The benefits of trusted product information for bigbasket and other Indian retailers and marketplaces

Retailers and marketplaces in India are finding a range of important ways to use the product data available in Verified by GS1.

**Challenge**

In a country as large and diverse as India, the sheer quantity of product data can be daunting for retailers and marketplaces to consider—especially because they must frequently ask themselves whether their data is incomplete, out of date or just plain wrong.

**Solution**

The powerful combination of DataKart and Verified by GS1 proved that trust and efficiency start with a valid ID.

**Benefits**

Bigbasket and other Indian retailers and marketplaces are using DataKart and its global extension, Verified by GS1, to validate GTINs, check ownership of brands, get product updates from brand owners, analyse consumer preferences, prepare for growth, eliminate inactive GTINs from databases, cleanse their product catalogues and more.
Incorrect and incomplete product data is a real business problem everywhere, and India is no exception. The country has the fifth-largest economy in the world and is home to more than 1.3 billion people, so it goes almost without saying that there are an immense number and variety of points of sale and products available for purchase.

Since 2016, Indian brand owners have been using DataKart, a robust service provided by GS1 India, to assign GTINs to their products and share product data with trading partners.

"Thanks to DataKart and Verified by GS1, we have reduced catalogue errors by 80%.

—Praveen Posina, Head of Content, bigbasket"
Product data from GS1 is known to be trustworthy because it is provided by the brand owners themselves.

**Prepared for growth and expansion**

Indian retailers also use the DataKart/Verified by GS1 combination as part of their plans to expand into new regions and new market sectors.

Most Indian retailers begin as regional chains. As their ambitions lead them to seek a national footprint, they must successfully open new brick-and-mortar stores or enable delivery to new cities and new geographical areas. One way they put luck on their side in these endeavours is to understand the demands, preferences and expectations of consumers in those other regions.

GS1 India’s services can help by enabling retailers to understand what their competitors are doing. As part of a market benchmarking exercise, retailers compare their product portfolio to the offer of other sellers in a targeted region. They collect data from a range of sources, including market research firms and data aggregators, and then compare it against the product information available in DataKart/Verified by GS1.

GS1’s data is considered much more trustworthy than the data from these other sources because of the simple fact that the information in DataKart/Verified by GS1 was provided by the brand owners themselves and because it successfully met the GS1 Registry Platform’s validation rules. There is a widely recognised sense of trust in the data made available by GS1.

This same sort of benchmarking is also done by retailers looking to expand into new product categories—for example, from consumer goods into apparel, footwear or health & beauty. Product data can be analysed to identify the potential to capture a share in new sectors as well as new markets. It’s an excellent source of understanding and insight into the competitive landscape.

**Benefits of Verified by GS1**

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**About bigbasket**

www.bigbasket.com (Innovative Retail Concepts Private Limited) is India’s largest online food and grocery store. With over 60,000 products and over 1,000 brands in our catalogue you will find everything you are looking for. Right from fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Rice and Dals, Spices and Seasonings to Packaged products, Beverages, Personal care products, Meats—we have it all.

Choose from a wide range of options in every category, exclusively handpicked to help you find the best quality available at the lowest prices. Select a time slot for delivery and your order will be delivered right to your doorstep, anywhere in Bangalore, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Pune, Chennai, Delhi, Noida, Mysore, Coimbatore, Vijayawada-Guntur, Kolkata, Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar, Lucknow-Kanpur, Gurgaon, Vadodara, Visakhapatnam, Surat, Nagpur, Patna, Indore and Chandigarh Tri-city.

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**About Verified by GS1**

Verified by GS1 is a repository of product data that helps organisations answer the question: “Is this the product that I think it is”? Brand owners use Verified by GS1 to associate seven core attributes with each of their products: the product’s GTIN, brand name, description, a URL of a product image, its GS1 Global Product Category (GPC) code, the net content and unit of measure, and the country of sale. With the help of Verified by GS1, brand owners, retailers and marketplaces can build rich consumer experiences that deliver trusted, brand-sourced product data, which drives confidence, satisfaction, loyalty—and ultimately, increased efficiency and growth for their businesses.

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