Routed
06-000187	GPC	Jean-Christophe Gilbert, GS1 France	Routed
06-000188	GDSN	Maurits Hafkenscheid, GS1 NL	Routed
06-000189	GDSN	Maurits Hafkenscheid, GS1 NL	Routed
06-000190	GDSN	Maurits Hafkenscheid, GS1 NL	Routed
06-000192	BMS	Donna Yeksigian, 1SYNC	Routed
06-000193	BMS	Donna Yeksigian, 1SYNC	Routed
06-000194	BMS	Donna Yeksigian, 1SYNC	Closed and distributed to Business Unit per GSMP CR rules
06-000196	BMS	Donna Yeksigian, 1SYNC	Routed
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06-000198	BMS	Grant Kille, Agentrics	Routed
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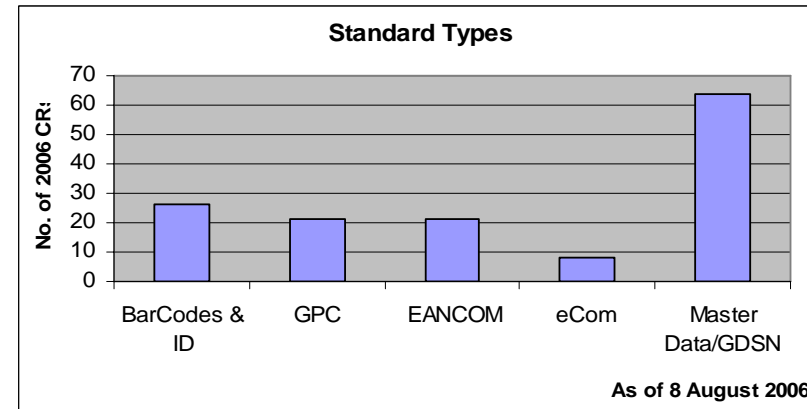
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Total Number	Approved	Closed based on complex rules	Withdrawn by Submitter	Disapproved by BRG
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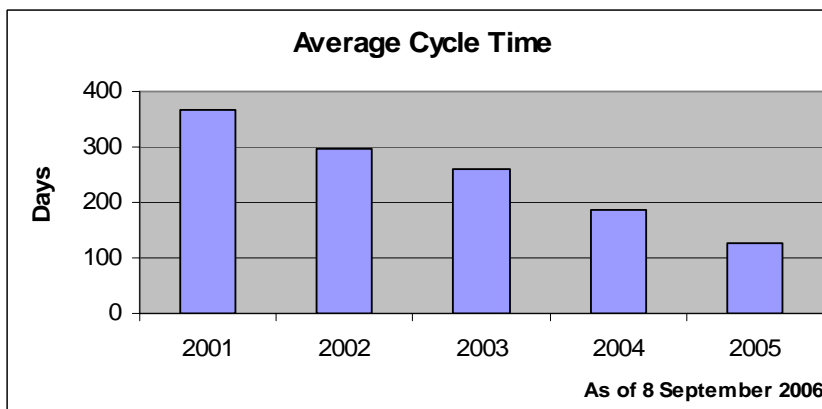
(1) CR's By Year: We're on our way for the second highest volume year since the start of GSMP



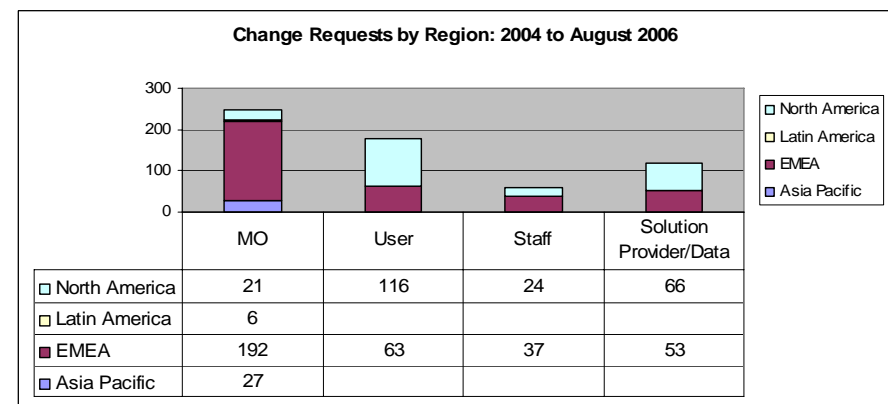
(2) This chart shows the areas of focus for GSMP efforts: GDD and GDSN being the highest volume



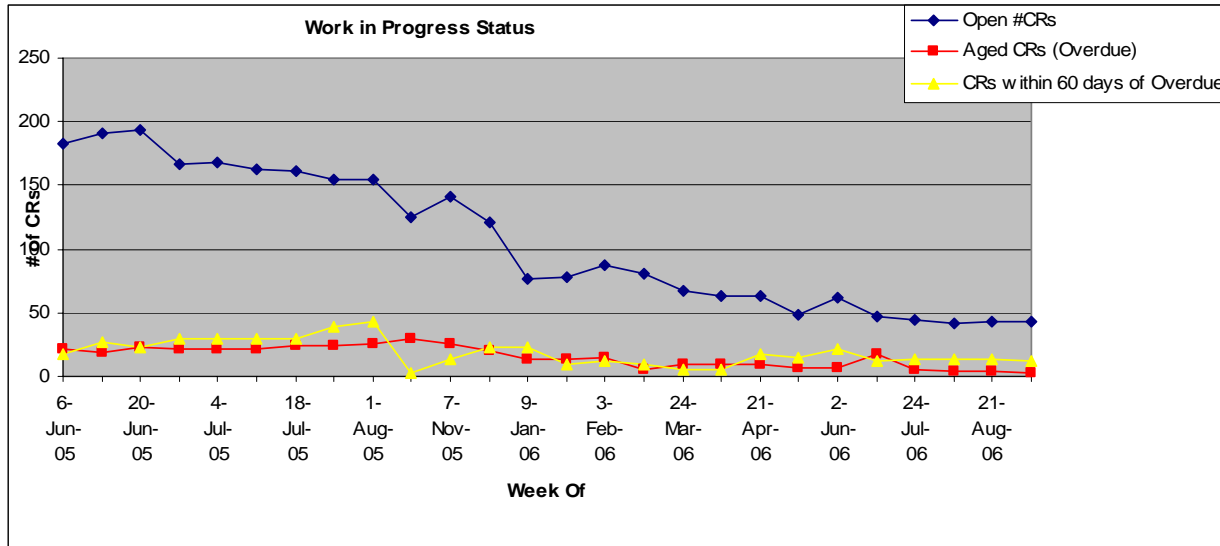
(3) This metric shows on average the time to completion of a Change Request into the process. 2001 was the first year of GSMP and the time of delivery has steadily dropped



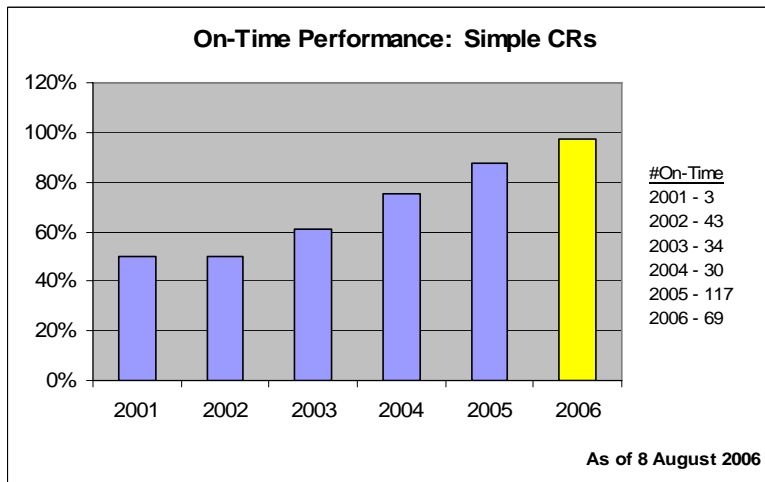
(4) This chart shows the "demographics" of CR submission. Key takeaways: approximately half of the CR's come from MO's and half from users; half come from N. America and half from Europe



(5) This is our “internal dashboard”. The Blue line shows the number of items that are “work in process on the shop floor”. The yellow line represents those open CR’s that are within 60 days of being overdue and the red line are open CR’s that have gone beyond the scheduled delivery date.

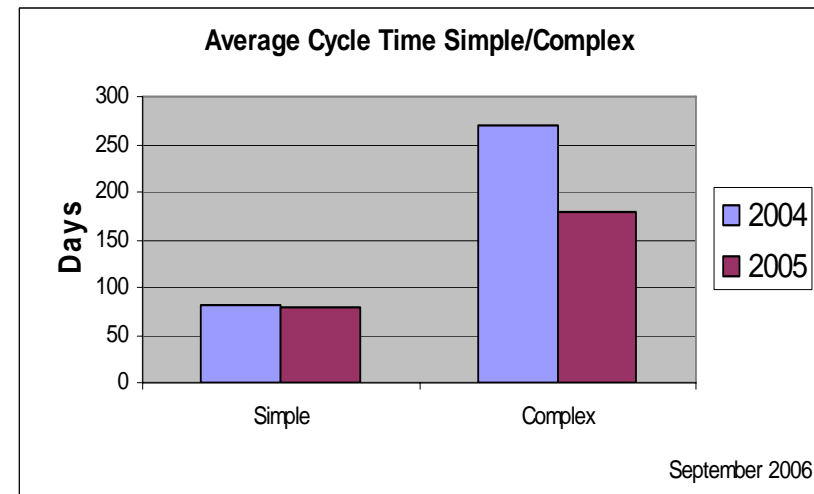
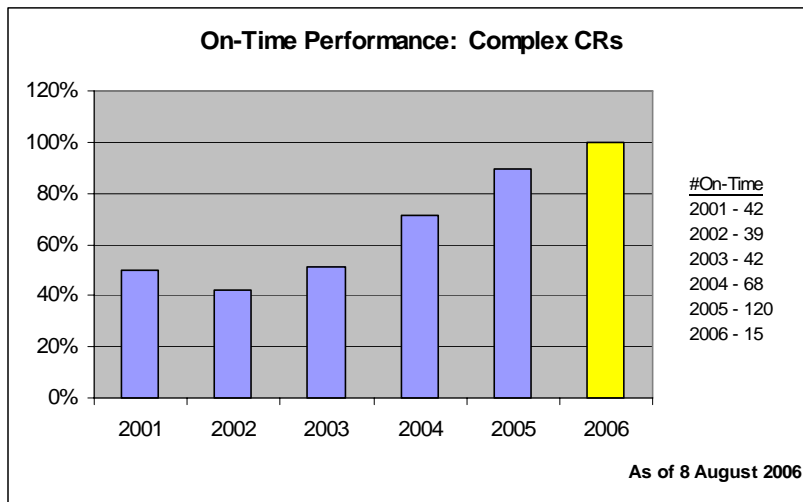


(6) For simple CR’s, the GSMP has continued to improve the percentage that are delivered on time. The yellow bar is year to date, while the blue bars are actual performance. The target is 100 days.



(7) For complex CR's the trend is similar to the simple. In 2006, we've dropped the target from 330 days to 260.

(8) This relates to the Average Cycle Time (chart #3): our performance for simple has improved slightly while the turn around time for a complex has improved significantly. Thus the ACT figure in chart 3 is driven both by a higher proportion of simple CR's AND improved turnaround.



(9) The Dashboard chart above may give the appearance that little is actually coming through the process, but in fact delivery quantity has gone up this year!

