

GSMP's Plans for 2007

by Mark D'Agostino



Every year it seems the challenges on the standards process grow. Five years ago this was a start up, while today the GSMP is a growing community of trading partners solving problems. As has occurred in just about every year in the history of GSMP, the staff of GS1, along with the governance of GSMP and the community will be moving forward with an improvement plan for 07-08, this will include:

1. **GSMP Community Management Initiative:** In support of continually improving the GS1 Global Collaborative Forum of GSMP and increasing the value and satisfaction of GSMP community members:
 - successfully transition the GSMP Community from eRoom to the GS1 Community Room
 - deliver 2 GSMP Events, including a focus on implementation of GS1 standards (Implementation Friday)
 - improve the Membership "experience" and
 - improve the performance to schedule for Simple CR's
2. **EPC Integration Plan:** In support of the GS1 Core Objective of bringing EPC – GSMP alignment, harmonize EPIS business content with the GDD, review the EPC published standards and continue with the process alignment as planned.
3. **GSMP Local Community Network Model Rollout:** In support of the GS1 Core Objective to focus on implementation, deliver phase 2 of the GSMP Local Community Network Project to vastly improve the outreach of GSMP based on the COMMON GLOBAL AGENDA
4. **UN/CEFACT Engagement Strategy:** In support of GS1 strategic vision for alignment with UN/CEFACT methodologies, create an overarching strategy for UN/CEFACT engagement and present a plan for closer alignment of the development of GS1 XML standards and UN/CEFACT methodologies.
5. **Marketing/Communications Plan:** In accordance with the GS1 Board Committee for Standards request, develop a GSMP marketing & communications plan to improve awareness and outreach.

6. Multi-Sector Enabled GS1 Standards & GSMP:

In support of the GS1 objectives to expand to new sectors and to begin the development of GS1 Solutions, improve the current methods of developing multi-sector standards and the engagement between GSMP and the new sectors of GS1.

7. Continuous Improvement Initiative:

In support of the GS1 objective to expand to new sectors and to support the development of GS1 Solutions, EPC alignment, etc., review the current GSMP model and recommend any needed changes to make it more agile, better adapted to new sectors and solutions and more responsive to business and user needs.

It seems like we're going to have a busy year and we look forward to another great year working with you, our valued community.

GS1 Community Room Replaces eRoom

by Eileen Hardcastle



In support of our ongoing effort to improve community collaboration, GS1 is pleased to announce the change of its web collaboration tool from eRoom to the new GS1 Community Room.

This new collaboration tool will provide many enhancements over eRoom such as enhanced searching, on-line rosters, integrated email, user profile management, on-line membership applications, and support for I.E. 7. Training sessions accompanied the roll-out and can be schedule upon request.



Community Room

The GS1 Community Room tool, which was chosen on the recommendation of EPCglobal Inc., has been used successfully for over a year.

You can apply for membership and receive a GS1 Community Room account by filling out our online application at <http://community.gs1.org/join/>.

For more information about the GS1 Community Room, please contact Eileen Hardcastle at eileen.hardcastle@gs1.org.

Finally Together - GTIN Allocation Rules and Healthcare

by Melanie Kudela



In some industries GTINs and their allocation rules are common place, but using GTIN allocations in a global, standardized way to promote patient safety is new to the healthcare industry.

The importance of providing a global reference for consistent, unique medical device identification can not be understated. To answer this need the HUG GTIN Allocation Rules Work Group (along with several other GSMP Work Groups) has created a new world-wide standard for GTIN Allocation Rules that retrieves pre-defined information about trade items in the healthcare industry.

"The new Healthcare GTIN Allocation Rules are a major milestone to implement unique identification from the manufacturer to the patient, at each level of packaging. The GTIN allocated by the manufacturer to the unit of use, and the rules to achieve this in a harmonised and standardised way, is a pre-requisite for bedside scanning. As Hospital Pharmacists, we look forward to dispensing drugs marked at this level of granularity, because it will secure the mediation process, and therefore enhance patient safety in Hospitals and other Care Facilities."

Georges Zelger,
Swiss Society of Public Health
Administration & Hospital Pharmacists

"St. Jude Medical is dedicated to making life better for patients worldwide through excellence in medical device technology. The GS1 Standards and the Healthcare GTIN Allocation Rules more specifically offer a solid beacon for our multiple labelling operations across the world to consistently ensure unique product identification resulting in internal supply chain efficiencies and more importantly greater global patient safety."

Bruno De Maeyer,
Director Supply Chain, IT and Continuous
Improvement at St. Jude Medical

Government regulators are also praising the efforts of this group, for example, Jay Crowley, Senior Advisor for Patient Safety Food and Drug Administration has stated:

"The newly approved Healthcare GTIN Allocation Rules international standard provides a global reference for consistent, unique medical device identification. This standard can enhance patient safety by providing regulators, device manufacturers, healthcare facilities, and device users with a common format for traceability of medical devices from production to delivery to the patient (point of care)."

For more information please contact Melanie Kudela at melanie.kudela@gs1.org.

Introduction to GSMP Rapid eLearning Course

by Mike Mowad



Committed to the continued support of our user community, GSMP is pleased to announce the delivery of an "Introduction to GSMP" rapid eLearning course. Targeted for both new and existing GSMP members, this self-paced course covers:

- GSMP Core Technology Deliverables
- GSMP Process
- BRG and Workgroup Participation
- Change Request (CR) Process

"Introduction to GSMP" was developed as a joint effort between GSMP and GS1 Training & Education, with the intention of releasing similar types of training in the future.

This course is available from both the GSMP Website at gs1.org/gsmg and the GS1 Training and Education website at learn.gs1.org.

For more information on this course please contact Mike Mowad at michael.mowad@gs1.org.

UN/CEFACT Conformance Team Updates

by Andrew Hearn



Pilot of GS1 Components Approved!

GS1 has gained approval of our submission of Core Components by UN/CEFACT's Harmonization Team.

The strategic GS1 components that have been approved were used to Pilot the effects of UN/CEFACT Compliance on the Global Data Synchronisation Network (GDSN) as well as the rest of GS1's XML Standards. The GDSN message that was piloted is a key message between Data Pools and the Global Registry. Enabled with the updated documentation and schemas, the GDSN Architecture Committee is reviewing the test message and providing feedback from their implemented users. The potential impact on GS1's implemented users is a key factor in the decision on how to move forward with our involvement with UN/CEFACT.

The detailed results of the pilot can be found in the GS1 Community Room at:

community.gs1.org/apps/org/workgroup/gsmg_g_b_mt/documents.php?folder_id=346#folder_346

Comparison of GS1 Invoice and UN/CEFACT Cross Industry Invoice Messages

UN/CEFACT has recently released a Cross Industry Invoice message as a candidate standard which we have compared to our GS1 Invoice Message. Two separate efforts were undertaken to compare the documents: one by Fred von Bloomstein (consultant) and Eric Kauz (GS1 GO), and another by Doug Hill (GS1 Denmark), Pere Rosell (GS1 Spain), Coen Janssen (GS1 Netherlands), Richard Chresta (GS1 Switzerland). Both analyses reached a similar conclusion regarding the differences between the GS1 and UN/CEFACT Invoice message. For example: many of GS1's requirements are met by the UN/CEFACT Invoice, but would require a significant mapping effort by our implemented users. It is only through the understanding of the differences between the two that we can accurately decide on the appropriate level of GS1's Conformance to UN/CEFACT.

The results can be found in the GS1 Community Room at:

community.gs1.org/apps/org/workgroup/gsmg_g_b_mt/documents.php?folder_id=345#folder_345

Upcoming UN/CEFACT Events!

Listed below are several upcoming events that in support of the UN/CEFACT Conformance Initiative that you may be interested in:

- UN/CEFACT Forum in Stockholm, Sweden September 24 – 28
- Fall Event in San Diego, USA October 1 – 4

For more information on GSMP and UN/CEFACT please contact Andrew Hearn at andrew.hearn@gs1.org.

GS1 XML Standards chosen by Australia's NEHTA!

by John Ryu



After being initially excluded from consideration, GS1 has acted quickly and is now the **standard technical document format for E-Procurement** as endorsed by the National E-Health Transaction Authority of Australia (NEHTA). This is especially significant because GS1 was in competition with several other standards organizations. The key differentiator for GS1's XML was its interoperable set of eCom Standards and Global Data Synchronisation Network (GDSN) Messages, which will enable a complete electronic solution for the Australian Healthcare Industry.

“GS1 XML is the document format that meets all the mandatory criteria, and best fits the additional preferential criteria. Therefore this will be specified as the NEHTA standard technical document format for E-Procurement.”

NEHTA

The detailed document outlining NEHTA's decision can be found in the “Publications” section of the NEHTA website at www.nehta.gov.au.

Congratulations to GS1 Australia and the eCom BRG. For more information please contact John Ryu at john.ryu@gs1.org.

UN/CEFACT & GS1 - Supporting Common Global Implementation

by Dipan Anarkat



For years GS1 has taken leadership in the development of global standards in external standards organizations such as UN/CEFACT and ISO. Our mission is to assure that the components we use to build are standards are globally recognized. One example of this is the

UN/CEFACT Standard Business Document Header specification for XML message header. This world class standard was built by the GS1 user and MO community, supported by global office and is now an internationally recognized way to enable global, web based, B2B communication.

But the job of the GSMP has never ended with simply defining the standard and in this case, the community has been hard at work creating the "De facto" answer on how to implement this standard globally and consistently. This is just another example of the GSMP's support for the GS1 Business Plan of focusing on implementation of the GS1 System.

Like the specification, this guide has been developed with the help of GS1 global office, various GS1 Member Organizations, GDSN Inc., EPCGlobal Inc., GCI Global Upstream Supplier Initiative (GUSI), and GS1 community members. This demonstrates GSMP effectiveness in providing a world class collaborative forum for developing truly global and interoperable standards and solutions.

This Technical Implementation Guide clarifies the function, design and implementation considerations of the SBDH when used with GS1 XML standards. Users of this guide, both business and technical, will benefit greatly by adopting an accepted and industry standard way of implementing SBDH for GS1 XML messaging. The implementation guide will also be used by related GS1 entities (EPCGlobal Inc.) and user communities (GUSI, GDSN, etc...) that have unique requirements for the usage of SBDH within their standards and business processes.

The technical implementation guide can be downloaded from the GS1 Knowledge Centre at:

www.gs1.org/services/gsmg/kc/ecom/xml/xml_sbdh.html

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GDSN Package Measurement Rules - New Issue Released!

by Justin Childs



The Data Accuracy BRG has released issue 1.7 of the **GDSN Package Measurement Rules**.

Changes to this document include the addition of the following new rules:

- Soft Paper Tolerance
- Soft Paper Products

In addition, the team is currently developing tolerances for all other types of flexible packaging/products as well as rules for stairway components.

The updated **GDSN Package Measurement Rules** document is located on the GS1 website at:

gs1.org/services/gsmg/kc/gdsn

For more information or to join this BRG, please contact Justin Childs at justin.childs@gs1.org.

SAP Currently Evaluating GUSI for Inclusion in its Standard Offering

by Ruediger Hagedorn



GUSI, the GCI Global Upstream Supply Initiative, is not only gaining momentum with Manufacturers and Suppliers, but Solution Providers too.

SAP and its Partner cbs are currently offering a solution for the GUSI-TOM (Traditional Order Management) scenario. The latest SAP release (SAP ERP 6.0) contains some GUSI complementary features, which are complemented by functionality that is provided by the SAP partner cbs. SAP is looking for companies that will implement end-to-end GUSI scenarios using ERP 6.0.

For more information on GUSI, please contact Coen Janssen (GS1 Netherlands) at Coen.Janssen@gs1.nl or Ruediger Hagedorn (GCI) at Ruediger.Hagedorn@gci-net.org.



GSMP Membership Update

The new GSMP membership model continues to flourish. Please join us in welcoming this quarter's new members to the GSMP:

Name	Company Affiliation
Craig Asher	IBM (US)
Marlene Bejarano Herrera	GS1 Colombia
William Birkle	Schneider National
Isabelle Chatagnier	GS1 France
Murphy Cheung	GS1 Hong Kong
Laurie Coleman-Figy	Whirlpool Corporation
Flavia Costa	GS1 Brasil
Troy Denyer	GS1 Australia
Roberto DeVet	Target Corporation
Christine Evans	J M Smucker
Mindy Funke	Conair Corp
Jerry Gibson	Tek Nek Toys International, L.P.
Christa Hesse	Kimberly-Clark Corporation
Paul Koch	Wegmans Food Markets
Steven Krechmer	Control Solutions Inc. - PODATA
Jason Laxdal	GS1 Canada
Guillaume Lecomte	Firmenich
Donna Liotta	American Hardware Manufacturers
Daniel Lopour	GS1 Czech Republic
Jeff Melcher	Army & Air Force Exchange Service
Ron Moser	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
Wayne Munn	Axway
Ted Ng	McKesson
Jean-Mark Ors	GEFCO
Ju Young Park	GS1 Korea
Cynthia Poetker	Abbott Laboratories
Dirk Rodgers	SupplyScope
Larry Roth	Kimberly-Clark Corporation
Hugo Sabogal	GS1 Colombia
Beth Scheid	Procter & Gamble Co.
Christian Schneider	GS1 Switzerland
Barry Sommerville	Pfizer
John Terwilliger	GS1 US
Pablo Antonio Valle Sanchez	GS1 Mexico
Mike Wallace	Abbott Laboratories
Joe Wisdo	Johnson & Johnson

GSMP World Wide Spring Event - San Diego, California (USA) 2007!



The next GSMP World Wide Fall Event will take place 1 - 5 October 2007 in San Diego, California (USA) at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina.

The registration website is at gs1.org/services/gsmf/news/.

We hope to see all of you!



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