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EPCIS for Lunch

An introduction to the WHAT, WHEN, WHERE and WHY of supply chain visibility

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IDENTIFY: GS1 Standards for Identification

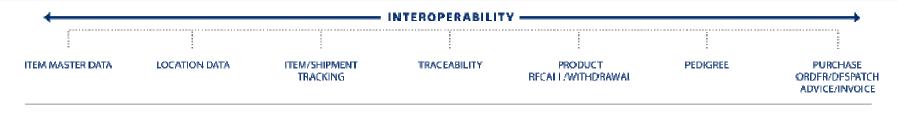
GLN Global Location Number GTIN Global Trade Item Number SSCC Serial Shipping Container Code GRAI Global Returnable Asset Identifier GIAI Global Individual Asset Identifier GSRN Global Service Relation Number



CAPTURE: GS1 Standards for Barcodes & EPC/RFID GS1 BARCODES **GS1 EPC/RFID** EAN/UPC GS1-128 ITE-14 **GS1 DataBar GS1** Data Matrix GS1 QR Code **GS1** Composite EPC HF Gen 2 EPC UHF Gen 2 Barcode SIN NAMED AND A DATA (00) 3 9501100 000001001 9 (01) 0 9501101 02103 7 SHARE: GS1 Standards for Data Exchange

SHARE: OST Standards for Data Exchange

MASTER DATA Global Data Synchronisation Network (GDSN) TRANSACTIONAL DATA eCom (EDI) Event Data EPC Information Services (EPCIS)





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The "Share" Layer of GS1 Standards

Master Data

- example: weight & physical dimensions of trade item class
- GS1 "Share" Standard: GDSN

Transactional Data

- Example: ORDERS, INVOIC
- GS1 "Share" Standards: GS1 XML, EANCOM

Visibility Event Data

- Physical activity in the supply chain of products and assets
- GS1 "Share" Standard: EPCIS



- is a GS1 standard within GS1's "Share" layer
- is <u>not</u> a product, service or out-of the box solution
- defines technical interfaces for capturing/sharing data
- defines a framework data model for event data
- helps create & share visibility data within/across enterprises
- is an enabler around which to build value-added services and solutions for supply chain visibility & asset management
- was updated with the May 2014 release of EPCIS 1.1
 - *including support for Lot/Batch-based event data*
- when used in a GS1 context, leverages GS1 Keys as the "what" and "where" of visibility events



Core Business Vocabulary (CBV) another GS1 "Share" standard

• Companion standard to EPCIS



- Supplements EPCIS' framework data model
- Defines specific data values to populate EPCIS data model
- Specifies vocabulary elements & values for EPCIS
- Ensures a common understanding of data semantics
- Critical to interoperability of EPCIS implementations
- Includes values & definitions for Standard Vocabularies
- Provides identification syntax rules for User Vocabularies



Four dimensions of an EPCIS event

WHAT objects are the subject of event? Individual objects (SGTIN) or groupings (GTIN + Lot/batch)

WHEN did this event take place?

Date, time, time zone

WHERE did this event take place?

GLN of physical location & object's subsequent whereabouts

WHY did this event take place?

Business step, Disposition (status), Source/Destination info



EPCIS events "WHAT" dimension

- Specifies what objects participated in the event
- Can be physical or digital objects
- EPCIS allows for two kinds of object identification:
 - Instance-level
 - each identifier is unique to a single object
 - Class-level
 - multiple objects carry the same identifier



EPCIS events - "WHAT" dimension **Instance**-level identification

- **SGTIN** Serialized Global Trade Item Number
- **SSCC** Serial Shipping Container Code
- **GRAI** Global Returnable Asset Identifier
- **GIAI** Global Individual Asset Identifier
- **GSRN** Global Service Relation Number
- **GDTI** Global Document Type Identifier
- **ADI** Aerospace & Defense Identifier
- **CPID** Component Part Identifier + serial
- SGCN Serialized Global Coupon Number





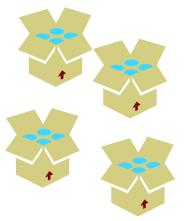






EPCIS events - "WHAT" dimension **Class**-level identification

- **GTIN** Global Trade Item Number
- **GTIN** + Lot/Batch
- **GRAI** without serial
- **GDTI** without serial
- **GCN** without serial
- **CPID** without serial





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Batch/Lot vs. Serialized: Visibility with differing granularity

Feature	GTIN	GTIN + Lot	GTIN + Serial
Low Precision Identification	\checkmark		
Medium Precision Identification		\checkmark	
High Precision Identification			\checkmark
Additional data needs to be physically marked		\checkmark	\checkmark
Serialization required			\checkmark
Traceable item exist in multiple locations at the same time	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Traceable item exist only at one locations at the same time			\checkmark
Product Recall	All units of a given GTIN	All units of a given GTIN + Lot	Only specific units with matching GTIN + Serial
Enables anti counterfeit measures			\checkmark
Enables to monitor products with finite shelf life		\checkmark	\checkmark





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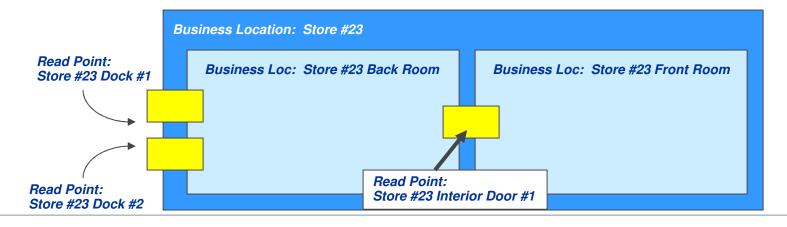
EPCIS events "WHERE" dimension

Read Point

- specific place that an event took place
- dentified by SGLN

Business Location

- place the object is assumed to be following the event
- identified by SGLN







The "WHY" dimension of EPCIS events

Business Step

• Business process context of event e.g.: Commissioning, Packing, Shipping, Unpacking

Disposition

 Status of object subsequent to event example: active, in_transit, sold, expired, recalled

Business Transaction

• Link to transaction information

Source/Destination

Transfer of ownership or possession



EPCIS event types

Object Event

• Observation of (or assertion about) object(s)

Aggregation Event

Association between containing/contained object(s)

Transaction Event

(Dis)Association of object(s) to business transaction(s)

Transformation Event (new in EPCIS 1.1)

• Object(s) consumed as inputs, produced as outputs

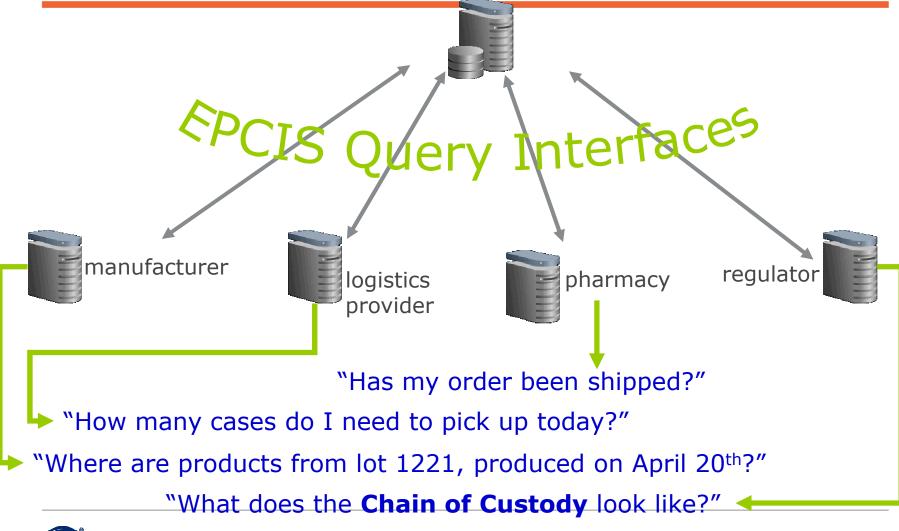


EPCIS event types Aggregation Event

- Applied to set of contained/containing objects
- Strong physical relationship between containing/contained
- Action ADD:
 - Child objects aggregated to parent
 - Creation of new aggregation or addition of new children
- Action OBSERVE:
 - Observation of an aggregation (may be incomplete)
- Action DELETE:
 - Objects have been **disaggregated** from parent
 - Removal of subset of children or entire aggregation



Leveraging the EPCIS Query Interfaces

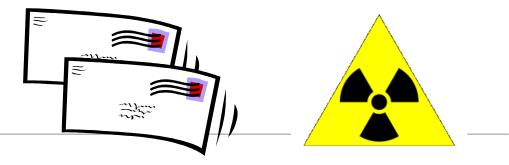




Visibility applications enabled by EPCIS

- Which parties have had contact with my shipment?
- When will the new vaccine be delivered?
- (When) was my shipment received by the recipient?
- Where was medication produced on April 11th shipped to?
- Which defibrilators are located where in the hospital?
- Where is all of the radioactive material at the clinic?







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EPCIS implementations 2015 and beyond

- Food / Fresh Produce Packaging and Distribution
- Fresh **Fish** Packaging and Distribution
- Vehicle Visibility in Rail
- Digital **Coupon** Management in retail
- RTI management
- Asset management (tool/equipment inventory in **Oil/Gas**)
- **Tobacco** chain of custody
- **Apparel** Stock-Taking & Cycle Counting
- **Pharmaceutical** chain-of-custody



Certified EPCIS 1.0 solution providers

- Axway
- Covectra Inc.
- Dongguk University
- ECO, Inc.
- ETRI
- FastPoint Technologies
- Fosstrak Project (Auto-ID Labs)
- Hanmi IT
- IBM
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- MetaBiz, Inc
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