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The Bureau International des Containers et du Transport Intermodal (B.I.C.) and GS1 sign a Memorandum of Understanding

Michel Hennemand, Chairman of B.I.C., and Miguel Lopera, President and CEO of GS1, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Brussels yesterday. The MoU establishes a framework for cooperation and technical collaboration between both organizations.

B.I.C. and GS1 will cooperate, support and encourage the harmonization of supply chain standards for Freight, Transport and Logistics.

They agreed on the complementarity of the standards of both organizations, on the importance of GS1 developing global standards for the Supply chain and on the well established position of B.I.C. in the development and enforcement of global standards used to uniquely identify owners or principal operators of freight containers in international trade.

The parties will contribute to the definition of the standards via the relevant ISO groups and through internal standards development activities such as the GS1 GSMP (Global Standards Management Process). The aim is to achieve common or fully interoperable standards for the benefit of their global user base.

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About GS1
GS1 is a leading global organisation dedicated to the design and implementation of global standards and solutions to improve the efficiency & visibility of the supply and demand chains globally and across sectors. The GS1 system of standards is the most widely used supply chain standards system in the world. Web site: www.gs1.org

About BIC
B.I.C. is a non-profit Organization with a membership that covers almost the entire spectrum of container owners in the world. B.I.C administers a world-wide system for allocating and managing identification codes (BIC-CODES) for international container transport. B.I.C. is the official registration office, nominated by the International Organization for Standardization and the World Customs Organization, in charge of registering and protecting the uniqueness of container owner and operator identification codes worldwide.