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GS1 Standards Event – A digital experience

RFID: beyond identification

June 25, 9.00am -11.00am EDT



Anti-trust caution

- GS1 operates under the GS1 anti-trust caution. Strict compliance with anti-trust laws is and always has been the policy of GS1.
- The best way to avoid problems is to remember that the purpose of the group is to enhance the ability of all industry members to compete more efficiently.
- This means:
 - **There shall be no discussion of prices, allocation of customers, or products, boycotts, refusals to deal, or market share.**
 - If any participant believes the group is drifting toward impermissible discussion, the topic shall be tabled until the opinion of counsel can be obtained.
- The full anti-trust caution is available via the link below, if you would like to read it in its entirety: <http://www.gs1.org/gs1-anti-trust-caution>.

Meeting etiquette

Be present
Avoid multitasking

Be considerate
Silence phones
Keep comments concise

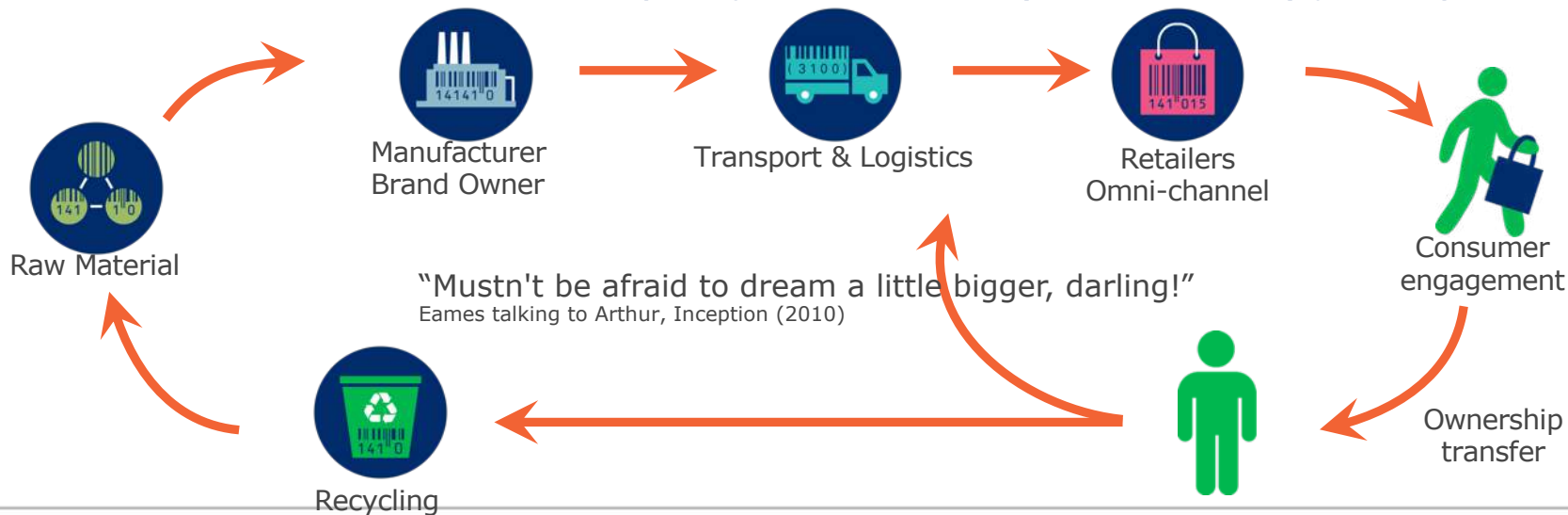
Be collaborative
Ask questions
Be open to other views

Be professional
Speak on company's behalf

RFID: beyond identification

- RFID? What are we talking about?
- I have a dream!

From raw material to recycling: a wonderful (RFID enabled) journey



RFID: beyond identification

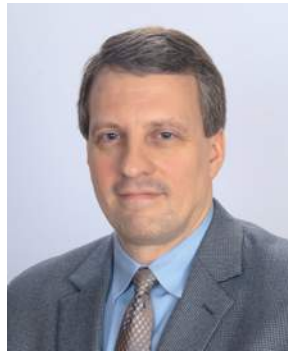
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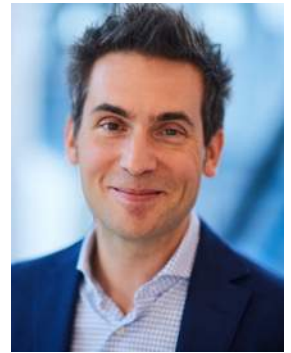
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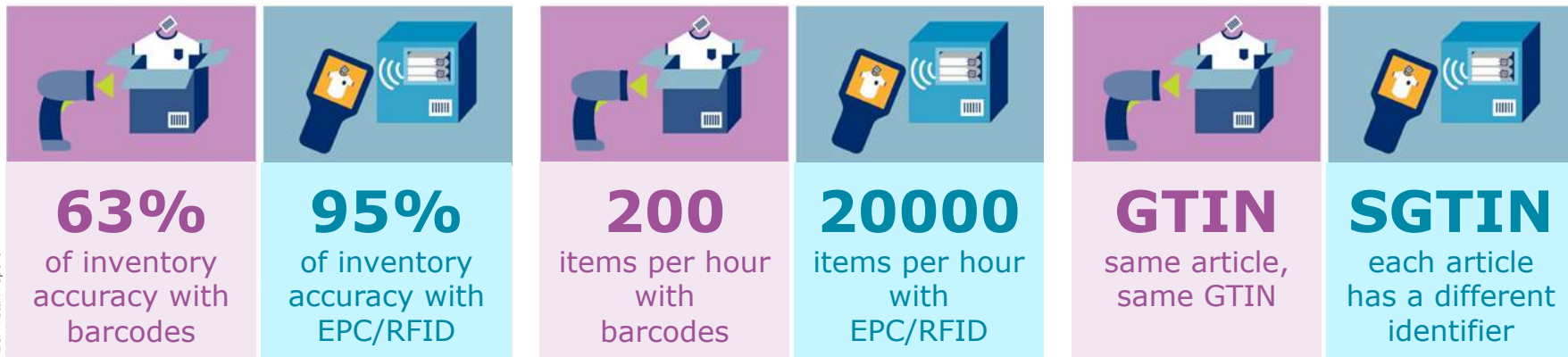
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What RFID allows you to do?

First of all: **increase inventory efficiency** (accuracy, speed and granularity)

ECR retail report



But not only!

Back to basics: what is RFID?

- RFID is a **data carrier** 
- RFID is a **wireless technology** that connects billions of things
- RFID enables consumers and businesses to:
identify, locate, engage, transact and authenticate



Type of RFID	Options	Main applications
Passive	LF HF (including NFC) UHF (RAIN)	Animal ID Payment/access control Retail, logistics,...
Active	Different protocols & frequencies	Geo-fencing

Back to basics: NFC vs. RAIN

RAIN

- Passive Ultra High Frequency UHF (860-930 MHz)
- Air interface: GS1 EPC Gen2 / ISO/IEC 18000-63
 - Read range: <15m
- + read rate: up to 100 tags/s
 - + no line of sight required



NFC

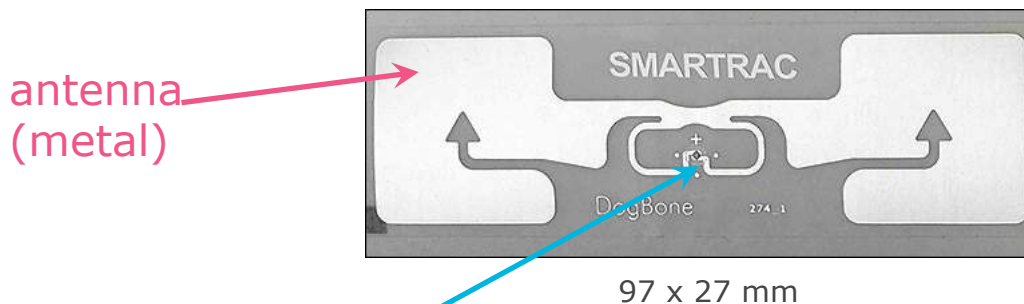
- Passive High Frequency HF (13,56 MHz)
- Air interface: ISO/IEC 14443 and 15693
 - Read range: <10cm
- + reader embedded in smartphones
 - + peer to peer mode



Both use passive tags
(no battery required)

Back to basics: RAIN RFID tag

Inlay (dry or wet): the basic form factor of an RFID tag



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RFID tags form factors... for all industries



Confidex

printable metal tag



Primo1D

Thread



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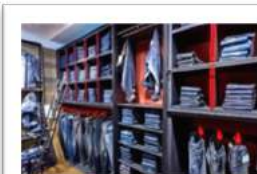


micro-wavable tag

Healthcare



Retail



Packaging & Logistics



Rail



Manufacturing



Electronics



Food



Aviation



From RAIN Alliance

RFID beyond inventory

Counting/detection is important for inventory but also for:

- Anti-theft system
- Dynamic pricing
- Payment solutions
- Omni-channel
- Product recalls
- Product returns

Decathlon PoS



Other ways to benefit from RFID

- Sensors
- Brand protection
 - Authentication
 - Tamper proof
- Localisation
- Embedded tags
 - recycling
 - ownership transfer
 - chain of custody



Smartrac

Huayuan



Steve Halliday

RAIN Alliance



RAIN RFID Alliance

GS1 Standards Event
25 June 2020

Steve Halliday
President
RAIN RFID Alliance





- **RAIN Alliance was founded in 2014 and is a subsidiary of AIM**
 - Increase awareness and understanding of passive UHF RFID (GS1's EPC Gen2 protocol and ISO's 18000-63 standard)
- **Around 160 global members and annual meetings in Americas, Asia and Europe**
 - Alliance members include hardware and software companies, solution providers, academics, and end-users



What is RAIN RFID?



- RAIN RFID is a wireless technology that connects billions of everyday items to the internet, enabling businesses and consumers to **identify**, **locate**, **authenticate**, and **engage** each item.
- RAIN RFID makes it possible to network *things* without power.
 - >18 billion things tagged in 2019
 - >20 billion annually by 2020



Why RAIN – the RAIN Brand

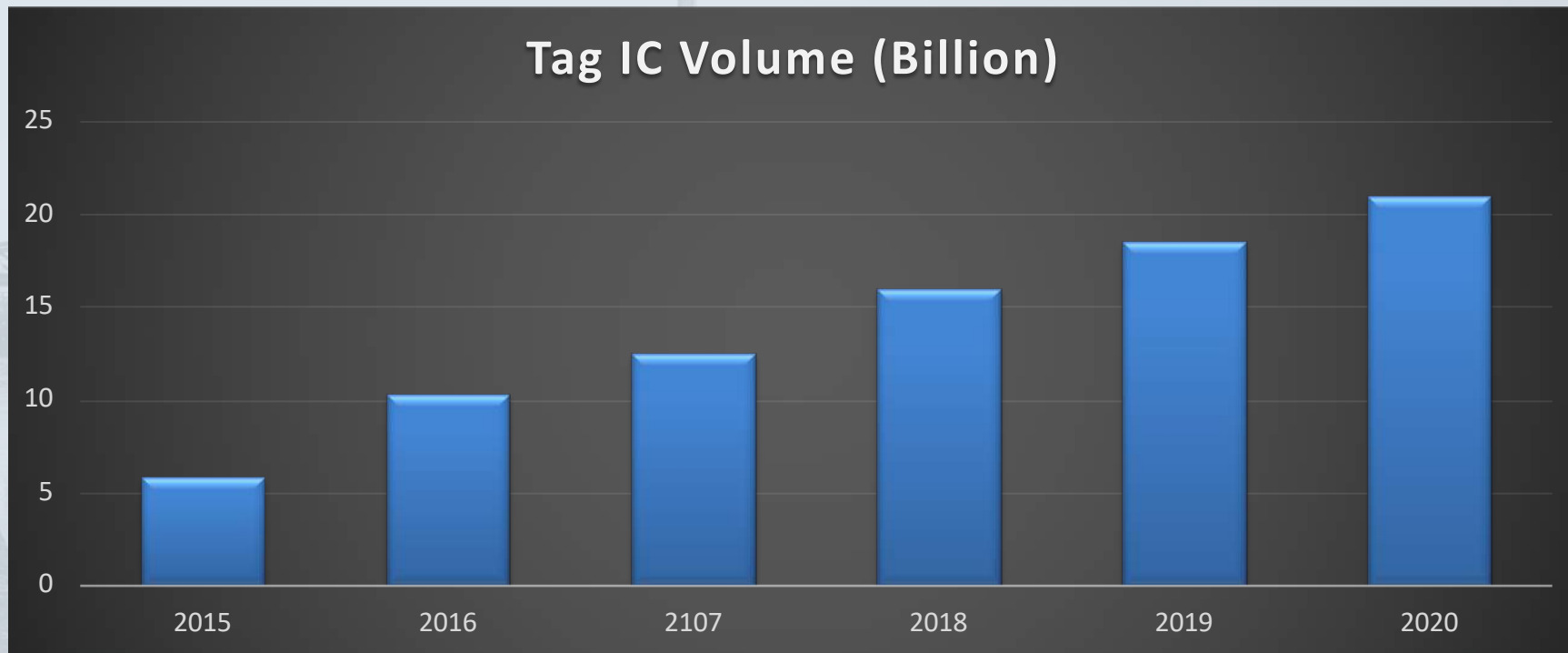
- **RFID** is a generic acronym to describe different types of wireless technologies – different frequencies, different standards, passive vs. active, etc. *This creates confusion.*
- **RAIN** is a brand for a specific passive UHF RFID wireless technology
 - GS1's UHF Gen2 protocol
 - ISO/IEC's 18000-63 standard
- The ultimate goal is for **"RAIN"** to be **THE** UHF RFID brand
 - To transition companies and consumers to the RAIN brand, **RAIN RFID** is currently being used for the technology
 - **RAIN Alliance** is the organization
- Other wireless technology brands, easier for end-users to understand:
 - **WiFi**, instead of IEEE's 802.11 versions
 - **NFC**, instead of HF RFID or ISO/IEC's 14443
 - **Bluetooth**, instead of IEEE's 802.15.1



WiFi Alliance Bluetooth SIG NFC Forum



Tag IC Volume



Data Collected by RAIN 2015-2019: Forecast 2020

RAIN RFID Industries Include...

Healthcare



Retail



**Packaging
& Logistics**



**Automatic Vehicle
Identification (AVI)**



Manufacturing



Electronics



Food



Aviation



Why RAIN?

Retail

- 2 to 20% sales boost
- Reduction in out of stocks
- 96% time reduction with smart inventory
- Over 9% decrease in shrinkage
- Over 98% inventory accuracy results



Aviation

- Improve end to end tracking
- Improve asset inventory control and life cycle management
- Higher customer satisfaction – fewer delays, cancelations, mishandled bags
- Rapid return on investment
- Easier bag handling



Healthcare

- Higher inventory accuracy
- Reduced product expiration
- Effective recall management
- Improved patient safety and care
- Automated payments and increased profitability
- Decreased supply chain and equipment costs



Smart Retail - apparel

- Growing at a fantastic rate Over 100 retailers currently using RAIN
- Losses - Over 9% decrease in shrinkage
- Increases in sales - 2 to 20% sales boost
- Reduction in out of stocks
- Big savings in inventory management
 - 96% time reduction with smart inventory
 - Over 98% inventory accuracy results



Frictionless Shopping

- Whole store
- Intelligent vending machine/fridge
- Competition is with alternative technologies (camera, scale, etc.)

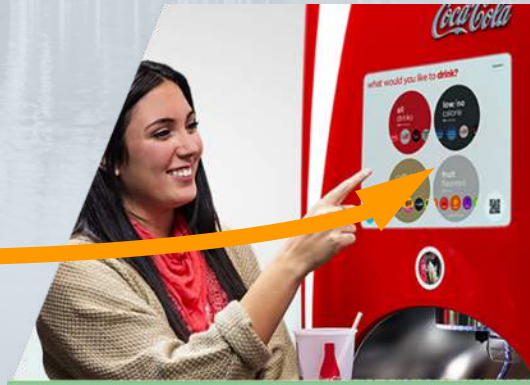


Smart Agriculture & Smart Animal Farming

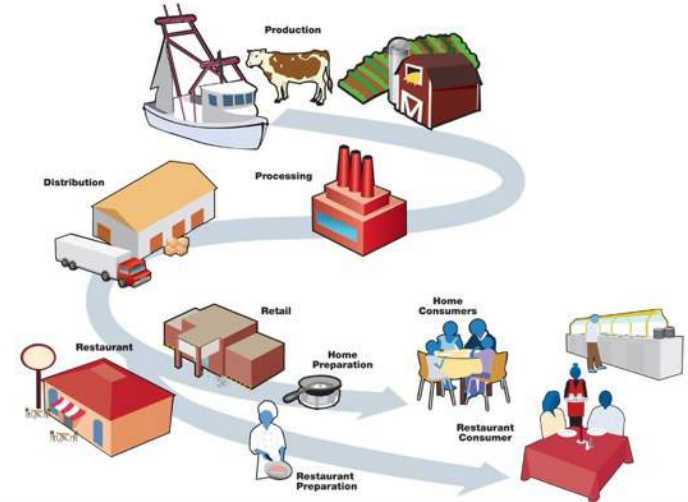
- Farm to Fork initiatives
- Freshness tracking
- Refrigerated transport
- Vending machines



RAIN Tag



The Food Production Chain



Aviation

- Enable hands-free scanning of baggage throughout the handling process
- Track passenger's baggage in real-time - Reduce mishandling of baggage by 25-50%
- Automate freight tracking and increase accuracy
- Ease tracking of airplane safety equipment and reduce errors
- Authenticate and track repair parts for maintenance



Sports



- Improved Runner Tracking
- Social Media Integration
- Real-Time Race Updates



RAIN Tag



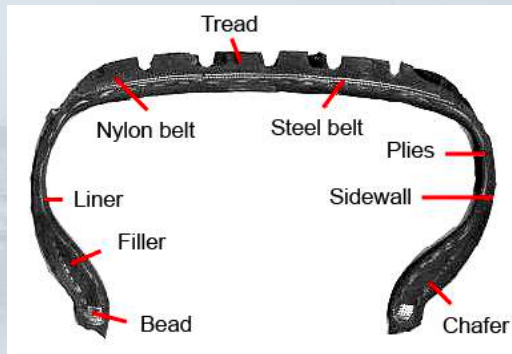
Tire identification and data-sharing

Market need

Issues

GS1 contribution

- **Today: Identify and authenticate every tire to meet government and/or consumer demand**
- **Tomorrow: use RFID as a sensor (pressure, temperature, mechanical stress)**
- **No RFID-friendly way to embed tag in a tire today**
- **Data-sharing amongst many stakeholders**
- **SGTIN for tire identification offers traceability, etc.**
- **EPCIS for data-sharing**
- **Application Identifiers for user-memory data encoding**



Healthcare



Asset Tracking and Management



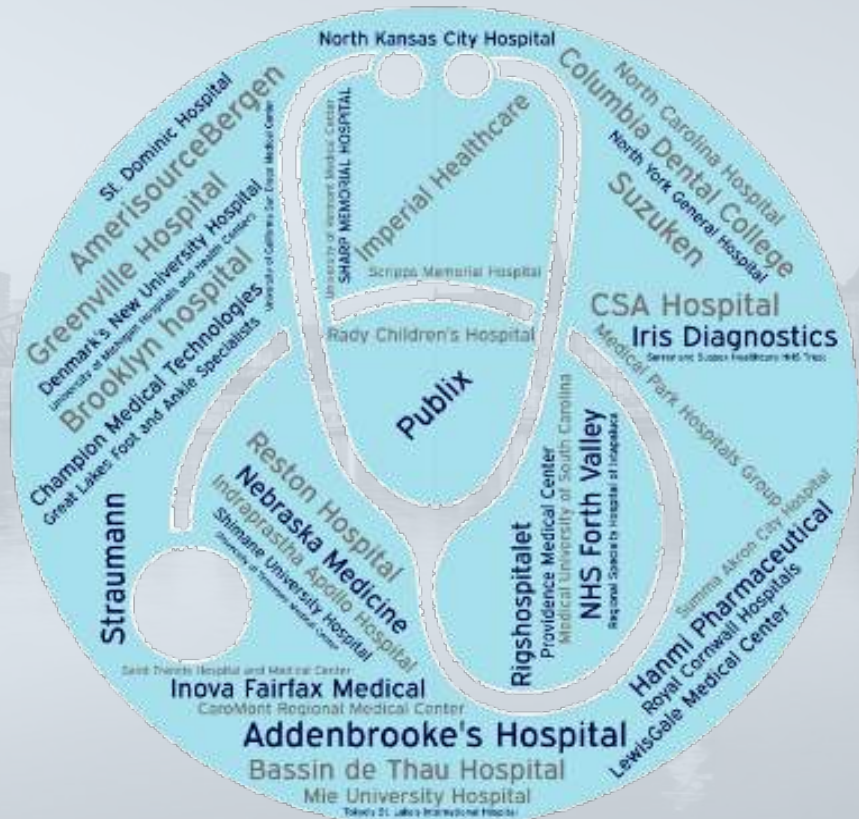
Healthcare and Supply Chain Management



Inventory and Supply Management



Patient Care and Experience



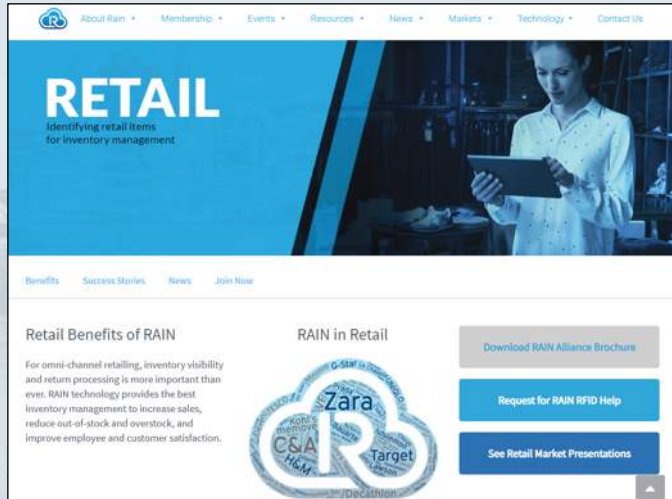
RAIN Workgroups

- **RAIN workgroups create educational material to help accelerate adoption**
 - Aviation
 - Developers
 - Healthcare
 - Intelligent packaging
 - Smart products
 - Technical
- **New workgroups coming**
 - Tyres
 - Sustainability/Recycling
 - Numbering Solutions

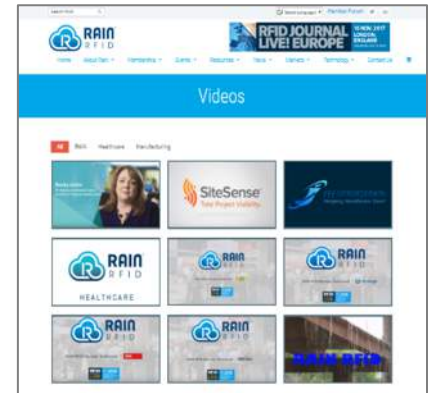
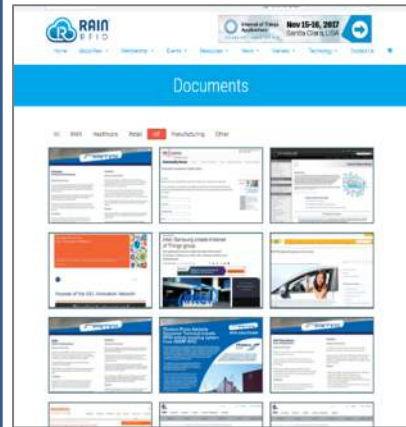


Market Pages

Case Studies, News, Presentations, etc.



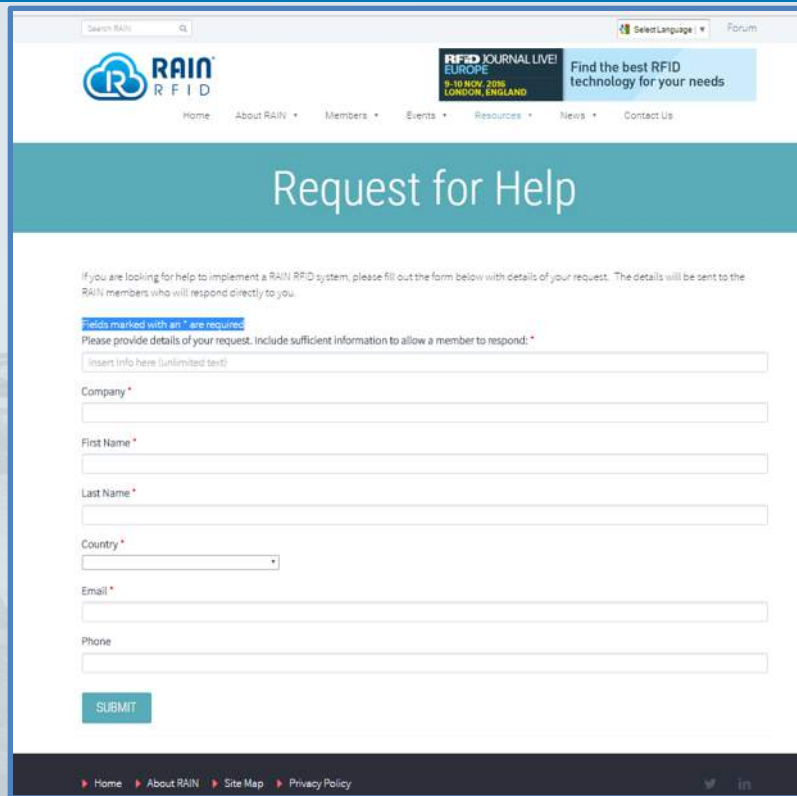
Documents & Videos Organized by Markets



- Current markets – Aviation, Healthcare, IOT, Retail, & Smart Manufacturing
- Lists of >100 retailers and >40 healthcare end-users worldwide



Requests for Help




The screenshot shows the RAIN RFID website's 'Request for Help' page. The header includes the RAIN RFID logo, a search bar, and navigation links: Home, About RAIN, Members, Events, Resources, News, and Contact Us. A banner for 'RFID JOURNAL LIVE! EUROPE 9-10 NOV 2016 LONDON, ENGLAND' is also visible. The main heading is 'Request for Help'. Below it, a paragraph states: 'If you are looking for help to implement a RAIN RFID system, please fill out the form below with details of your request. The details will be sent to the RAIN members who will respond directly to you.' A note indicates 'Fields marked with an * are required.' The form fields are: 'Please provide details of your request. Include sufficient information to allow a member to respond:' (with a placeholder 'Insert info here (unlimited text)'), 'Company *', 'First Name *', 'Last Name *', 'Country *' (a dropdown menu), 'Email *', and 'Phone'. A green 'SUBMIT' button is at the bottom. The footer contains links to Home, About RAIN, Site Map, and Privacy Policy, along with social media icons for Twitter and LinkedIn.

- Great way to get help on your project
- End users can post on the web site
- Sent to all member companies for their attention

Post your requests for help with your project
<http://rainrfid.org/resources/request-for-help/>



RAIN Resources

 RAIN ALLIANCE

RAIN TECHNOLOGY


MARKETS

RESOURCES

EVENTS

NEWS

MEMBER FORUM

**aim**
EUROPE
Advancing
Identification
Matters

**Frequency Bands in Europe:
Milestones Achieved and Important Next Steps**


11/13/2019
(Josef Preußner / Pflügl / EEP, CTO, CSC Services/actor GmbH
— Sven Hollides / President, RAIN RFID ALLIANCE)

November 2019

Frequency Bands in Europe:
Milestones and Important Next Steps
EU Regulatory Information

Webinars

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**RAIN**
ALLIANCE

What is RAIN RFID?

Detailed information about the technology,
markets using RAIN RFID, and the Alliance


November 2019

What is RAIN RFID? E-BOOK

Updated! Winter 2019 / Spring 2020 Edition

Whitepapers

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**RAIN RFID Solutions:
Integrity, Privacy and Trust**


October 2019

RAIN RFID Solutions: Integrity, Privacy
and Trust

Privacy and data security are both important
facets of any technology solution design. This...

Documents

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TIPP Grading
Tagged Item Performance Protocol


2019-2020 Report
Global Membership, Supply Chain Visibility, SPCS & RFID
October 2019

October 2019

TIPP Grading
Tagged Item Performance Protocol

Webinars

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**Reader Communication Interface (RCI)
Guideline**


October 2019

RAIN Reader Communication
Interface Guideline - V.3.0

This document describes an application
developer friendly interface between...

Documents

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**HUAYUAN**

HUAYUAN Waterproof Washable RFID Tags

September 2019

HUAYUAN Waterproof Washable RFID
Tags for Laundry Management...

Documents

View Resource



What is RAIN RFID?

Detailed information about the technology, markets using RAIN RFID, and the Alliance

- **Details about RAIN RFID**
 - Tags, Readers, Antennas, Software, and Data
- **Standards and Numbering System**
- **Markets | Industries | Applications**
 - Applications and benefits of using RAIN
 - Case studies
- **Request for Help**
 - How end-users can find the RAIN Alliance members they need to work with
- **RAIN Alliance**
 - Workgroups and Meetings
 - List of Members and Categories for the companies



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Raw Material Attributes

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How do you specify raw materials?



Leather

- Dyeing Characteristics
- Finish Basic
- Grain Surface Characteristics
- Hand Feel
- Hide Configuration
- Leather Type
- Oil Content (%)
- ...



How is this described?

Raw Material Attributes Guideline



- Defines Raw Materials that are components of finished products
- Provides a standard vocabulary for defining material attributes
- Attribute fingerprint: identification of specific materials enables apples-to-apples material comparisons
- <https://www.gs1us.org/rawmaterials>



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Apparel and General Merchandise

Best Practice Guideline for Exchanging
Raw Material Attributes

Release 1.0, February 26, 2020



Knit Fabric Identifier Example



Required Field	Example Values	Reference Section	Code Value
Header	R01KN	4	R01KN
Construction Type	Fleece Knit (AH) Herringbone (AK) Mesh (AU)	4.3.1	AHAKAU~
Fiber Content	Alpaca (BD) 20% Azlon (BK) 40% Cotton (BQ) 35% Elastane (BV) 5%	4.3.2	BD20BK40BQ35BV05~
Ply	3	4.3.3	03
Denier Count	4	4.3.4	04.00
Weight UOM	Grams per Square Meter	4.3.5	G/M
Weight	32.1	4.3.6	32.10~
Yarn Type	Filament - Flat	4.3.7	FF

Resulting Code Value: R01KNAHAKAU~BD20BK40BQ35BV05~0304.00G/M32.10~FF

Guideline Value



- Enables like-kind buyer comparisons of raw materials
- Increases buyer decision speed
- Digitized material data enables system-driven sourcing with resulting efficiencies and rules
- 3D Modeling
- Product Circularity



GS1 US Best Practice Guideline for Defining Raw Material Attributes

4 Knit Fabric

Knit Fabric is a textile that is the product of knitting. It is more flexible than woven fabric. The attribute definitions that follow describe the use of Knit Fabric in Apparel, Footwear, Accessories, and Automotive. The two-digit header value for this is KN.

4.1 Knit Fabric Required Attributes

Attribute Name	Attribute Description	Material Identifier	Attribute Selection Type
Construction Type	This field denotes how the knitted fabric is constructed.	Y	Multi-Choice List
Fiber Content	The make-up of the yarn content of any given fabric (i.e., 50% Cotton, 50% Polyester).	Y	Composite List
Ply	Ply is how many yarns are twisted together to make a single thread.	Y	Integer (2-digit value zero padded)
Denier Count	A unit of measurement that is used to determine the fiber thickness of individual threads or filaments used in the creation of textiles and fabrics.	Y	Float (2-digit integer with 2-digit decimal zero padded)
Weight UOM	Unit of measure	Y	Single List
Weight	The mass of the product.	Y	Float
Yarn Type	The specific composite and spin method of the yarn.	Y	Single List
Material Name	The name of the material (given by the supplier).	N	Text
Material Identification	The supplier's identifier of the material.	N	Text
Width	How wide the fabric is.	N	Float
Width UOM	Unit of measure of Width value.	N	Single List
Country of Origin	The country where the material product is produced.	N	Single List

4.2 Knit Value Optional Attributes

Attribute Name	Attribute Description	Attribute Selection Type
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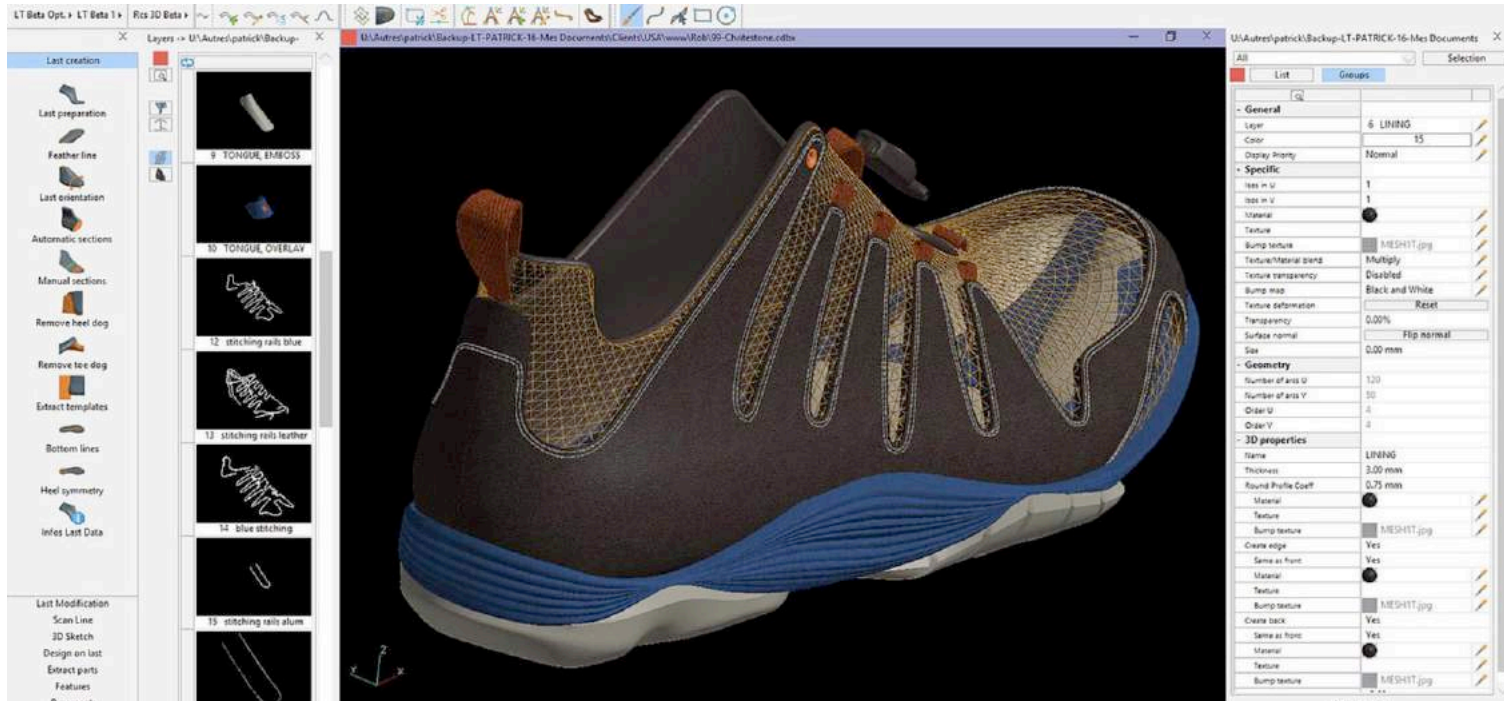
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3D Modeling Benefits



3D Modeling and Component Materials



Timeline



- Feb 2020: First Release
 - Knit, Woven, Leather, and Synthetic material
- Fall 2020: Second Release Planned
 - Update initial materials to add recycled content
 - Add labels, thread, footwear components...
- Sept 2020: GS1 US Webinar
 - Highlight Circularity and 3D rendering



GS1 US Best Practice Guideline for Defining Raw Material Attributes

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Questions?



- If interested in more information, including details on the September webinar, please contact jgregory@gs1us.org
- And for the latest guideline, see <https://www.gs1us.org/rawmaterials>

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• Primo1D Retail Value Proposition



Supply chain

POS

Business

Omni-channel enabler

Customer
Engagement

A unique Product Lifecycle
Management tool

• Primo1D Product



Passive **RAIN RFID** tag
into a textile yarn

Easy to integrate into
apparel

Protected by **18**
international patents

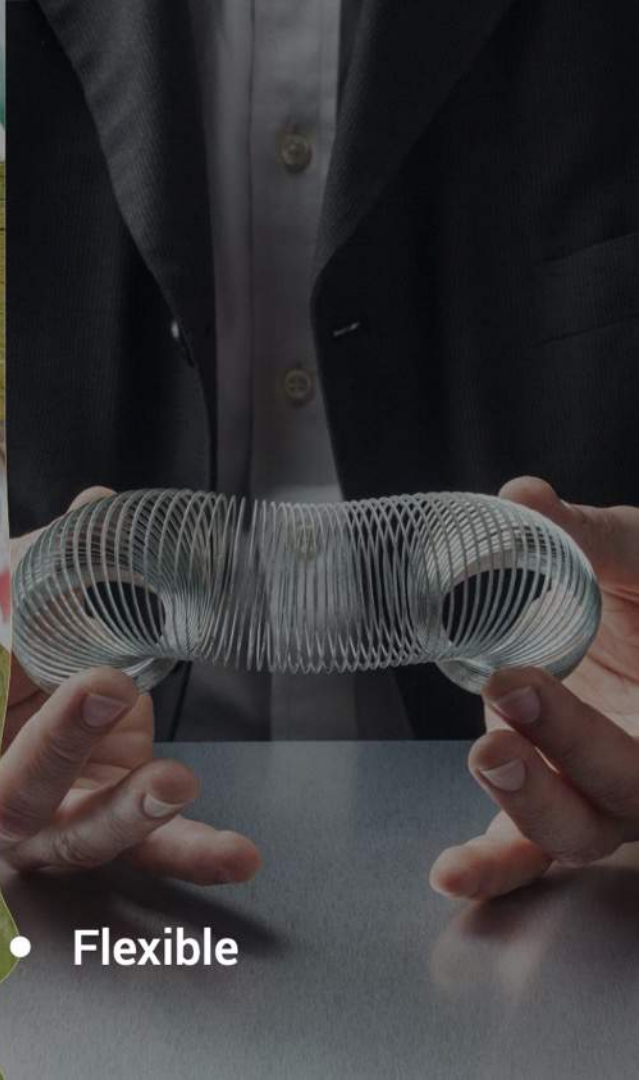
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- To be embedded



- Non-intrusive



- Flexible

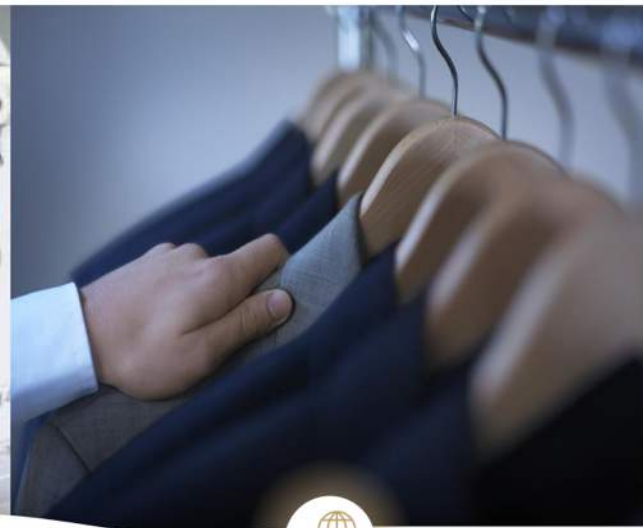
- **How to get a Smart Garment ?**



Tag in a **strip**



Integration on **standard machines**, with a specific pressure foot



Smart garment **ready !**



• Retail Value Proposition in Supply Chain

Durable track & trace solution

Source tagging

Washable tag

Extended digitalisation

Omnichannel enabler

Inventory accuracy

Prevent OOS

Facilitate reverse logistic

One unique digital ID all along value chain



• **Retail Value** Proposition at POS (and beyond...)

Reliable stock visibility

Physical asset detection, not tag !

Secure all POS operations
(fitting room management)

Enhance customer journey

Easy trials

Fast cashing

Privacy management

After sales

Quick and safe product return

Power resale, rental and sharing

• **Trigger customer engagement**



• **Retail Value** Proposition for Business

Not a single usage tag !

Digital ID + embedded
EAS solution

Boost operations
efficiency

Unlock transparency

Full life cycle info
Grey market identification

Support sustainability

Authentication
warranties for
repair purpose and
second hand

• **A “less is more” tagging solution**

• Company Profile



Founded August 2013
17 talented people



E-Thread™ technology platform



Scalable industrial model



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RAINFC Dual-Frequency RFID Solutions

Leveraging GS1 Standards for Full Product Lifecycle Traceability



We are embracing challenges through time

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Swatchgroup is:
20 Brands
35,360 Employees
USD 8.5 Billion Net Sales

2019 Figures

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30 Years of RFID

Swatch Group's **EM Microelectronic** serves the RFID market since 1989 with premium ICs, standard and customized, for LF, HF, UHF and multi-frequency/multi-protocol applications



1992

EM4021 First UHF IP-X chip



2000

EM4036 first EM 13.56MHz
Vicinity chip



2015

World's first RAINFC
dual-frequency chip

em|echo
RFIC-RAINFC DUAL FREQUENCY



2018

100M RAINFC
tags in the market

1989

EM4001 First EM LF chip



1996

ISO 11784/11785 standard for
animal identification, EM4005



2000

EM4095
High Performance
LF Reader AFE



2003-2008

World's first mass UHF RFID retail deployment,
EM delivers 90% of world's UHF chips



2017

The new benchmark for
RAIN RFID
crypto transponders

em|aura-C
Crypto-Authenticated UHF RFID



2020

The holistic
omnichannel
solution powering
circular
brand-consumer
engagement models

em|echo
RFIC-RAINFC DUAL FREQUENCY

Retail footprint



Our own omnichannel challenges



- Same experience at all touch points
- Same services everywhere
- Fusion of marketing and sales
- Seamless consumer experience: “white gloves” at home
- Channel management
- Grey market
- Counterfeits

To provide a consistent retail experience when consumer A engages with product Y, A and Y need to be uniquely identified

→ A and Y need Digital Twins

Same Experience Anytime, Anywhere



- Wikipedia:
A digital twin is a digital replica of a living or non-living physical entity...
- Every physical entity can have different digital twins for different purposes
 - Drivers license, ID, passport(s)
 - Social media accounts
 - Credit card & online shopping accounts/identities
 - Design drawings, business plans,...
 - ERP item inventory data in retail and smart industries
- A number of technologies create the link between the entity and its digital twin
 - Barcodes, 2D codes, magstripes, low frequency RFID, NFC, RAIN RFID/EPC Gen2 tags



RAIN RFID (Radio Frequency Identification)



- Advantages

- Fully passive tags, energy harvested from reader signal
- Transmits data by backscattering the reader signal
- No battery → virtually unlimited lifetime, no maintenance
- Inventories 100s of items at once
- Reads >10m

- Prime technology for inventory and supply chain management applications

- Technology

- GS1 EPC Gen2v2 Air Interface Protocol
- Operates in the UHF 860-960MHz Spectrum
- Supports GS1 global trade item codes (GTIN) or proprietary closed-loop code schemes



Retail



Electronic Vehicle Identification



Logistics



Baggage Tags

Near Field Communication (NFC)



- Advantages

- Fully passive tags, energy harvested from reader signal
- No battery → virtually unlimited lifetime, no maintenance
- 1-to-1 communication between consumer and item
- Directional short-distance read (< 8cm) → no risk of stray reading
- Supports secure communication out of the box

- Prime technology for contactless payment, eID, ticketing, consumer engagement, brand protection

- Technology

- GS1 Digital Link Standard with underlying NFC Forum Tag Standard
- Operates in the HF 13.56MHz spectrum
- Natively supported by any smartphone thanks to standardized NFC Data Exchange Format (NDEF) messages



Contactless Payment



Electronic Passport



Consumer Engagement & Brand Protection



Ticketing

RAIN RFID and NFC are complementary



GS1 EPC Gen2v2



GS1 Digital Link over
NFC Forum Tag Type-5



GS1 EPCIS

Product Cloud

GS1 Global Data Model

How Does RAINFC Technology Work – RAIN RFID Use Cases



1. Production Site

- a. Goods Dispatch

2. DC / Warehouse

- a. Goods Receiving
- b. Picked and Packed Items
- c. Goods Dispatch

3. Store

- a. Goods Receiving
- b. Inventory Counting
- c. Loss Prevention & Automated Checkout

Supply Chain
Management



Inventory & Stock
Management



In-store Operations



How Does RAINFC Technology Work – NFC Use Cases



1. In Store

- a. Product information, story telling, product associations
- b. Virtual sales assistant
- c. Enables store analytics on layout, consumer engagement patterns, etc.

2. In Store

- a. Virtual sales assistant with up-sell and cross-sell
- b. Smartphone-enabled self-checkout (“Tap & Go”)

3. At Home

- a. Assembly instructions & videos
- b. Ordering spare parts
- c. Omni-channel sales platform for online orders

Pre-Purchase Consumer Engagement



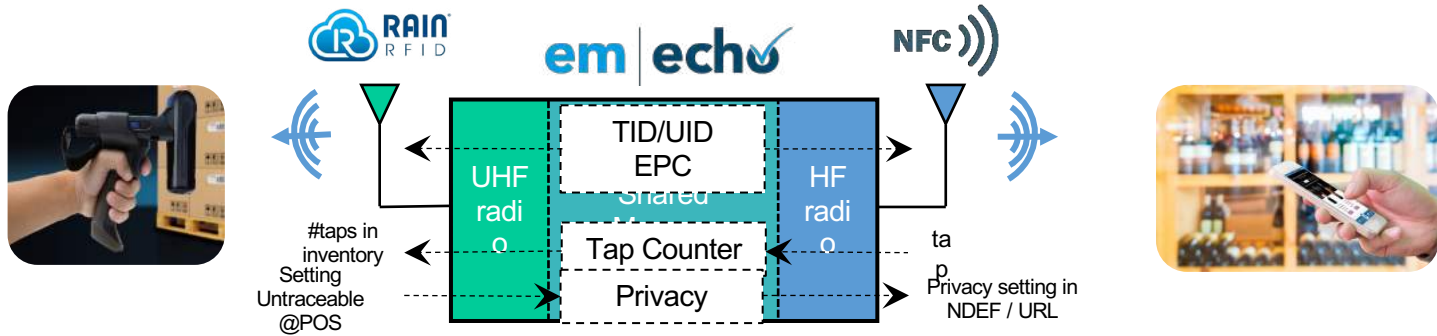
Sales Process



At Home

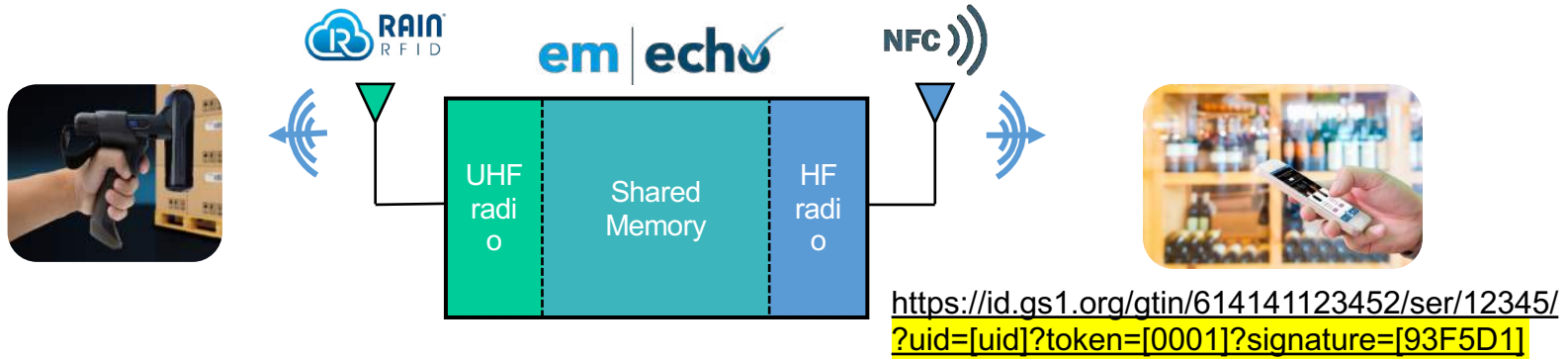


Unique RAINFC Shared Memory Concept



- Shared EPC code
 - Consistent identification of each item through either interface
 - NFC read-out using GS1 Digital Link Standard <https://id.gs1.org/gtin/614141123452/ser/12345/>
- Consumer engagement “tap” counter read by RAIN RFID inventory management
 - Enables advanced store and consumer behavior analytics
- EPC Gen2v2 privacy settings included in NFC NDEF message
 - Providing differentiated pre-purchase / post-purchase consumer engagement content





- Full tag personalization using standard RAIN RFID printers/encoders
 - The most cost-effective way to deploy NFC technology into EPC use cases
- A highly optimized AES-128 hardware cryptographic engine
 - Best-in-class secure web-authentication capability for brand protection applications
- Smartphone-based NFC read range beyond 2" on standard retail labels
 - Superior user experience (UX) vs other NFC products in the market thanks to NFC Type-5

Control logistics flow
through sales
channels



Prevent grey
market



In-store mobile shopping
assistant



Warranty
registration



Order accessories, service,
appointments

Cross-sell,
upsell



Product and channel
authentication



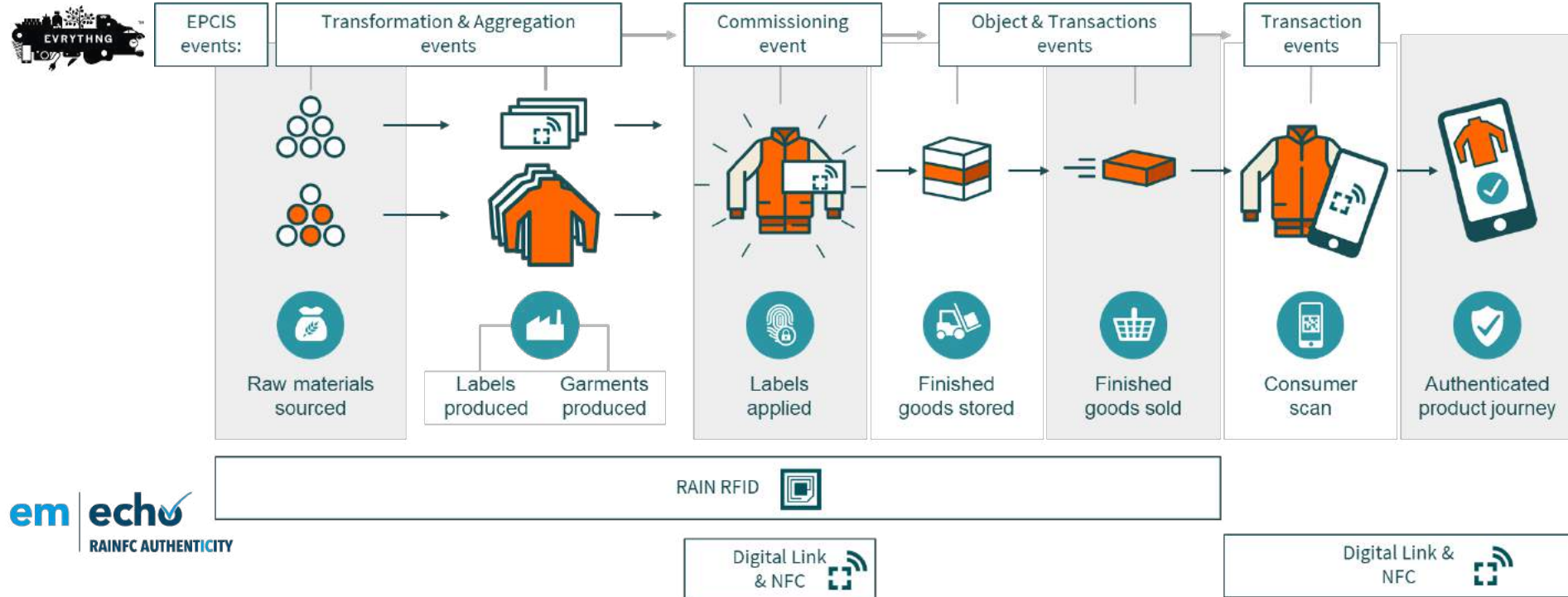
Enable omnichannel
shopping



Product information and story-telling



NFC meets RAIN RFID, EPCIS & Digital Link



- Powers holistic omni-channel sales models through product and channel authentication
- Is the perfect physical world counterpart to digital identities for Digital Twin applications
- Provides for smartphone-based secure mutual authentication
- Works hand-in-hand with distributed ledger blockchain technology
- Enables end-to-end product lifecycle management for the circular economy



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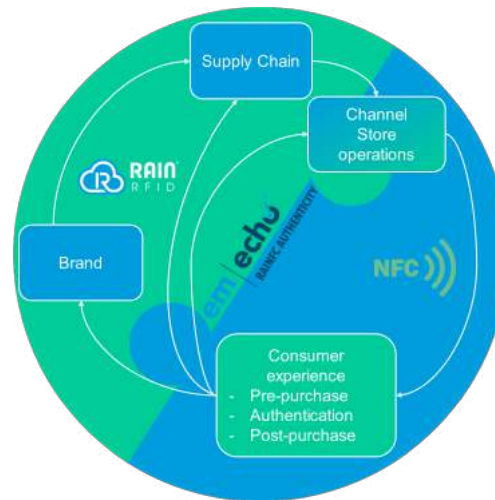
**ultra-low power.
time accuracy.**



Synergy: a few things you can't do with RAIN RFID or NFC alone



- Channel management in an omnichannel world
- Use NFC to verify not only the product is authentic, but also the channel is legit
- Manage warranty, returns, repairs, disposal, recycling
- Support conscious consumerism by providing supply chain information to the consumer



- Single-chip
- Shared memory → enable synergy
- Cost-effective
 - Optimized IC platform
 - 1 step assembly
 - 1 step tag encoding
- Fully backwards-compatible with existing RAIN RFID infrastructure
- Improved EPC privacy feature

- Use the existing RAIN RFID infrastructure: readers, encoders, printers, middleware...
 - ... while accessing additional budgets:
 - Consumer engagement
 - Marketing
 - Anti-counterfeit
 - Environmental compliance
- No need to train the personnel
- Target only the relevant subset of the tag population
- Pilot, deploy or roll back anytime within your normal operational setup

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EPCIS & EPC/RFID: Tools to enable supply chain visibility

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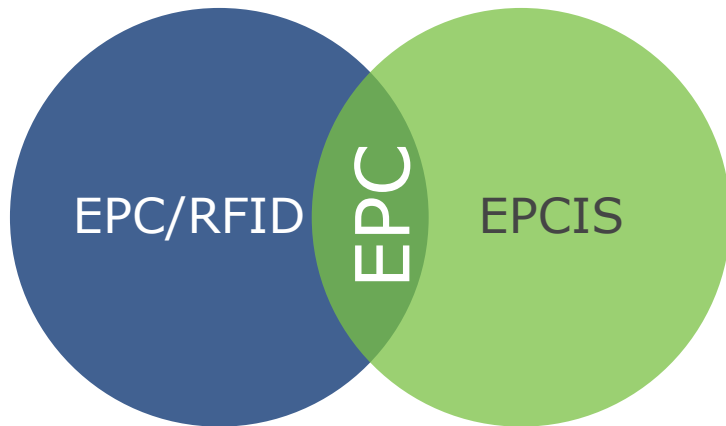
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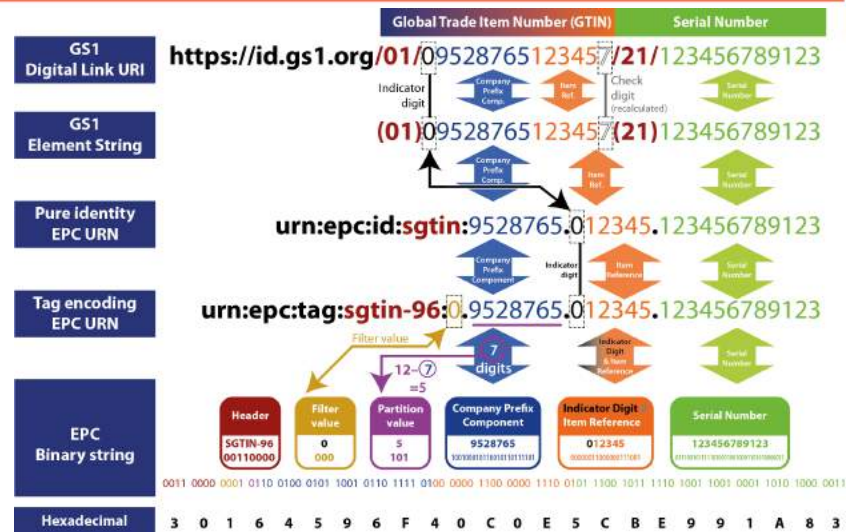


Electronic Product Code (EPC)

EPC/RFID and EPCIS share the same roots



GS1's EPC Tag Data Standard (**TDS**) defines the EPC binary (RFID) and EPC Pure Identity URN (EPCIS) formats and encoding/decoding rules



GS1's Tag Data Translation (**TDT**) standard provides machine readable versions of encoding/decoding rules, defines algorithm for automated translation between various formats



EPCIS: a GS1 “Share” standard



EPCIS, a GS1 and ISO “share” standard



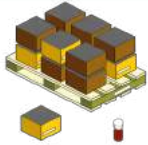
- Open technical standard enables visibility solutions & services
- Defines a framework data model, query & capture interfaces
- Helps share visibility data across & between enterprises
- Business process steps captured as **visibility “events”**
- GS1 Keys identify the “what” & “where” of visibility events...
 - encoded as **data-carrier neutral** Electronic Product Codes (EPCs)
 - Normatively specified in GS1’s EPC Tag Data Standard (TDS)
- Published as **ISO/IEC 19987**

Core Business Vocabulary (CBV)



- Companion standard to EPCIS
- Defines specific data values to populate EPCIS data model
- Ensures a **common understanding of data semantics**
- Anchors EPCIS events to business process context
- Underpins the interoperability of EPCIS implementations
- published as **ISO/IEC 19988**

Dimensions of an EPCIS event



What objects are the subject of event?

Product / Logistic unit / Asset (e.g., SGTIN, SSCC, GIAI, etc.)



When did this event take place?

Date, time, time zone



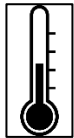
Where did this occur and where are the objects thereafter?

Physical location (SGLN)



Why did this event take place, and in which business context?

e.g., shipped, in transit, link to transactions, chain of custody info, etc.



How (e.g., warm, acidic, radioactive, etc.) are monitored objects?

*Sensor-monitored condition of objects (**new in EPCIS 2.0**)*

EPCIS enables supply chain visibility



- **Tracking**

Where are the products we shipped?

- **Tracing**

Where did this batch of products come from?

- **Chain of Custody (CoC) / Chain of Ownership (CoO)**

Which parties had custody or ownership of these products?

- **Inventory Management / Inventory Maintenance**

How many units are in stock? When does my available inventory expire?

- **Recall**

Find all units produced and packed on line 42 on 24 June 2020...

EPCIS implementations include...

- Fish packaging & distribution
- Fresh Produce packaging & distribution
- RTI asset tracking
- **Rail rolling stock visibility**
- **Rail maintenance, repair & overhaul (MRO)**
- Pharmaceutical chain-of-custody
- Hospital patient admission / procedures / discharge
- Maritime / Port capacity utilisation visibility
- Fighting Illicit Trade (FIT)



EPCIS Workbench



Interactive tool which can be used to...

- Decode and validate the contents of an EPCIS data file
- Create new EPCIS events or edit an existing file
- Send EPCIS events to an EPCIS repository for capture
- Query an EPCIS repository for events
- No coding experience necessary!

<https://epcisworkbench.gs1.org/ui/home>

DATASET INFO		3 EVENTS	0 ERRORS	XHTML
		EVENT 1	EVENT 2	EVENT 3
Event Type	Object Event	Aggregation Event	Object Event	Object Event
Event Time	2019-10-19 11:26:00.000 GMT-07:00	2019-10-19 11:56:00.000 GMT-07:00	2019-10-19 11:44:00.000 GMT-07:00	2019-10-19 11:44:00.000 GMT-07:00
Record Time				
"What" Dimension	GTIN 00817138010104 Lot 74012 Quantity 20	Parent SSCC 008171380987654322	Children GTIN 00817138010104 Lot 74012 Quantity 20	SSCC 008171380987654322
Where Dimension	GLN 1234567890128	GLN 1234567898766	GLN 1234567894447	
Where Step	Picking (CPN)	Packing (CBN)	Shipping (CPN)	
Disposition	In Progress (CPN)	In Progress (CBN)	In Transit (CPN)	



EPC Encoder/Decoder suite



Translation between GS1 Keys/AIs and **EPC encodings**

<https://www.gs1.org/services/epc-encoderdecoder>

- EPC Encoder/Decoder
- User Memory Encoder
- User Memory Decoder
- TID Decoder

GS1 Key or other identifier — as used in bar codes

GTIN + serial (AI 01 + AI 21) (01) 11223344556677 (21) 890

GS1 Company Prefix Length 7 digits

EPC Pure Identity URI (urn:epc:id:...) — as used in EPCIS

urn:epc:id:sgtin:1223344.155667.890

RFID Control Information

Tag Size 96 bits Filter Value 1 - POS item

EPC Tag URI (urn:epc:tag:...) — as used in RFID middleware

urn:epc:tag:sgtin-96:1.1223344.155667.890

RFID Tag EPC Memory Bank Contents (hexadecimal) – starting at bit 20h

30344AAAC09804C00000037A

EPCIS & RFID: GS1 standards & guidelines



- **EPCIS & CBV** standards (normative technical specifications)
www.gs1.org/epcis
- EPC Tag Data Standard (**TDS**)
Defines EPC pure identity (EPCIS) & EPC binary (RFID) encoding schemes
<https://www.gs1.org/standards/epc-rfid/tds>
- EPCIS & CBV **Implementation Guideline** (cross-sector)
www.gs1.org/docs/epc/EPCIS_Guideline.pdf
- **Rail** Rolling Stock Visibility & MRO application standards
<https://www.gs1.org/industries/technical-industries/rail/rail-standards>

Serialisation & event-based visibility can fundamentally improve supply chain precision... **EPCIS** will help enable this!



EPCIS & CBV 2.0 - Community Review of drafts

Please get involved!

- New features and enhancements geared to lower adoption hurdles for new generations of developers, including support for:
 - JSON/JSON-LD syntax
 - REST API binding
 - Sensor data
 - GS1 Web Vocabulary



www.gs1.org/standards/development-work-groups#EPCISCBV

- **Community review begins in July!**
- **Prototype testing** will commence in summer

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switch on
your RFID skills

Educate

Share

Serve

Collaborate

Apply for an RFID training

Coming soon!

2 trainings
“use-cases based”

- RFID for beginners
- Advanced features

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