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Work Team (A) - GTIN* Allocation Rules

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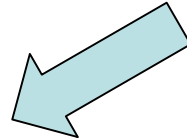
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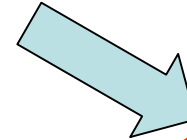
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Healthcare Products GTIN Allocation Rules



Pharmaceutical
Products



Medical
Devices

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Review of “draft” document version 0.3

- Table of content needs updating and correcting.
- Section 2.2.1 is referring to “Over the Counter” (OTC) but devices can also fall into this sector.
- Section 2.2.2 is referring to Rx drug product but devices can also be Rx.
- Section 3.4 is misleading as Packaging Level indicator could be incorrect and there is reference to both GTIN-13 & 14 but the codes don’t appear to be correct. Reference to c/d should be explained (e.g. check digit).
- Syringe with needle is possibly not the ideal illustration / example.
- Section 3.5.2 (Expiration Date) reference to DD=00 can cause problems further downstream.
- Section 3.5.3 (Batch) needs further detail e.g alpha, numeric or alphanumeric.
- Section 5, GTIN Allocation Senarios should be completely revised and possible replaced or supported with a matrix or table. Current information is not complete and there are to many overlaps between pharmaceutical & devices. Reference to pallets is probably not applicable to devices (GTIN for pallet of pacemakers!!!)
- Section 5.2, change title to “Pharmaceutical” Prescription (Rx).
- Section 5.3 Examples are insignificant for the vast range of “devices” (or kits).
- Where do drug eluting stents fit in this document?
- Current booklet for GTIN Allocation Rules should be re-named as FMCP (Fast Moving Consumer Products).
- GTIN booklet should have a “bar code” (ISBN) for re-ordering!

Review of proposal for using AI(20) for language identification:

- This might help to reduce the number of GTINs, by placing the language specific feature in AI(20), see presentation from day 1 when 800 GTINs could be reduced to 25.
- Adding another AI into the bar code could create space problems, due to increased length.
- AI(20) could not address groups of languages, only individual languages.
- One major device manufacture is already issuing GTINs for each product device variant (e.g. language, display, keyboard, voltage etc). Once setup in a data base does not appear to cause a problem.

This document is supposed to be “GTIN Allocation Rules for DUMMIES”, but the team of experts and enthusiasts were more confused, rather than enlightened, due to the complexities of “Devices”.

Recommended Action Items:

- This guide requires significantly more input from the devices industry, all sectors.
- Jackie Rae Elkin volunteered to join the work team :-)
- Janice Kite volunteered Tom Werthwine to join the work team :-)
- Volunteers are very welcome from the “audience”, to join the work team :-))
- Should this work team be more aligned with other work teams?
- Any questions should be addressed to Mark Walchak!