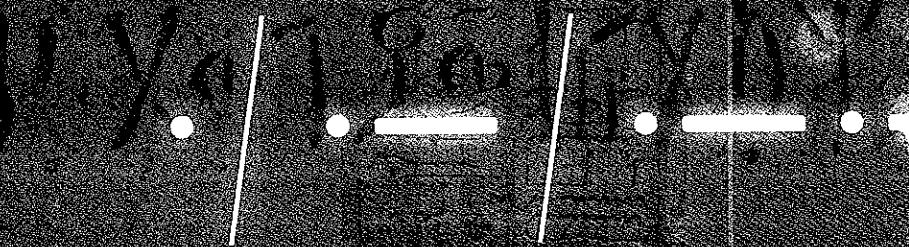
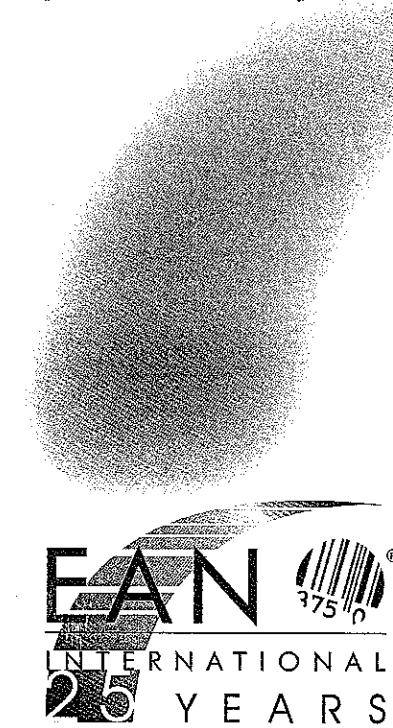
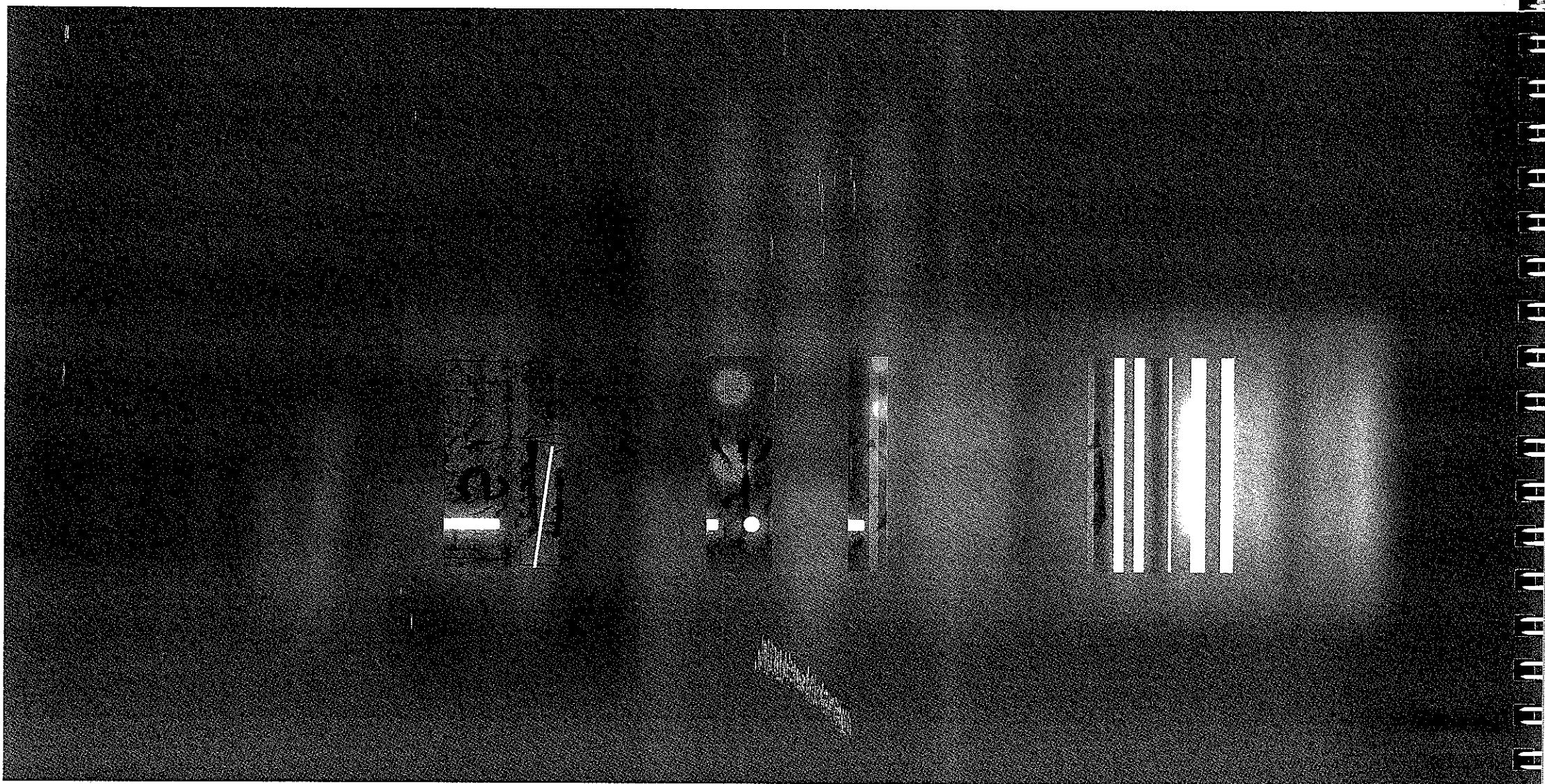


Reflecting back, moving forward



The Global Language
of Business





Tracking 25 Years of Success

Try to envision a world without bar codes. Pretty impossible to do, isn't it? Bar codes are prevalent and pervasive in our lives, so much so that we barely notice them anymore. Once the quiet workhorse of retailing, technological advances have transformed them into something the world can't live without. How did these little bars and spaces become such a fixture in everyday existence and, more importantly, where are they heading?

EAN International's 25th anniversary offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the bar code's triumphs and tribulations, as well as the organisation's many milestones.

It was a mere quarter of a century ago when manufacturers and retailers from 12 European countries came together to try to change the face of retailing. In fact, they accomplished much more than that, pioneering a new global language for business.

Today, from Anchorage to Zanzibar, EAN International and the Uniform Code Council, Inc. (UCC), the organisation that represents North American users, are driving their vision of "one system for the global marketplace".

Fact: Altogether, these practices fuel 900,000 member companies in more than 100 countries. With a solid track record, EAN International has proven its success in meeting challenges head on, and continues to pursue its goal of a seamless marketplace in the new economy.

Our Mission

Our Mission and that of our Member Organisations is to take a leading role in establishing a global multi-industry system of identification and communication for products, services and locations based on internationally accepted and business led standards. Our objective is to improve the efficiency of integrated logistics while contributing added value to partners involved as well as consumers. Developments in the computer industry occur with increasing frequency and continue to offer us further scope to improve on the improvements made so far, but we can afford to stand back for a moment and look with pride at the great strides we have made.

The following pages reflect on the first twenty-five years of our continuing contribution to the improvement of the global supply chain. The automatic data capture and automatic data transfer standards that EAN International together with the Uniform Code Council (UCC), which represents North American users, provide for our users have contributed significantly to the dramatic changes that have taken place in the operation of the physical supply chain.

We are fortunate in having a wealth of talent and experience amongst the staff of Member Organisations and EAN International, but we cannot afford to stand still. Our users are continually seeking to squeeze costs out of the supply chain and developments in computer technology, such as e-mail and the Internet are providing continuous e-commerce opportunities. There is no doubt that e-commerce, facilitated by technology developments and low costs will develop further and we shall continue to develop standards where our users define needs.

To keep in step with our own growth and the changing business world, it has been necessary to look at our own structure. From very small beginnings in Western Europe, we have grown to become truly international with Member Organisations based in 96 countries managing the EAN•UCC system in 98 countries. To meet the challenges of managing a global organisation in an environment where technological advances are occurring with increasing frequency, we have had to change our management methods and the structure of our Head Office.

This major task has occupied much of our time in recent years, but now that a new structure is in place, I can assure our members and user organisations, that EAN International will continue to develop and exercise a more dominant role in global standards making in the years ahead. We are working closely with UCC to ensure that our standards will continue to be developed proficiently to meet our users continuing business needs, no matter how much they evolve.

Our experience shows that what is required today will be different and much more effective tomorrow. We shall be watching changes in technology carefully to make sure that we do not miss out on innovations that could help to meet our users needs better still.



Laurie Wilson
President

The EAN International story over the first twenty-five years of our life is one of continuous expansion and improvement. Our evolution and development as a user driven standards' organisation can be compared to the birth and growth of a human being. We have been through the stages of childhood, making ourselves known in the market place, through adolescence, establishing ourselves as a credible standards body and now we are at the peak of adulthood, with the world at our feet. The pages that follow replay our advances and progress over those years, but our future is where my focus is concentrated.

We have been fortunate in that our business is inexorably linked to both one of the oldest activities on the planet, the supply chain and one of the newest, the computer industry. The advances in computing over the whole period of our existence have been massive. At the start of EAN, computers were stand-alone and only to be found in large organisations housed in vast air conditioned rooms behind locked doors. The most they could do was process simple bar codes. Now they are minuscule, light-weight, highly interactive and far more powerful. Our successes have been linked to our exploitation of this continually increasing availability, linkage and power to provide our users with the standards they need to help them improve the information flows that are required to drive costs out of operating a supply chain.

The latest advances in computer technology, the Internet and the innovative languages that its development has spawned, are being eagerly adopted and adopted. EAN International and the Uniform Code Council (UCC), which represents North American users and which jointly manages the EAN•UCC system with us, are creating new standards from these latest tools for the benefit of our users world-wide. The pace of these developments is ceaselessly quickening and has demanded that EAN•UCC matches those of the computer industry. Our own recent innovations in the management and focus of EAN International are testimony to that.

It is people that effect those changes, not just technology. Over the last two years we have, through co-operation, understanding and the will to change, restructured our organisation from being committee led to project led and we have reorganised our finances to put that into operation. We have invested in new people at Head Office to make it happen and engaged a strong management team to develop their skills and to lead the whole EAN community into the future. Head Office is supported and complemented by Member Organisations throughout the world which specialise in encouraging and educating their members and potential members in the correct use of the EAN•UCC system in their own countries. Their contribution does not stop there as they provide support to and undertake joint international projects within the scope of the Global Standards Management Process (GSMP) that became effective in January of this year.

Our relationships with our users and other strategic alliances are paramount to the continued progress of the EAN•UCC system over the next twenty-five years and beyond. We are behaving like the adult organisation that we have become. We are working hard with UCC in both our relationship and in our joint standards development to ensure that we present only one face to the market and increase our standing in the global supply chain by consolidating our position as the business led standards provider of choice.



Brian Smith
Chief Executive Officer

It's not all bars and spaces: What is a barcode?

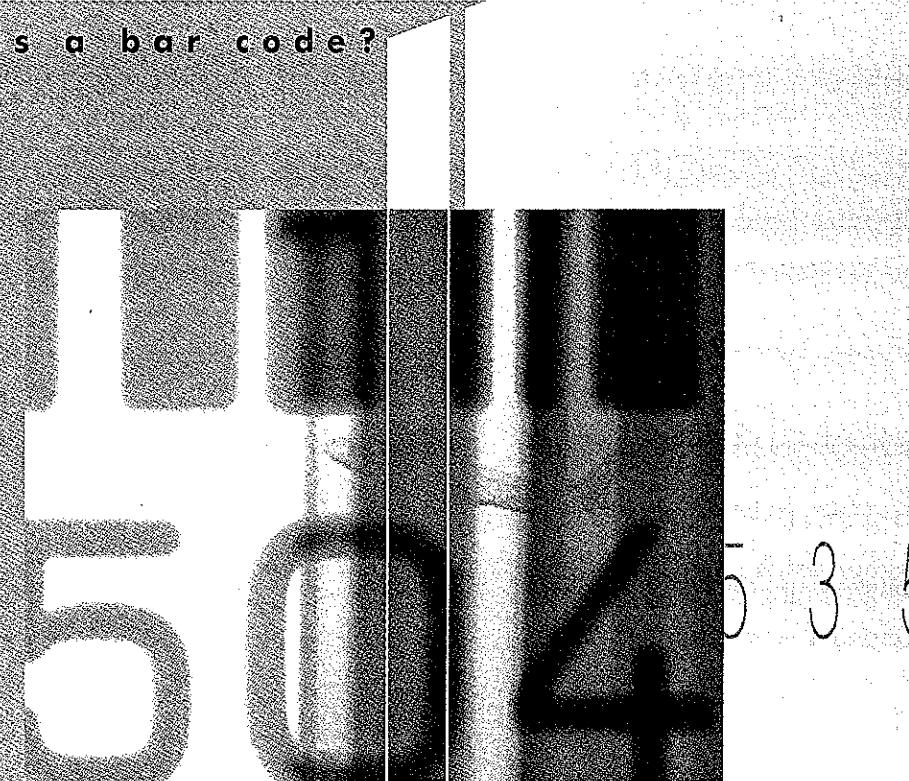
A barcode is a series of parallel vertical lines (bars) and spaces that represents data that can be scanned and interpreted by a reader. Scanned. More than 200 different styles of languages (symbologies) were invented, but only a handful is used regularly. They are Code 39, ITF ("Interleaved 2 of 5"), Code 128, EAN/UPC, and the EAN-UCC standards. The latter enable any product to be uniquely identified by a number anywhere in the world.

Fact: The EAN•UCC standards are known as the world's leading system for efficient global commerce with more than five billion scanning transactions a day serving more than 23 major industries.

The best part of it all is that bar codes don't require human input so there is little chance of error.

Fact: Scanners can record data five to seven times faster than a skilled typist, and more than that, manual entry methods make one mistake for every 300 keystrokes. But a misread bar code symbol is somewhere between one in a million and one in four trillion.

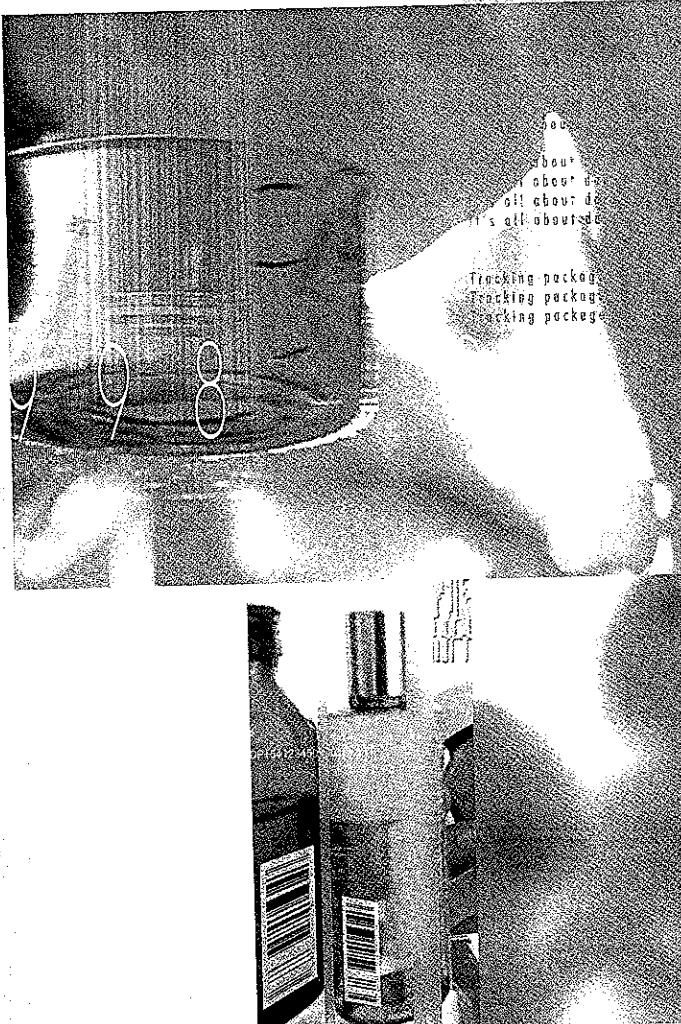
Fact: Many companies, after switching to bar codes from the traditional method of keying in information, experience a 50% improvement in productivity.



More than meets the eye: What's inside?

Basically, bits of information. What kind of information? Well, most people think it contains descriptive data like product information and price, but, in actual fact, in the majority of the applications it contains

a unique reference number. The number, when read, is sent to a computer that looks up the information in a database. Think of it as a licence plate number that doesn't mean much by itself but when the number is entered into a relevant database, it produces a wealth of information about the vehicle.



It's all about doing the maths:

What do the numbers mean?

hs. What do the numbers mean?
hs. What do the numbers mean?
hs. What do the numbers mean?
hs. What do the numbers mean?
hs. What do the numbers mean?
hs. What do the numbers mean?
hs. What do the numbers mean?
hs. What do the numbers mean?
hs. What do the numbers mean?
hs. What do the numbers mean?
hs. What do the numbers mean?
hs. What do the numbers mean?
hs. What do the numbers mean?

Each and every EAN number is unique in the world and has the following specifications: they are numeric, have a fixed length and end with a check digit.

Let's take an example of an EAN-13. This has 13 digits and simple, but carefully applied, administration ensures every product throughout the world has a unique and non-significant 12 digit number from which the 13th, reading from the left and called the check digit, is calculated. This basically indicates if the item was scanned (or keyed-in) properly. The reader is programmed to perform a mathematical calculation designed to check if the scanner read the code correctly.

Testimonial: "The benefits we derive from using EAN-13 numbers to identify locations for the purpose of electronic trading are the same benefits the EAN-UCC standards offer in other applications, such as inventory management or point-of-sale scanning," says Daniel Kochanowicz, Woolworth's QRS Manager. "That is, the use of a unique number world-wide, which eliminates the possibility of error and confusion."

Tracking packages:

What are they used for?

For most people, the most common encounter with the bar code is at the neighbourhood supermarket or store. Basically everything and anything in the retail sector that will eventually be scanned at the point of sale has a bar code attached to it. In fact, a cashier has a hard time selling you something that doesn't have a bar code on it. In the past, they have expanded to other sectors enhancing business operations. For example, they are found on material such as identity cards, direct mail pieces, invoices, labels and the like.

From punch cards to rail cars to grocery checkouts: History of the bar code

It's hard to imagine our lives without bar codes. This little symbol has become such a constant in our daily activities that they have become commonplace.

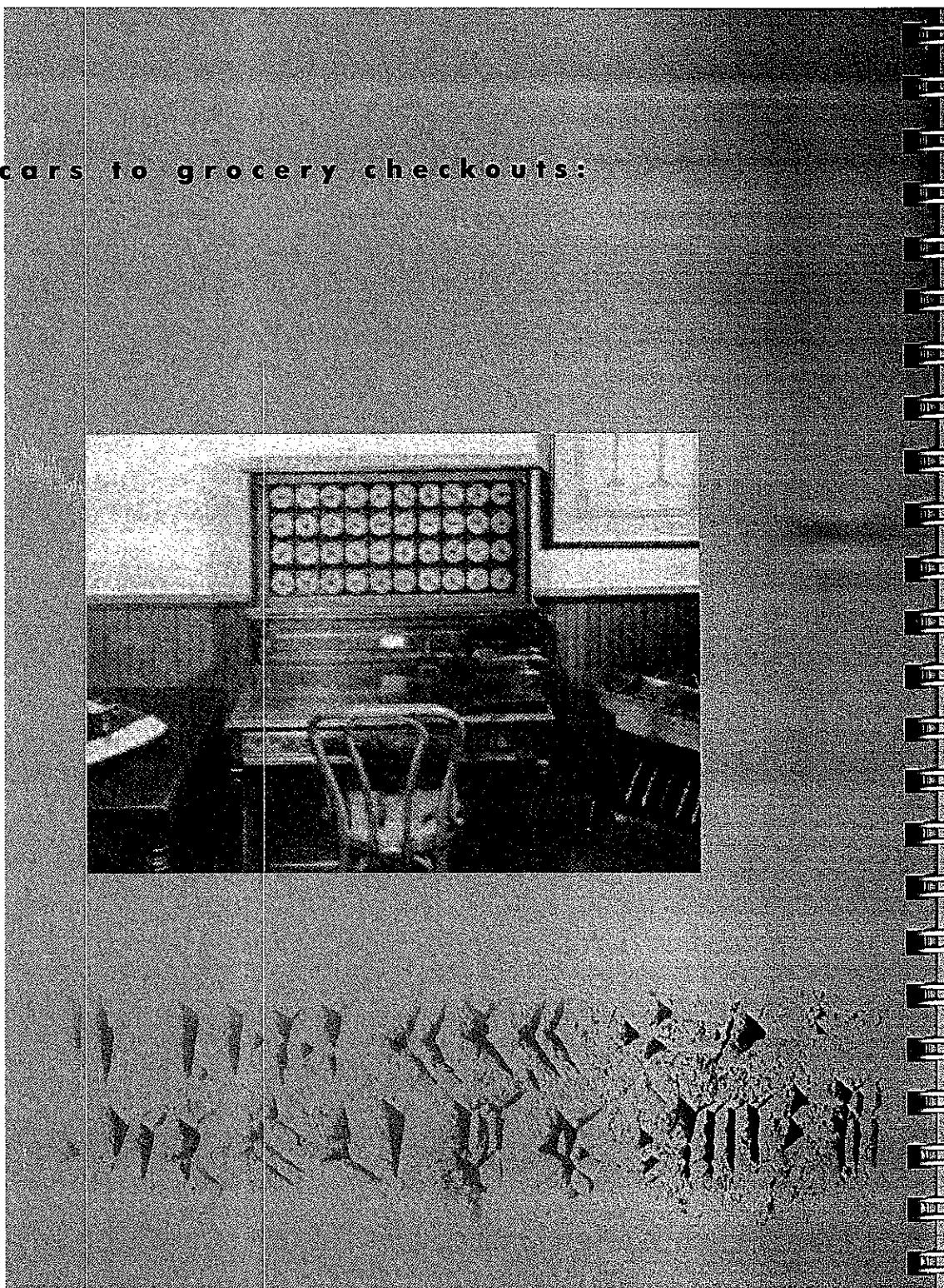
Fact: Today, it has grown into a 3.3 billion Euro multi-industry technology that is forecast to grow annually by as much as 20% for the next several years. Where is it going? To foresee the future, it is imperative to consider the past.

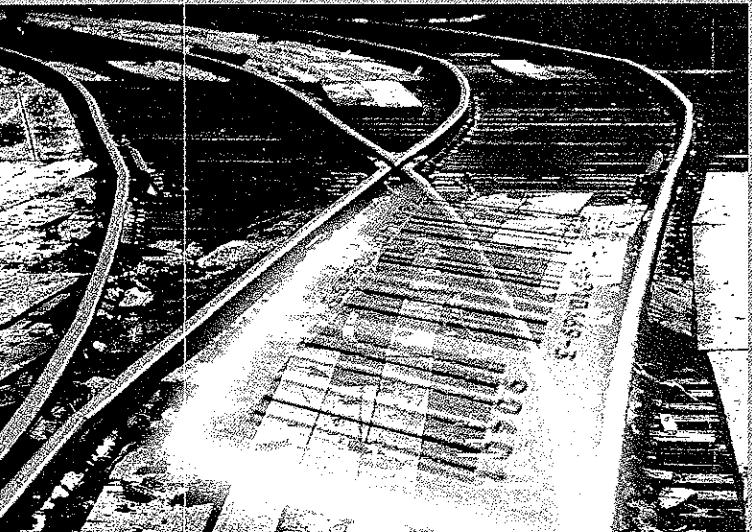
Herman Hollerith's punch cards used to process the 1890 US Census was the first glimpse into the eventful history of the bar code that spanned the next century. Fast forward 42 years to 1932 when a group of students at the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration embarked on an ambitious project that would lead to the first bar code concept. Brainchild of Wallace Flint who wrote a master's thesis on the subject, the proposal required customers to pierce cards to indicate their choice, the card was then inserted into a reader and the system automatically delivered the item on conveyor belts to the checkout. Unfortunately, the reading machine was big, bulky and expensive, which finally led to its downfall.

The premier inklings of what resembles the bar code of today was premised on the Morse code because that's what came to the mind of Norman Joseph Woodland, a 27-year-old graduate student and teacher at Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia, when he embarked on researching a system to automatically read product information at the checkout in 1948.

Quote: In regards to Morse code: "I just extended the dots and dashes downwards and made narrow lines and wide lines out of them".
Norman Joseph Woodland.

Though it was a suggestion of his friend Bernard Silver who overheard the request by a food chain president, it was Woodland who became so consumed with finding a solution that he quit his job and moved to his grandfather's Florida apartment. Initially, he used ink patterns that glowed under ultraviolet light but moved on to experiment with movie soundtracks and Morse code that eventually led to the creation of a linear bar code. Finally, Woodland and Silver filed a patent on October 20, 1949, which became known as the "bulls eye" symbol because it was made up of a series of concentric circles. They were granted a patent in 1952.





From garage doors to rail cars to grocery shelves. History of the bar code

From garage doors to rail cars to grocery shelves. History of the bar code

From garage doors to rail cars to grocery shelves. History of the bar code

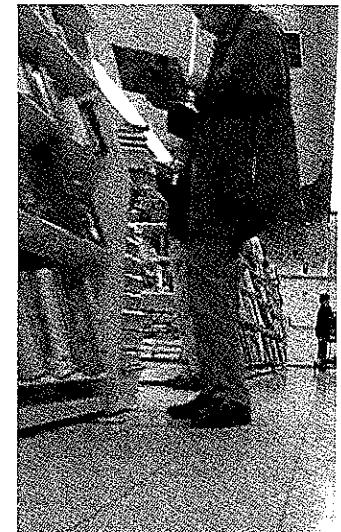
From garage doors to rail cars to grocery shelves. History of the bar code

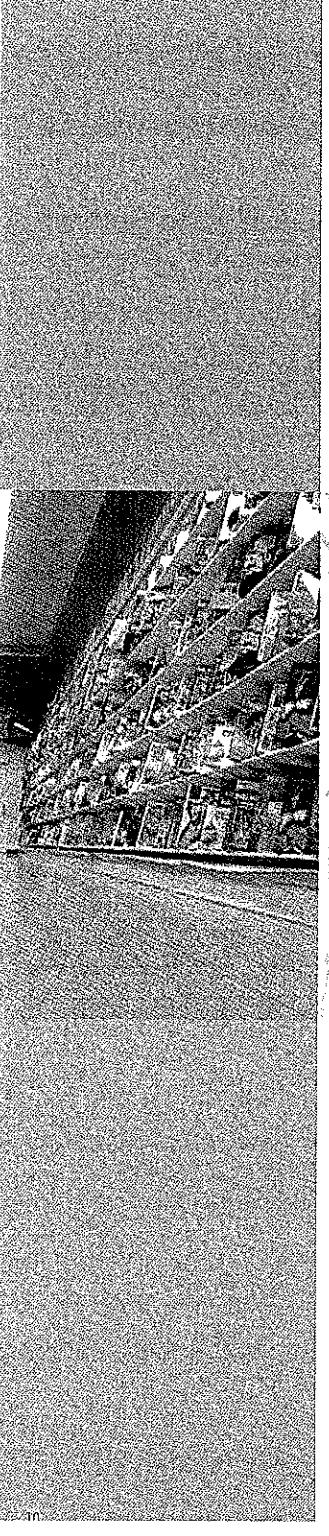
From garage doors to rail cars to grocery shelves. History of the bar code

Railroad companies began to explore the feasibility of bar codes in the late 1950s imprinting bar codes on the side of cars to track their whereabouts, marking the first industrial trials of this tracking method. David Collins, who was working for Sylvania Corporation at the time, discovered a system based not on black and white stripes but rather on rings. Eventually the project was abandoned in the 1970s when the recession deemed it unfeasible.

Collins envisioned the possibility of extending coding beyond railways and founded Computer Identities Corporation, a company that would eventually make great advances in laser technology. In 1969, the General Motors plant in Pontiac, Michigan, installed the first true bar code system. This validated their potential in the industrial sector but it was the grocery industry that finally propelled it into the mainstream.

Throughout the 60s, supermarkets were searching for ways to speed up the checkout process and track inventory, but it was in 1966 when the US National Association of Food Chains (NAFC) put out a request to equipment manufacturers to create a system exclusively for the industry, when it was commercialised. An industry-wide bar code system was developed in 1969, which resulted in the creation of the Universal Product Code (UPC) symbol. This moment will go down in history as it established the bar code as a fixture in the grocery sector. In 1970, a Kroger store in Cincinnati received the first scanner precipitating the launch of an industry-wide effort to standardise the system.





In 1974, manufacturers and distributors (Quaker Oats, Tesco, Metal Box, Boots, Reckitt and Colman) from 12 European countries got together to examine the possibility of developing a standard numbering system for Europe, similar to the UPC system in the US. They took the US idea and turned it into an international concept; for example the UPC concentrated on the retail point of sale, while the Europeans focused on the supply chain.

Testimonial: "Where UPC insisted on a code containing system identification, manufacturer identification and product identification, EAN decided on a "blind" identity number: one where you cannot read meaning into particular digits," said Andrew Osborne, Director, e.centre-EAN UK.

Though little is recorded of the first bar code transactions in Europe, it is known that as early as late 1972, checkout scanning equipment started appearing in European supermarkets. The pioneers were Swiss Migros and Danish Irma. Denmark and Germany started to distribute codes in 1977.

Fact: A packet of Melrose tea bags was the first source marked item with an EAN-13 bar code in the UK.

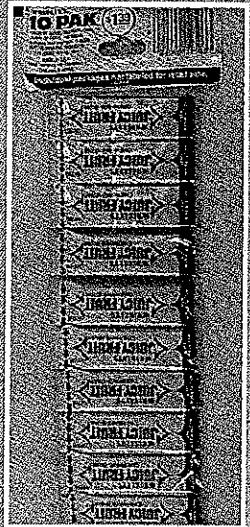
The next best thing to the real thing is testimonials from individuals who witnessed early bar code scanning operations in Europe.

From Swiss Migros to UK Boots: History of the bar code in Europe

Testimonial from Irving Nixon, who was IBM's senior food retail consultant from 1977-91

"My first sight of a scanning lane was early in 1976 at a demonstration centre in Croydon. The checkout had been imported from the USA and to UK eyes it was huge. The register was built like a tank and the scanner was designed for a standing operator. At £3,000 for the register and a further £3,000 for the scanner, many first time observers were sceptical. The all-in cost was £10,000 per lane at 1976 prices, once you included the controller and the checkout.

As a result, the European forefathers of scanning envisaged that some retailers would opt for key entry of 'velocity codes' of up to 6 digits as an alternative to scanning. This saved £3,000 per lane and would enable price look up (PLU) without manufacturers defacing their labels. What they forgot was the practical difficulty of applying the correct velocity code to each pack and time it took to key. Albert Heijn, in their first scanning store near Amsterdam in 1977, tried this approach. Within a week, they were convinced that scanning was a given. Tesco also tried this approach in 1978 in their trial store in Wellingborough where they tested the concept of price look up. International Stores in Folkestone and Sainsbury's in Broadfield, in February 1979.





both tried the key entry route and regretted it. Scanning was the only feasible way forward and the challenge was on.

Scanning helped change this inefficient supply chain. Because price look up (PLU) meant that price marking of packs was redundant, the new stores were equipped for the first time with priced shelf edge labels. The decade from 1976 to 1985 saw the concept of scanning become reality. By the late 1980s, every pack had a bar code and every supermarket chain had a scanning program in place. And success was catching. Boots and other non-food chains had also adopted the EAN bar code. They were fun days."

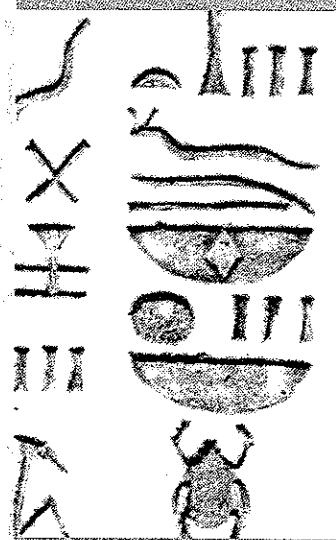
Testimonial from Trefor Hales, Director, Principal Consultant Founder of Strategy Partners (UK) Ltd. & Co-founder of Strategy Partners Group Associates Ltd.
"Sainsbury's opened a new store at Broadfield, Crawley in November 1976; I was the store manager. The store was in the middle of a new edge of town housing development with a small parade of shops. Sales were below expectations and Sainsbury's in central Crawley continued to be the heavier trading store despite a smaller range and more congested sales area.

When the decision was taken early in 1979 that Sainsbury's should trial scanning, Broadfield, with its large sales and backup areas, lower sales density relative to the Sainsbury norm, and relatively close proximity to headquarters, was selected to be the site to test scanning. We would be one of the first supermarkets to do so and while Sainsbury's has a reputation for being risk-averse, the introduction of one of the first scanning stores in Europe was something that John Sainsbury was especially pleased about as it put Sainsbury's on a par with industry leaders in the US.

The first UK store to have live bar code scanning at the point of sale was Key Markets in Spalding in October 1979. At that time, less than 10% of groceries were bar coded at source by their manufacturer and the store had an enormous bar code labelling task to make their points of sale work. The manufacturers were not prepared to commit to putting the symbols into the artwork of their packs until they saw the retailers commit to the scanning technology. Over the next two or three years, retailers such as Sainsbury's, Tesco, International Stores, Fine Fare, WH Smith and Boots joined the community of scanning."

Fact: UPC developers were so confident in the system that the codes were standardised before bar code readers were developed.

Fact: During the first centuries AD, Ogham, the alphabet used by the Irish resembled a bar code.



bar code invasion: coming to an item near you
bar code invasion: coming to an item near you
bar code invasion: coming to an item near you
bar code invasion: coming to an item near you

bar code invasion: coming to an item near you
bar code invasion: coming to an item near you
bar code invasion: coming to an item near you

bar code invasion: coming to an item near you
bar code invasion: coming to an item near you
bar code invasion: coming to an item near you

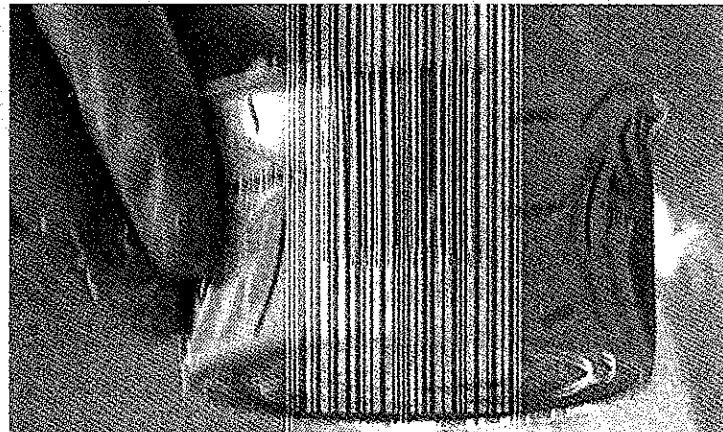
bar code invasion: coming to an item near you

Bar code invasion: coming to an item near you

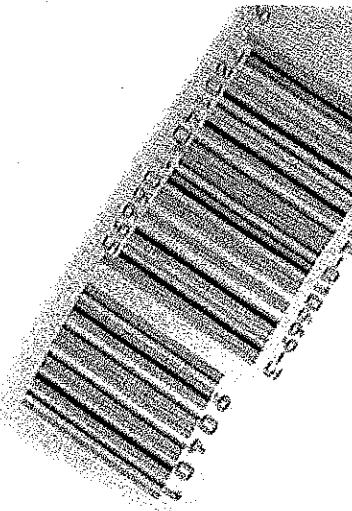
Take a look in the cupboard, refrigerator, kitchen, washroom, in fact every room in the home and you'll notice that all items: soup cans, milk cartons, shampoo bottles, CDs, magazines, mail, furniture, almost everything you buy, comes with a bar code symbol printed on it. The bar code's existence has improved the lives of the producer, supplier, distributor and most importantly, the consumer. How?

It facilitates the management of the supply chain, or should we say the Demand Chain. In other words, it helps companies control their inventory and respond better to customer's needs.

What is the supply chain? It is the interconnected parts needed to turn an idea into a delivered product or a service. Supply chain management has received a lot of attention since the mid-1980s in hopes of improving customer service. Its success depends on companies working together to integrate business practices. Over the past 25 years, EAN International has played a critical role in optimising the supply chain by providing a common language, which promotes borderless communication.

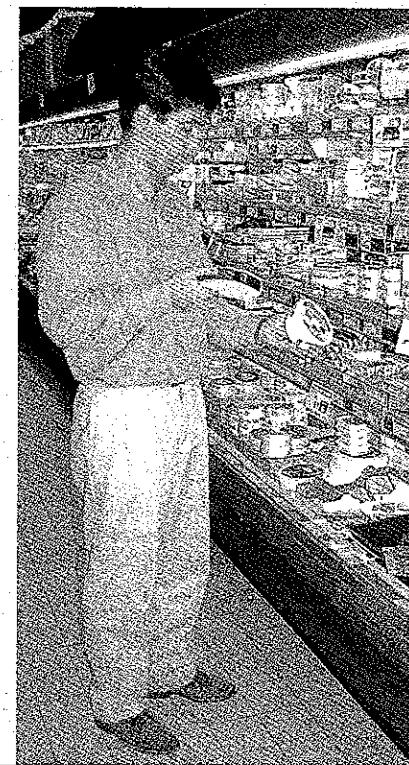


It's part of our lives... in more ways than you can imagine



Bar codes come in all shapes and sizes and with advances in technology, they have become so versatile that they can be found on hospital patients' identity bracelets, office furniture, skiers lift passes, antidepressants, carry-on baggage and newspapers.

Practically every industry has experienced improvements in its supply chain with the introduction of the EAN•UCC standards including fast moving consumer goods (FMCG), manufacturing, transportation, retail, government/defence, healthcare, textile and apparel, and agrochemical. Here are some ways bar codes have made our lives easier and safer.



Close to home



Close to home

When companies streamline their supply chain, it is crucial for them to uniquely identify processes in a standard manner. EAN International and the UCC, the organisation which represents North American users, offer a system to retailers to reduce costs, improve efficiency and ultimately, boost customer service.

Several large retailers have installed self-checkout lanes in their stores that allow customers to scan their own groceries. Shoppers receive a hand-held scanner and when they pick an item off the shelf, they scan it and put it into their cart. When they have finished, they drop off the scanner, receive the bill, which they take to a cash desk and pay. This saves up to 40 hours of paid labour a week per checkout stand. There's no way to cheat because a security system is in place, so you can't scan a tin of soup and then switch it for a steak later.

Industries at large

It's sometimes hard to imagine just how pervasive bar code technology is in sectors, which don't directly affect us. Here are some examples.

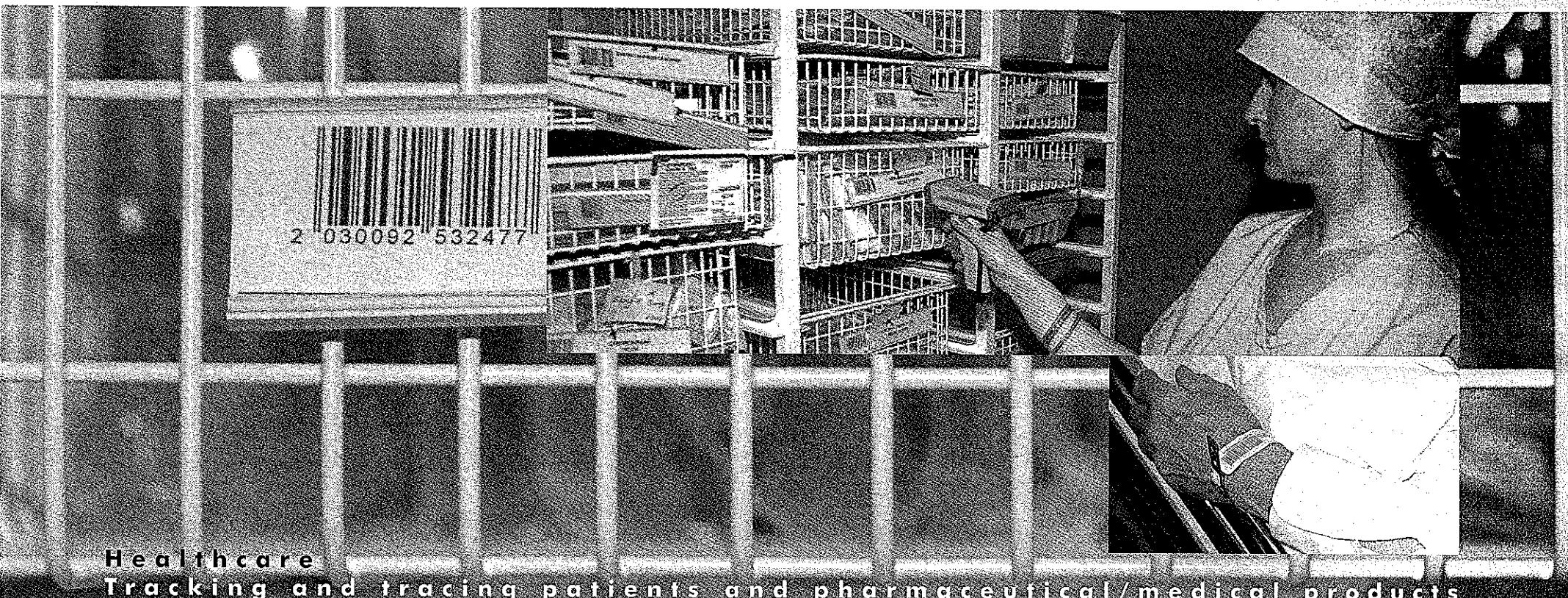
2 030092 532477

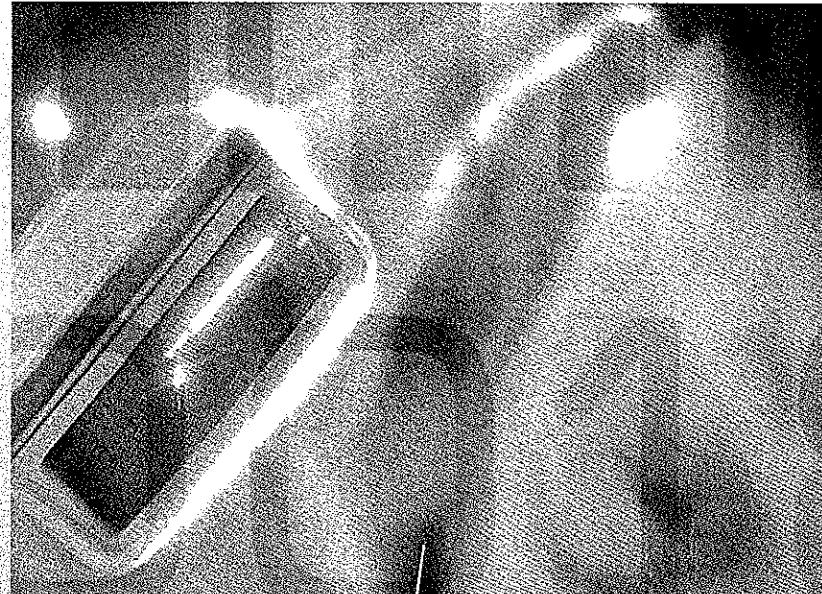
Healthcare Tracking and tracing patients and pharmaceutical/medical products

Using bar codes is one of the cheapest and most effective ways of tracking and tracing patients and pharmaceutical products. The EAN•UCC standards are a foolproof method for achieving this. During 1999, France and Poland joined the ranks of the 44 countries using the EAN•UCC standards for the coding of prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

In the Netherlands, the National Emergency Hospital, part of the University Hospital Utrecht, has a 300-bed unit in the basement that is not used on a daily basis, but is on stand by round the clock to admit disaster victims. Its success depends on having the right information getting to the right people in the right place and at the right time. When a patient arrives, they receive a barcoded wristband, which identifies them for the duration of the treatment. This number also corresponds to a generic pre-prepared patient

file that is built up with information derived from EAN•UCC bar codes as the patient proceeds around the hospital. The file is therefore built up with information such as injury type, medical urgency, treatment and locations within the hospital such as x-ray rooms and bed sites. Scanning automatically updates the history allowing all departments to have the most current information.





G o v e r n m e n t / D e f e n c e H e l p i n g t o k e e p u s s a f e

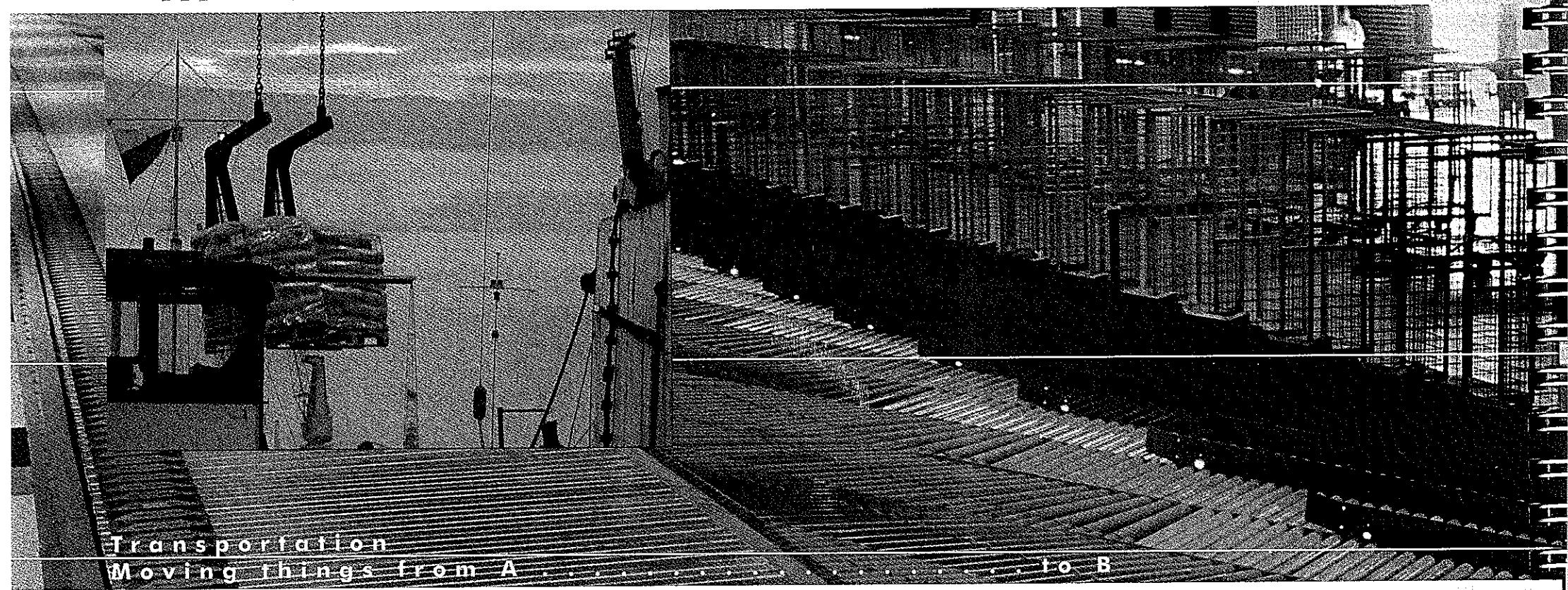
Since the end of the "Cold War", the Defence sector has been under great pressure to reduce costs and improve the efficiency of its operations. As part of this drive, many countries' defence departments have adopted commercial standards into their supply chain through EAN International.

Government / Défense

Government / Défense

Government / Défense

Government / Défense



Transportation Moving things from A to B

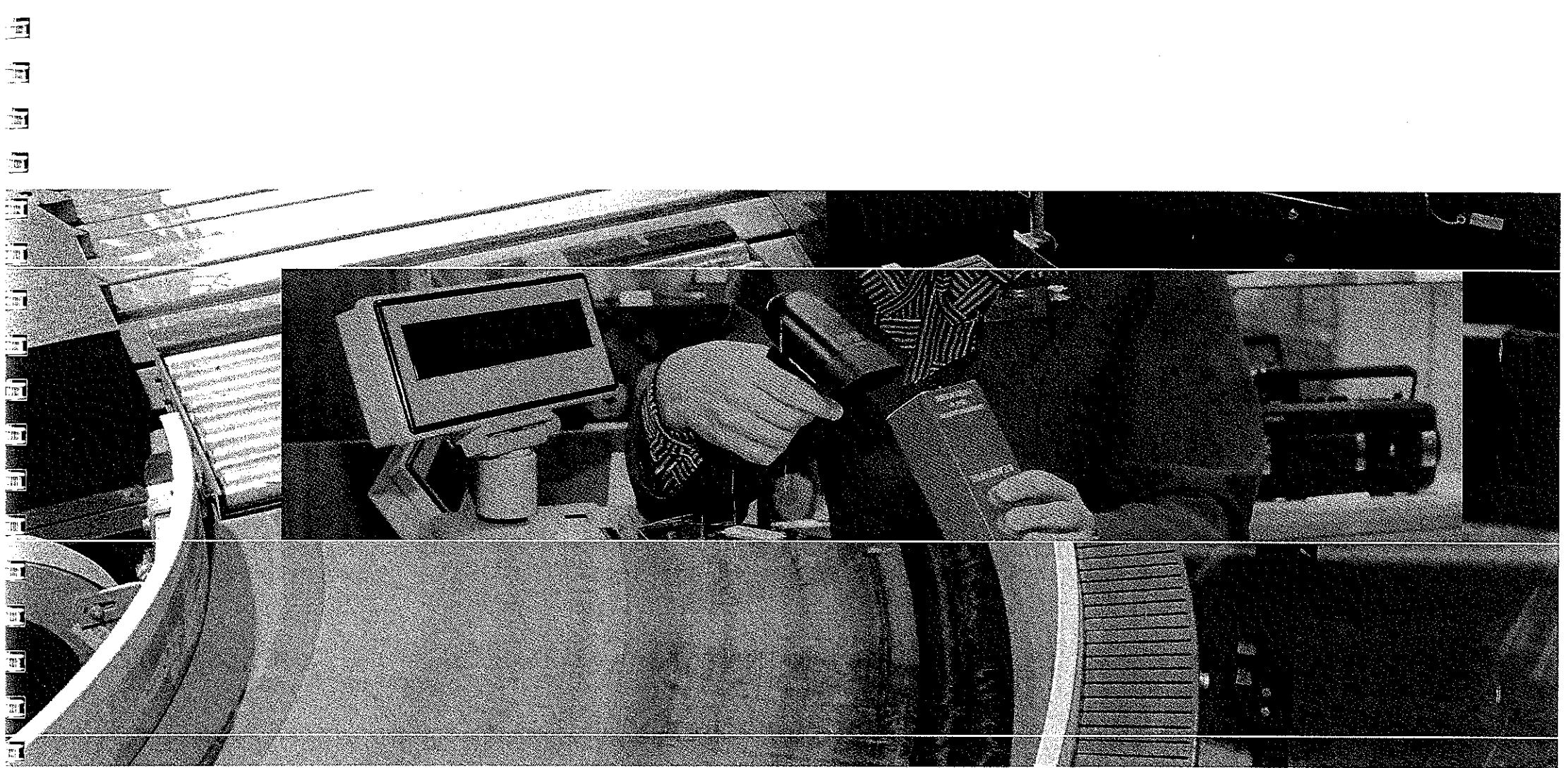
Increasing environmental pressures have led to the need for companies to make greater use of reusable transport containers. With Automatic Data Capture (ADC), which is a means to identify and collect data into a computer system without using a keyboard, the information on a received shipment can be immediately sent to a central computer system and the package can be sent on its way. This, along with Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)*, allows shippers to know

precisely where goods are at any given moment and when they will be delivered.

Cross Docking (CD) is a distribution system that employs both processes. When merchandise is received at a warehouse or distribution centre, it is not put into stock but immediately prepared for onward shipment. In other words, cross docking is the transfer of deliveries from the point of reception directly to the point of delivery with limited or

no interim storage. It is characterised by very short lead times. The benefit stems from the elimination of time and costs needed to move the product in and out of warehouse. It is particularly useful for fresh products, such as poultry, in order to increase the shelf life of the product or slow moving products with small volumes such as cosmetics, hygienic products and apparels.

*Refer to page 24 for explanation

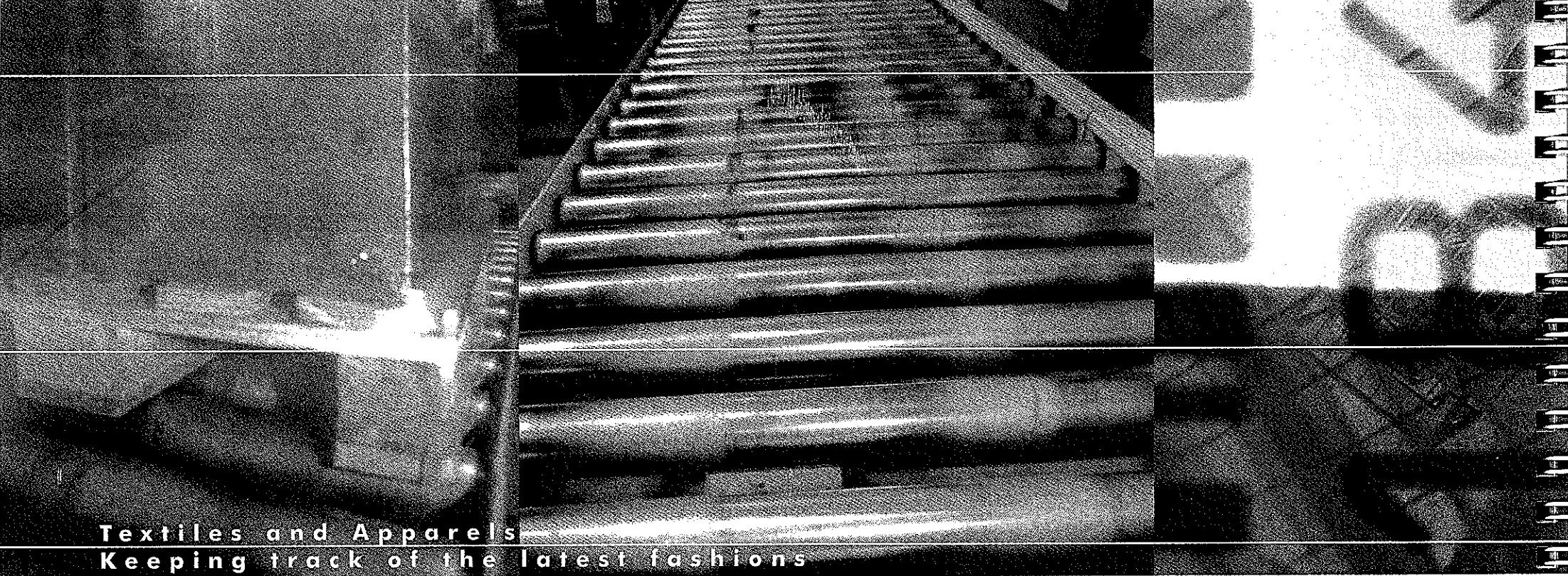


Debenhams is one of the UK's largest department store retailers, specialising in the clothing, accessories, home and cosmetic markets. Now, 19% of its inbound volume is cross-docked. All incoming cartons are labelled with UCC/EAN-128 bar codes and upon receipt are scanned off the carrier's vehicle using hand-held terminals and electronically matched against the despatch advice. As a measure of its success, Cross Docking at Debenhams has increased availability of products by seven per cent.

Quote: "Cross Docking is very much sales reactive, so warehouse operations must be able to deal with fluctuations in the flow through of goods. One problem we have encountered is with large cube merchandise, e.g. bed quilts. A small variation in volumes puts pressure on space in the Central Distribution Centre and creates a need for extra vehicles. Cross Docking reduces the time you have to plan for these situations".

Supply Chain Development Manager, Debenhams.

A container full of apples leaves the warehouse, uniquely identified with a Serial Shipping Container Code (SSCC), a specific 18 digit identification number. It will arrive on time and at the right place thanks to a single scan capability, which quickly processes its mixed contents by linking the container to a detailed EDI transaction.



Textiles and Apparels Keeping track of the latest fashions

The concept of just in time is crucial to the textile and apparel industry, where manufacturers and distributors must be able to meet the demands of continually evolving fashion cycles and still keep costs down. Asia has played a forefront in this field and EAN International has developed a proposal that standardises the approach to supply chain management from identifying, tracking and tracing raw material to semi-finished and finished products.

An manufacturer in Sao Paolo ordered shirts from a supplier in the Czech Republic via Electronic Data Interchange (EDI). Since they both used the same global system, EAN International's EANCOM®, it took only a couple of minutes before the employees in the warehouse near Prague knew which shirts to ship where and how payment would be made.

*Refer to page 24 for explanation

Big things come in small packages: Reduced Space Symbology (RSS)

The Reduced Space Symbology (RSS) family contains three linear symbologies to be used with the EAN-UCC standards. Designed by the UCC, it is employed where there are space constraints, in particular, products and packages like medicine to the single-dose level, small medical devices, and fresh produce such as fruits and vegetables.

Fact: RSS could well save an estimated 4.6 million Euro annually in operating costs for a 100-store chain, according to research carried out in 2001.

Miniature bar code technology mean great benefits for supermarkets:

Scott Sullivan, a patent agent, and Robert Hess, a patent lawyer came up with an idea to put Braille on pills but if one of the raised dots came off or was damaged, the blind would misread it.

RSS was born out of a need for smaller bar codes without sacrificing the amount of information it could carry. Based on this premise, RSS and Composite bar codes have been developed to mark small products where linear symbology was not possible.

On May 2, 2001, a New York Strip Loin steak was passed over a scanner in Dorothy Lane Markets in Dayton, Ohio, marking the first commercial use of this new symbology.

Testimonial: "I remember how the UPC truly transformed our industry in the 1970s. I am confident RSS will bring the same type of innovation and convenience to the supermarket industry. The RSS bar codes may be small, but it will mean big benefits to supermarket operators and their customers." Norman Mayne, CEO, Dorothy Lane Markets.



History of RSS

Stacked bar codes, travelling databases: Composite Symbols (Two-dimensional)

**What's the difference between one-dimensional (1D)
and two-dimensional (2D) bar codes?**

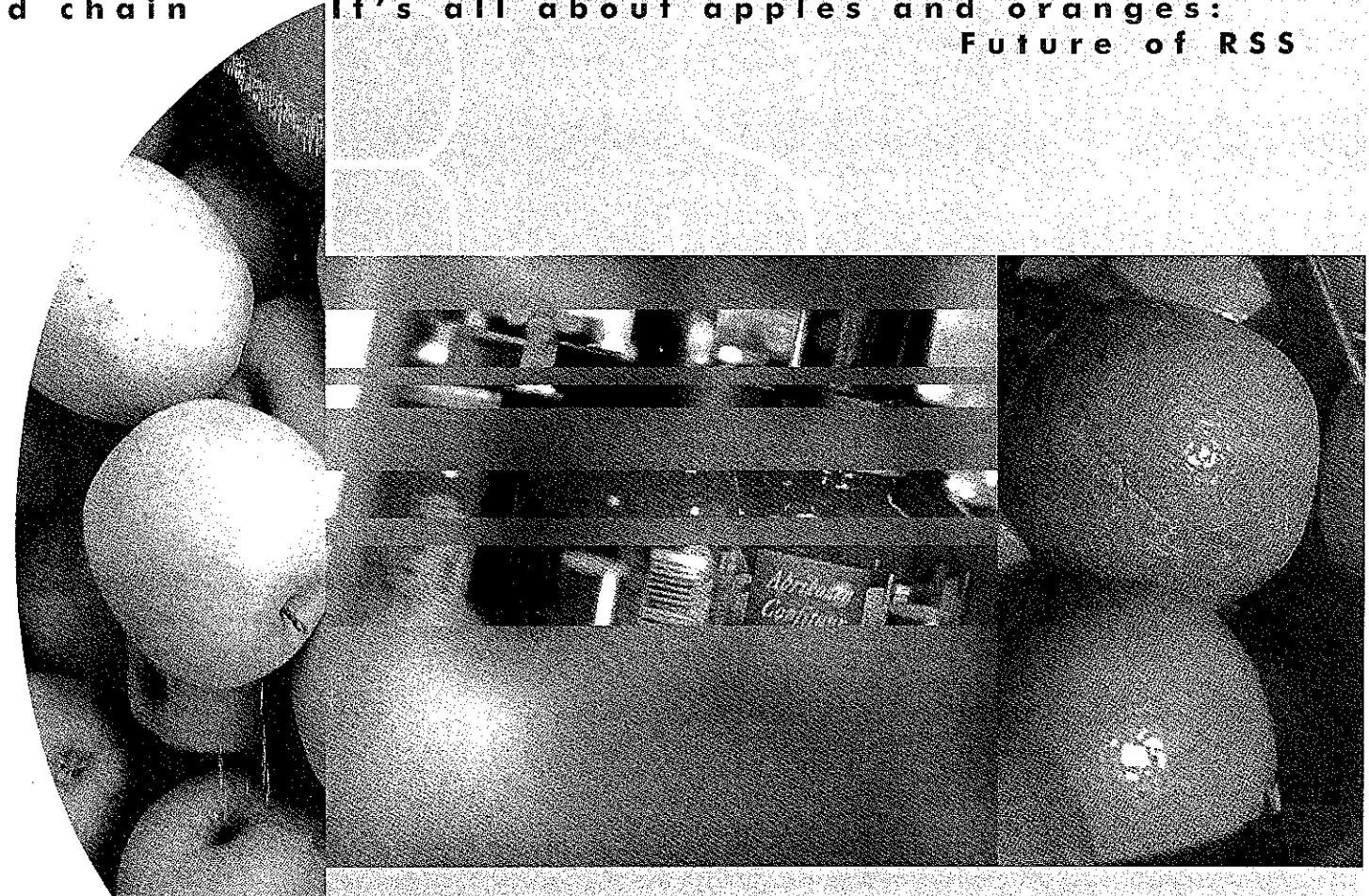
When 1D bar codes are scanned, it is only the width that is measured. With 2D bar codes, it is both the width and height that is important. Imagine many 1D symbols stacked on top of each other. This means a lot of information can be kept, in fact, an entire database can be encoded in a single bar code.

Fact: Just how much is that, well more than a thousand numeric characters (up to 2,361 numeric digits for Composite) can be placed in a single symbol the size of a large postage stamp.

Traceability in the food chain

The recent food crises in Europe have produced wary consumers. When a defective product slips through quality controls, traceability makes it possible to trace the cause and respond quickly. The EAN•UCC standards offer a method to identify recorded information throughout the supply chain, thereby enhancing food safety for consumers through improved produce traceability.

It's all about apples and oranges: Future of RSS



In the future, scanners will also rise to the challenge and be able to recognise such items like beans, parsley, apples and oranges, overcoming occasional problems during checkout. And eventually, most groceries will wear tiny tags so they will be scanned automatically without us noticing.

"Smart label, talking tags": Radio Frequency Identification

Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) is basically a "smart" bar code, sometimes referred to as a "talking tag," because it talks to a networked system.² This works on two-way communication (radio frequencies) between the reader and the tag (transponder) to identify products and carry data through the supply chain. The reader generates an electromagnetic field that powers the system. The tag's antenna picks up the electromagnetic energy and retrieves and transmits data back to the reader, and finally to the host computer. EAN International and the UCC have been instrumental in standardising data communications using this technology and is moving to the next stage by developing specifications for storing and accessing data on RFID tags.

Tracking flying aircraft to roaming cattle: History of RFID

The RFID was born out of the need for British military to distinguish between their own or enemy aircraft during World War II. The IFF ("Identify Friend or Foe") system placed a transponder on "Friendlies" so they gave the correct response to a signal indicating they were not a "Foe". To this day aviation traffic control still uses this method. Further developments in the early 1970s allowed governments to tag personnel and equipment surrounding nuclear materials.

In the late 70s, the tagging of Europe's livestock became the earliest commercial use of this technology. After unsuccessful trials with bar codes, railroads turned to RFID technology because tags could be read at a greater distance and weather all climatic

conditions especially sunlight, which caused major problems for visual light systems like bar codes.

In the late 1990s, RFID technology, with the leadership of EAN International and the UCC, took on a new challenge that of improving performance and reducing sizes and costs. At that time, EAN International and the UCC spearheaded the development of global standards for RFID to facilitate global trade by tracking moving goods around the world.

The vision of the joint EAN • UCC Global Tag (GTAG) project, is to have standards for RFID that will enable tags to be applied to goods at source by the manufacturer and for those to be readable in any country, in any industry sector and for any application. This must be achieved without the manufacturer of the goods having any prior knowledge either of the geographical destination of the goods or of the applications in which organisations further down the supply chain will use the data on the tag.

RFID

RFID Today

Weighing penguins to timing Grand Prix cars:

RFID has come a long way from tracking cattle. Nowadays, it has spread to every industry imaginable. EAN International has stepped forward to further the technology and improve the supply chain by developing tools to track returnable transport items and reusable containers; tracking systems for perishable goods; and anti-theft protection systems.

Future of RFID

Say "good-bye" to long checkout lines and "hello" to "smart appliances":

Imagine filling up the grocery cart and walking straight out the door – no more waiting in long checkout lines (yes, they could be a thing of the past when RFID tags replace bar codes). Of course, we're talking a way down the road, but we can dream. What will probably happen is that RFID tags and bar codes will complement each other for a long time and will run parallel.

The tag detects what's added up, each of the items, upon leaving the store. For example, when a milk carton is picked up from the shelf, it may display its expiration date or transmit information to a cellular phone. It will also communicate the purchase infor-

mation to retail and production manufacturers and notify consumers bank deducting the amount straight from their account.

A new industry of "smart" appliances is emerging which means no more worrying about cooking instructions, storage conditions or expire dates. For this to work, each product would need a smart tag.

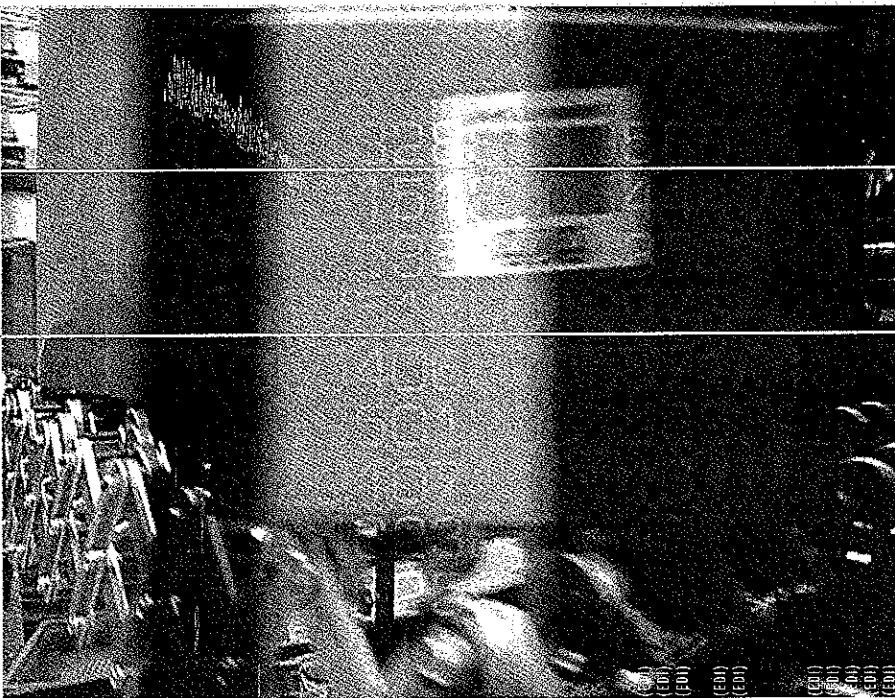
Fact: Every smart tag allows for trillions of unique numbers that can be assigned to products.

Communicating electronically: Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) is like paperless trading. It is the transfer of data from one computer application to another by electronic means without human intervention. Electronic commerce is changing the way we do business and EAN International has been at the forefront of standardising business communication through two methods. EANCOM® is a subset of EDIFACT, the internationally renowned United Nations system, while eXtensible Markup Language (XML), is today's buzzword in the e-commerce arena.

The Swedish public sector has chosen EAN International's EANCOM® system as the basis for its electronic commerce project. The project titled 'Single Face to Industry' is expected to save the government over a billion Euros in administration costs.

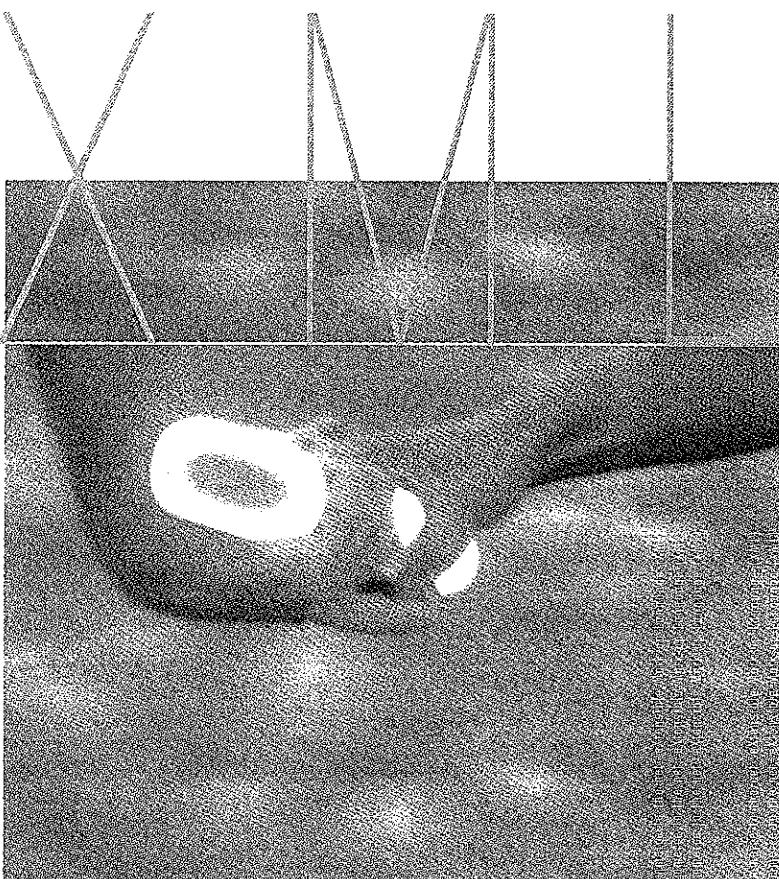
Fact: EANCOM® has been adopted in many of the 98 countries using the EAN•UCC standards.



Communicating electronically: Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
Communicating electronically: Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)

Communicating electronically: Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
Communicating electronically: Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
Communicating electronically: Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
Communicating electronically: Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
Communicating electronically: Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)

Connecting e-commerce to the net: eXtensible Mark up Language (XML)



Faster
e
Connecting
e
Connecting
e
Connecting
e
Connecting
e

EAN International and the UCC have produced the world's first full and open global standards for XML to enable users to conduct Internet-based electronic commerce. These schemas will allow industries with e-business solutions to fully exploit the power and reach of the Internet. It also can seamlessly communicate with EDI.

Taking the best of both worlds: History of XML

XML grew out of the need to make up for the shortcomings of its two predecessors, Standardised General Mark up Language (SGML) and Hyper Text Mark up Language (HTML). Both had their share of problems. SGML was very complex and very expensive. HTML was free, simple to use and popular but it was not able to meet the future needs of the web. Developed by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) with the power of SGML but the simplicity of HTML, XML has existed for a long time but it was only since the late 1990s that it has been used for B2B electronic communications.

Fact: the specification for XML is less than a tenth of the size of the SGML specification.

Bringing together e-marketplaces:

XML today and in the future

EAN International plays a leading role in the development of XML for the business community. It began testing XML objects to support the business processes of ordering, dispatching and invoicing, bringing together all corners of the globe. It will become the driver for the creation of reusable XML components.

Testimonial: "Our ability to interface through the Internet with both companies and exchanges has been broadened. This is essential for truly collaborative commerce." Ron Griffin, Senior Vice President and CIO, The Home Depot.

Tracking success in tomorrow's world

Let's jump ahead ten years to 2012 and take a sneak preview into what is in store for bar codes of the future. Two emerging technologies that are sure to initiate great strides in supply chain management are mobile e-business linking everyone and everything and the wireless network connecting mobile users to various applications. This will inevitably change the way people shop. With the ability to scan bar codes using cellular phones or hand-held computers, consumers can compare prices, create online shopping lists or link to the Web to view product information.

This opens up a whole new shopping experience. Even today, it is possible to scan a bar code on a CD and be directly taken to web sites with relevant information like other CDs by the artist, reviews, availability and prices in other stores. Similarly, we could scan a book in a friend's house, as opposed to writing the information down, hook up to an Internet retailer and purchase the book online.

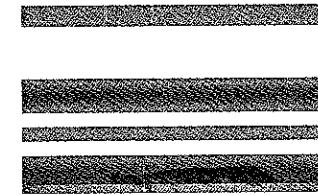
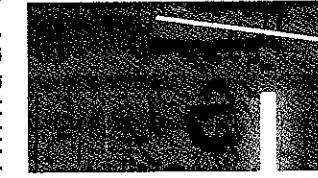
All these developments are possible due to improvements in supply chain management, and through open and constant communication between trading partners. EAN International provides standards that nourish the co-operation of organisations that have similar objectives in mind – to meet customer's needs. Two organisations in particular have benefited from collaborative partnerships with EAN International. These are the Global Commerce Initiative (GCI), a global user group of manufacturers and retailers whose aim is to improve the performance of the international supply chain for consumer goods, and the Efficient Consumer Response (ECR), a supply chain movement requiring a joint focus on the efficiency of the total grocery chain.

In response to meeting the needs of supply chain trading partners in today's e-business world, EAN International and the UCC have taken up the challenge to be the driving force behind delivering the implementation of a single Global Logical Registry (GLR). This will, in fact, support efficient master data synchronisation through data pools. Master data sharing between trading partners is one of the most important supply chain processes, since master data is fundamental to all business systems.

Having just entered the 21st century, new technologies will undoubtedly affect how we live and work. But one thing is for certain; EAN International will be there every step of the way keeping pace with the ever-changing future. Their goal is the same as it was 25 years ago when they embarked on creating "one system for the global marketplace", -- that is, to continue tracking the successes of tomorrow's world.

Annual Report

2001 - 2002



Algeria	Initiatives
Argentina	Initiation Production
Armenia	Initiations
Australia	Initiations
Austria	Initiations
Azerbaijan	Initiations
Bahrain	Initiations
Belarus	Initiation
Belgium	Initiation
Bolivia	Initiation
Bosnia Herzegovina	Initiation
Brazil	Initiation
Bulgaria	Initiations
Chile	Initiations
China	Initiations
Colombia	Initiations
Costa Rica	Initiations
Croatia	Initiations
Cuba	Initiations
Cyprus	Initiations
Czech Republic	Initiations
Denmark	Initiations
Dominican Republic	Initiations
Ecuador	Initiations
Egypt	Initiations
El Salvador	Initiations
Estonia	Initiations
Finland	Initiations
France	Initiations
Georgia	Initiations
Germany	Initiations
Greece	Initiations
Guatemala	Initiations
Honduras	Initiations
Hong Kong	Initiations
Hungary	Initiations
Iceland	Initiations
India	Initiations
Indonesia	Initiations
Iran	Initiations
Ireland	Initiations
Israel	Initiations
Italy	Initiations
Japan	Initiations
Jordan	Initiations
Kazakhstan	Initiations
Kenya	Initiations
Kuwait	Initiations
Latvia	Initiations

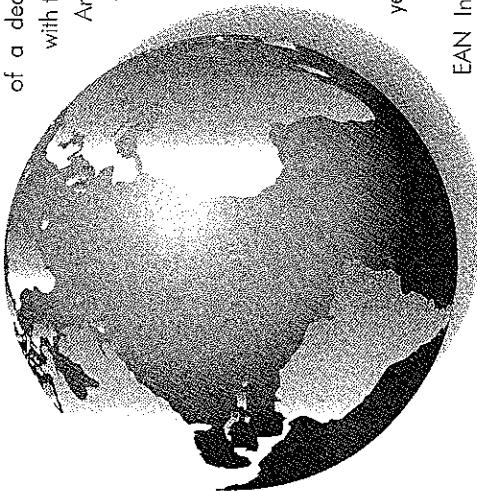
Introduction

In 2001 can be described as a momentous year for EAN International Initiatives as it approached its quarter century as a supply chain standards body. It had progressed from a regional grouping of twelve members, administering automatic data capture standards in the supply chain of the FMCG industry in Western Europe, to an internationally renowned and globally active organisation of 96 Member organisations serving 98 countries. It is now creating, developing and administering automatic data capture and automatic data transfer standards in the supply chains of some 23 industries.

This had been accomplished with a committee led organisational structure, but the organisation had foreseen the need for a rational change to its structure. This was necessary to maintain stability in its core activities while keeping pace with its own increasing growth and the fast moving pace at which computer technology was developing and offering up increasing opportunities for innovation.

Two years ago the EAN community endorsed the EANOR project which gave the go ahead for changing the structure of EAN International from committee led to project led. Last year gave rise to the Avant! Plus initiative that set out the twin essentials of a dedicated management structure together with the funding necessary for it to take place.

An essential feature of this initiative was the total re-organisation of Head Office in Brussels. This year has seen the implementation of that structure and the associated fundamental change in business processes together with the formulation of a Strategic Plan to set the business agenda for a project and marketing led organisation in future years.



EAN International did not have the luxury of being able to stop and close up the shop while these changes were effected. It is member driven in everything it does, so it was essential that while it was busily accomplishing these essential changes it continued to provide its normal range of standards development and support services to MOs in order to enable them to serve their users.

This year's report looks in some depth at the principal successes achieved and in brief at some other significant achievements, but the complete record of all its activities are not included. The nature of many of the organisation's activities, particularly in the field of encouraging use or wider use of the standards in new industry sectors or new sections of particular industries are conducted in close co-operation with MOs, their members and national and international trade bodies. Negotiations can take time and are often outside the control of the EAN community. Accordingly, only notable milestones are recorded here.

Organisational Restructure

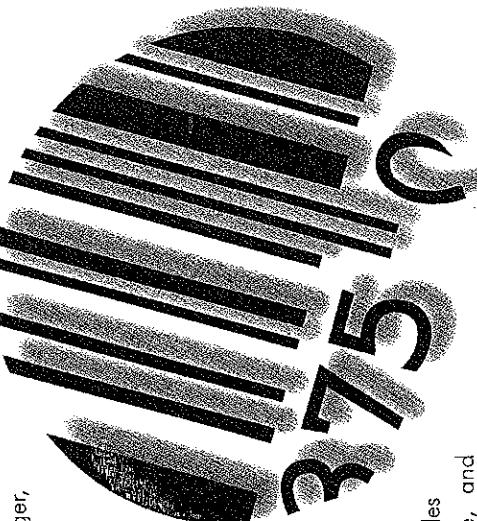
The fundamental restructuring of Head Office began with the approval by the Management Board in February of the appointment of a new CEO for Head Office. Brian Smith from EAN Australia took up this role at the beginning of March, for an initial period of six months. His first task was to develop the Avanti Plus programme by reviewing and re-organising the structure within Head Office and also to develop a thorough business planning process by which the transformed Head Office would control its project work. It was an absolute necessity that processes had to be fast, yet flexible, and operations had to be efficient. Constant adaptation to changing market circumstances was the No. 1 imperative. The General Assembly held in Dublin in May approved Brian Smith's plans and in July he agreed to extend his period of tenure as CEO until Christmas 2002.

The staff restructuring was completed by the end of December 2001. The major task was the population of the Global Business Solutions department under the Executive General Manager, Erwin De Spiegeleire. Global Business Solutions has been set up in four groups. Briefly these are Business Development, to provide the research and development role; Global Standards Development & Maintenance, to provide the standards production role; Implementation & Marketing to provide the sales support and marketing role, and Special Projects. Special Projects designed, implemented and now administers the Global Standards Management Process (GSMP), a common project management methodology extending throughout the network, on behalf of the EAN Community and UCC. Its other roles are to launch and take worldwide leadership of a Global Logical Registry and also it provides the Secretariat for the Global Commerce Initiative (GCI).

A Performance Management System (PMS) has been introduced in order to plan and evaluate staff performance and behaviour consistently throughout EAN HO. This will ensure that the expectations of individual members of staff, through their personal objectives and roles, are fully matched with their business unit's strategic priorities and to the EAN business plan as a whole, with appropriate rewards if objectives are met.

EAN Head Office is now headed by a strong management team that is actively leading the process of implementing the agreed strategies and achieving the objectives for the future benefit of the EAN community.

Organisational Restructure	Lebanon	Libya	Lithuania	Macao	Macedonia	Malaysia	Malta	Mauritius	Mexico	Moldova	Morocco	Netherlands	New Zealand	Nicaragua	North Korea	Norway	Panama	Paraguay	Peru	Philippines	Poland	Portugal	Romania	Russia	Saudi Arabia	Singapore	Slovakia	Slovenia	South Africa	South Korea	Spain	Sri Lanka	Sweden	Switzerland	Syria	Taiwan	Thailand	Tunisia	Turkey	United Arab Emirates	UK	Ukraine	Uruguay	Uzbekistan	Venezuela	Vietnam	Yugoslavia
----------------------------	---------	-------	-----------	-------	-----------	----------	-------	-----------	--------	---------	---------	-------------	-------------	-----------	-------------	--------	--------	----------	------	-------------	--------	----------	---------	--------	--------------	-----------	----------	----------	--------------	-------------	-------	-----------	--------	-------------	-------	--------	----------	---------	--------	----------------------	----	---------	---------	------------	-----------	---------	------------



Global Standards Management Process

[GSMP]

The EAN•UCC system is jointly developed and managed by EAN International and the Uniform Code Council (UCC). Over recent years users have been critical of the lack of unity in the standards development and application process. One of the major steps taken to ensure that both organisations present one face to the market was to implement a Global Standards Management Process (GSMP).

The GSMP project was initiated on a tight schedule in June 2001 by the setting up of a joint design team of EAN and UCC staff and project managed from EAN International's Head office in Brussels. It reported to a steering committee led by EAN International's Chief Executive Officer and the UCC's Chief Operating Officer. GSMP was introduced on the target date of 2nd January 2002.

The Process has been designed to cover the complete cycle of events from the initial identification of a need or requirement through to the implementation of the solution developed through the GSMP. The whole procedure takes place openly as the new process is designed around a high level of user involvement with all steps totally visible and reported on regularly as they happen.

A major benefit of this new process is the development and integration of an EAN•UCC project management methodology to provide a common and consistent approach to projects across the organisation. This will assist in resource management and priority setting. The methodology will be supported by a structured approach to enable early gathering of all relevant information that will help with sound decision making.

The goal is simple, to deliver benefits to EAN•UCC users swiftly. A clear process is in place designed to enable Users and Member Organisations to submit Change Requests to the EAN•UCC system. GSMP ensures a smooth passage from the assessment, planning, execution up to the Implementation Support phase.

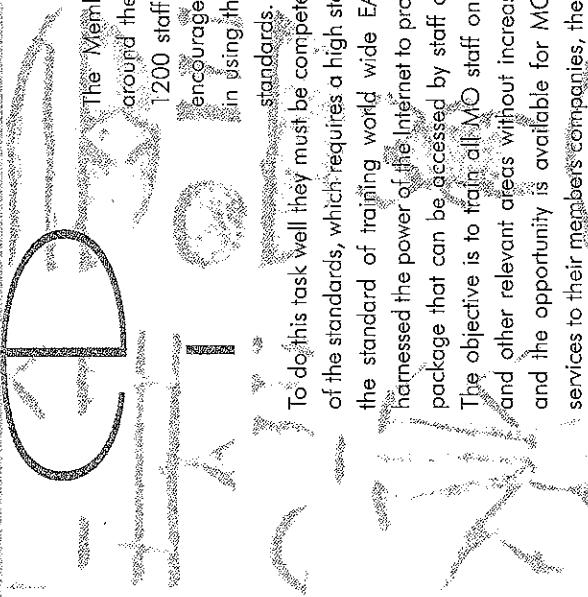
The interface to the GSMP will be web enabled, automated and secure, while remaining intuitive to the user. It is being developed in that way because the process is being designed to include the maximum amount of involvement from the EAN user community with the help of Member Organisations. The GSMP is being operated through a joint EAN•UCC "Central Operations" Office, which also involves members of the EAN community and users, right from the initial stage of assessment of a Change Request through to the ultimate implementation. The objective is to ensure that in the future EAN•UCC users have a greater input into EAN•UCC Standardmaking.

In summary the process is user driven, it is efficient, there is visibility at all stages, there is one single repository and it meets the criteria of presenting just one face to the EAN•UCC customer.

Take a look at the GSMP website:

www.ean-ucc.org

The e-learning Project



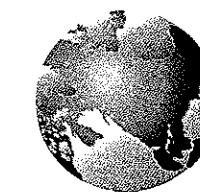
The Member Organisations (MOs) around the world employ more than 1200 staff whose principal task is to encourage and assist their members in using the full range of EAN•UCC standards.

To do this task well they must be competent in their own knowledge of the standards, which requires a high standard of training. To unify the standard of training world wide EAN International has now harnessed the power of the Internet to provide an electronic learning package that can be accessed by staff of MOs around the world. The objective is to train all MO staff on the EAN•UCC Standards and other relevant areas without increasing their training budgets and the opportunity is available for MOs willing to provide such services to their member companies, the users, to be able to do so.

The package is modular in concept and has been launched with four basic components that cover the fundamental elements and applications of the system. More modules are being developed that will ensure progressive coverage by e-learning training programmes of all aspects of the EAN•UCC system and its applications. These will be added over the next year at approximately two monthly intervals. The flexibility of the package is such that further modules can be added in future years, whenever new standards or services are introduced.

The four modules now available are: Basic Concepts, Supermarket (Retail trade items and EAN/UPC symbology), Distribution Centre (Cases, groupings, application identifiers, ITF-14 and UCC/EAN-128 symbologies) and Manufacturer (GTIN allocation rules and Managing EAN•UCC numbers).

The website uses a combination of text, sound and illustrations. Each module includes exercises for the trainee to test his or her comprehension. Final tests on each of the modules are graded and results returned to HO.



Membership

The membership of Bahrain was approved by the General Assembly in May 2001 and brings the number of Member Organisations to 96. At the close of 2001, EAN International membership had reached 651,945, up from 592,341 at the end of 2000. That is an encouraging 10% increase.

With the addition of the USA and Canadian figures from UCC the global membership was 919,292, up from 843,908 at the end of 2000 and an increase of 8.9%.

Technology Applications and Products

General EAN•UCC Specifications

The annual release took place at the beginning of the year. It was released on schedule in both Word and HTML format. It was prepared under new procedures jointly agreed between EAN and the UCC and is the result of the two organisations working closely and effectively together throughout last year. All Change Requests and Application Identifier Requests were processed according to strict time-lines and communication requirements. This release coincided with the launch of the GSMP and it is very fitting that GSMP will be used henceforth to maintain these Specifications. The opportunity was also taken to completely update the specifications to ensure consistency of terminology, structure and style. This will simplify maintenance and translation in the future and will enable timely introduction of new features and provide a path into e-publishing.

RSS and EAN•UCC Composite Symbology

The technical specifications for both RSS and EAN•UCC Composite symbologies were included for the first time in the latest edition of the General EAN•UCC Specifications. Work is currently underway to define a rollout plan and specific application standards before they can be used in open supply chains. Accordingly, the first globally agreed application guideline making reference to RSS and Composite, "Global Application Guideline for Coding Very Small Healthcare Items", has not been fully integrated into the General EAN•UCC Specifications at this time, but there are plans to produce it as a separate EAN•UCC publication.

GTAG™

The GTAG™ project was initiated by EAN•UCC some two years ago to produce a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technological standard that would be endorsed and adopted as an International Standards Organisation (ISO) standard to support logistics and asset management applications. After intensive activity the project team reached a critical stage late last year with the development of Minimum Protocol and Performance Requirements (MPPR), which are important technology specifications needed to produce GTAG™ compliant products.

These were submitted to a special RFID standards committee of ISO as an important step in the process to become an ISO certified standard, where it was learnt that six manufacturers had reached a similar stage and made a similar joint submission. The GTAG™ group, on examining the MPPR in the manufacturer's joint submission, realised it was very close to their own needs. Since two of the six manufacturers had already committed themselves to the GTAG™ project almost a year ago, the GTAG™ team encouraged the manufacturer's group to consider a merger. The result was that both groups, which together make up a powerful body of users and manufacturers, agreed to merge their proposals for a global open RFID standard for supply chain applications.

The merged proposal was submitted to the special ISO RFID standards committee recently and received overwhelming support. Currently this CTAGTM and joint industry partners merged submission is the only one retained as candidate air interface. ISO standard in the UHF frequency range and it will soon be taken forward in the normal ISO procedure for voting on by national bodies. In addition significant progress has been made in the area of data syntax for RFID, ensuring that standard EAN•UCC data structures will be carried in RFID tags under full control of EAN and UCC. The fact GS1TM has managed to draw the attention of the vendor community which finally understands that the availability of open RFID standards is key to the growth of the market.

XML Schemas and eb Methodology

The emergence of the new Extensible Markup Language (XML) and its contention as a simple means of enabling automatic data transfer between trading partners computer systems using the Internet encouraged our users to request EAN International and UCC to create a set of schemas for e-business. This work was initiated and based on the Global Commerce Initiative's (GCI) previously published Global Commerce Internet Protocol. It progressed to a release in July 2001 of the world's first open, global standards for extensible Markup Language (XML) schemas.

This first group of EAN•UCC XML Schemas comprised five key business transactions: Item Alignment, Party Alignment, Order, Dispatch Advice, and Invoice, as well as extensions for Allowances and Charges and Payment Terms. This breakthrough achievement provides global users in all industries with an open e-business solution that can fully and efficiently exploit the power, speed, and reach of the Internet.

In a similar manner, an eb Methodology project team was set up during the year to develop EAN•UCC eBusiness Methodologies. Working in four groups the project team has progressed to the stage of producing the first drafts of UML to XML production rules and XML architecture. The team has started "proof of concept" testing the methodologies, taking as their subject the discovery and analysis phase of the business requirements of a specific business document. Overall, considerable progress has been made including the generation of a common position paper, agreed by EAN and UCC, in respect of the eb XML and eb Transitional Working Group (eb TWG) initiatives. The GSMP Technical Steering Team (TST) will now start tackling the migration issues. Subsequent to the approval of this methodology by the CEOs of EAN and UCC, the TST will deliver a sustainable migration path.

Global Services

Global Logical Registry

Some twelve months ago, the key for supporting efficient master data synchronisation through data pools was recognised by the EAN community. GCI and other parties, which together endorsed the need for a single Global Logical Registry (GLR), to control the registration of items and locations, complemented by the establishment of a neutral process for its governance and certification. Master data sharing between trading partners is one of the most important supply chain processes, since master data is fundamental to all business systems. The integrity and timeliness of master data is critical for the uninterrupted flow of goods throughout the Supply Chain.

To tackle the creation of a single GLR, EAN added the resources to deal with it during the year under report, and hired a full time Project Manager. He commenced the task of creating a single GLR, to act as a directory of unique item and party information, amalgamating data pools and acting as a pointer to the data pools where master data has been originally and physically stored. It is in line with the GCI Global Data Synchronisation process and as a major step forward the EAN Head Office put together the Global Logical Registry (GLR), the Global Data Dictionary (GDD) and the Global Classification Project (GCP) into a master diagram. An efficient and transparent governance model for the GLR and a certification model for the data pools will be established. These will be based on the solid foundations of a professional and competent partnership between EAN and UCC.

The governance model will be based on the contract made with the solution provider; any structure or organisation that will be assembled to support this model will be driven by user requirements. The aim is to have a 'thin' governance structure, whose level of detail will be determined and structured to meet the needs of the user.

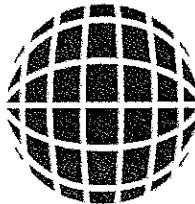
The work commenced in the year under report provides a clear way forward for EAN International to make the GLR a reality by the first quarter of 2003.

IMPLEMENTATION

Accomplishments in Industry Sectors

Meat

During the course of the year the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE) adopted a new Standard for Bovine Carcasses and Cuts. This bovine specific standard is part of the UN/ECE Standards for Meat Carcasses and Cuts, which recommend the use of the EAN•UCC System to enhance communication between meat buyers and sellers.



These new standards define and describe commercial quality and merchandising requirements. The standards are supported by the EAN•UCC System, which enable companies to identify, bar code, and efficiently trade meat carcasses and cuts using the new UN/ECE standards. The standards also recommend the EAN•UCC System for tracking and tracing beef products between the farm and retail outlets by referring to EAN International's "Traceability of Beef" guidelines in the provisions for origin and production history.

Prompted by the actions of UN/ECE, The European Commission recognised the urgent need to regain consumer confidence in beef products and sought to implement the rapid tracing of beef products throughout the supply chain. Consequently, the European Parliament and Council adapted a regulation on compulsory labelling of beef that became effective in all EU Member States from January 2001as (EC) 1760/2000, the Beef Labelling Regulation. To complement these developments, a third updated edition of the popular "Traceability of Beef" publication was released earlier this year and subtitled "Application of EAN•UCC Standards in Implementing Regulation (EC) 1760/2000".

Fresh produce

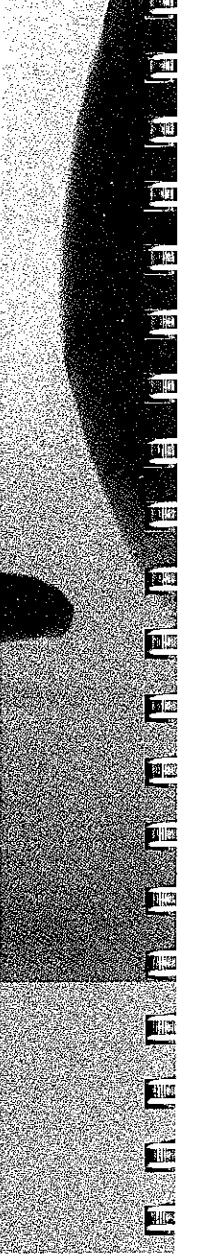
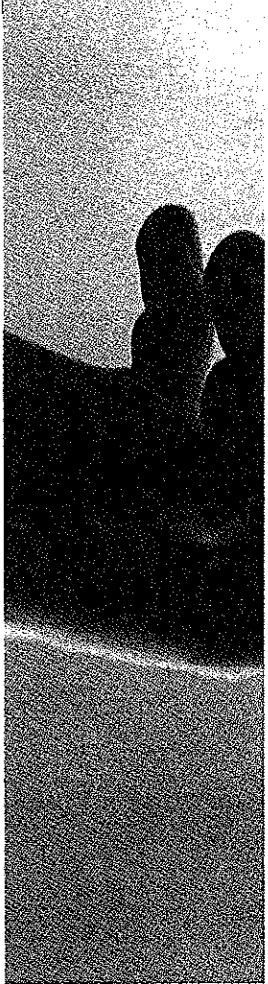
During the year the global fresh produce industry established the International Federation for Produce Coding (IFPC) with the aim of introducing a global standard for loose produce Price-Look-Up (PLU) identification. The long-term objective of the IFPC is to develop a comprehensive solution for product identification, bar coding and e-communications for the entire produce industry supply chain, in partnership with produce and EAN organisations world-wide.

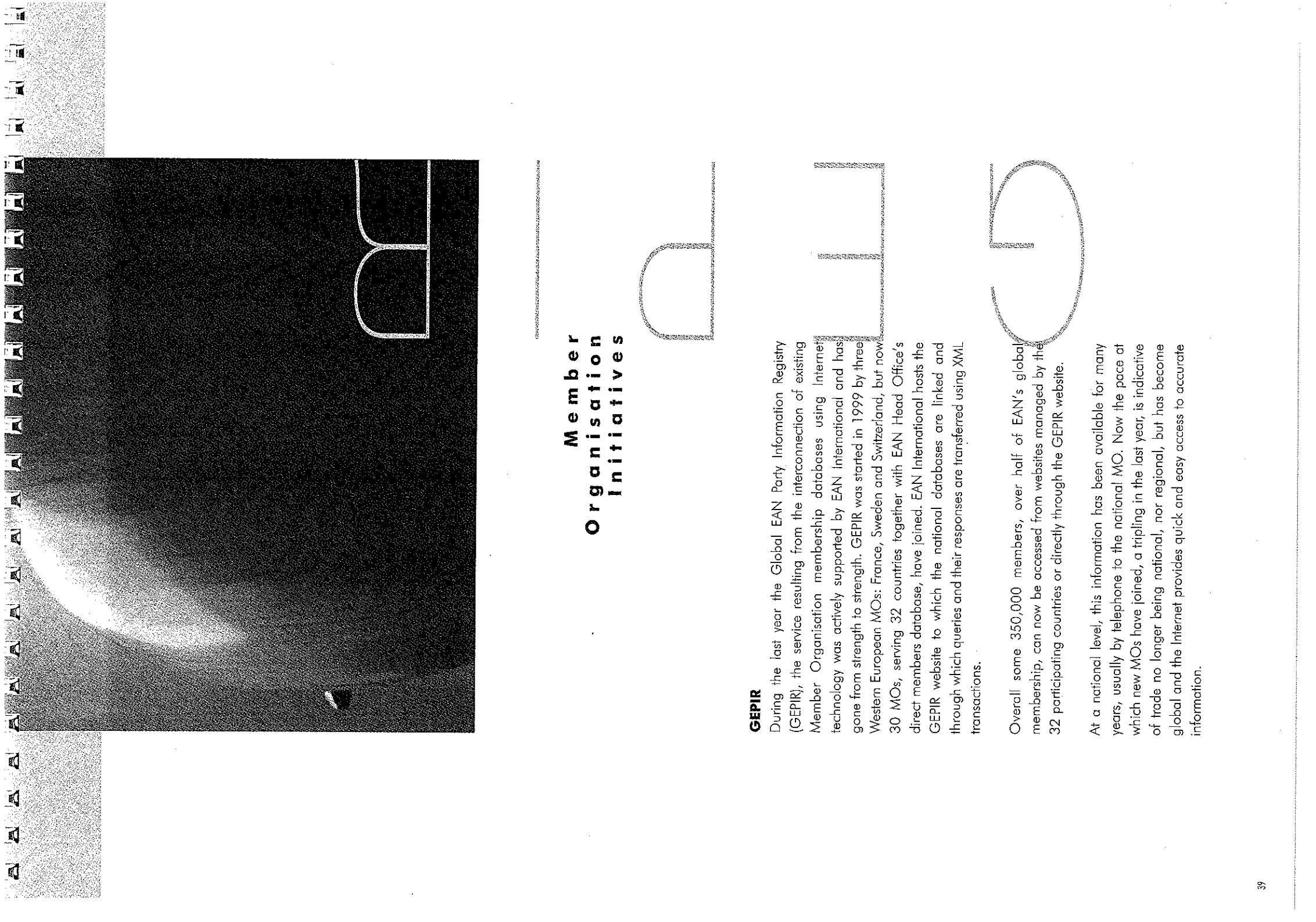
EAN International is a member of the IFPC Board of Directors while EAN Chile (Latin America), Gencod-EAN France (Europe) and EAN Australia & EAN New Zealand (Asia/Pacific) provide regional representation and co-ordination with the IFPC Technical Committee.

Transport

The transport industry is a core player in the supply chain, and the efforts of a team of Head Office and MO implementation staff who have been working since 1997 to achieve greater recognition for the use of the EAN•UCC system in the industry were rewarded in the Autumn. EAN International and FIATA, the international association of the national freight forwarders associations agreed to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding that will serve as a basis to develop formal agreements of co-operation between the EAN Member Organisations and the complementary national FIATA associations.

The accord leading to closer co-operation between the two organisations was prompted by rapid developments in information technology and particularly electronic commerce platforms, which have enabled shippers to enquire, order and book freight capacity for multi-modal transport calls. EAN International will assist FIATA in the development of supply chain standards that meet the requirements of the transport sector. For this purpose, FIATA will provide input on their user needs and EAN•UCC will design the necessary system definitions. FIATA will also promote the use of the current EAN•UCC standards within the transport and freight-forwarding environment and in addition will encourage its national and direct members to become members of the appropriate national EAN MO.





Member Organisation Initiatives

GEPIR

During the last year the Global EAN Party Information Registry (GEPIR), the service resulting from the interconnection of existing Member Organisation membership databases using Internet technology was actively supported by EAN International and has gone from strength to strength. GEPIR was started in 1999 by three Western European MOs; France, Sweden and Switzerland, but now 30 MOs, serving 32 countries together with EAN Head Office's direct members database, have joined. EAN International hosts the GEPIR website to which the national databases are linked and through which queries and their responses are transferred using XML transactions.

Overall some 350,000 members, over half of EAN's global membership, can now be accessed from websites managed by the 32 participating countries or directly through the GEPIR website.

At a national level, this information has been available for many years, usually by telephone to the national MO. Now the pace at which new MOs have joined, a tripling in the last year, is indicative of trade no longer being national, nor regional, but has become global and the Internet provides quick and easy access to accurate information.

Member Organisation Addresses

Algeria	1994	Belarus	1997	Chile	1989
EAN ALGERIE - Organisation Algérienne de Codification des Articles Route Nationale 5 El Aïa, Bab Ezzouar BP 285 Hacén Badji - El Harrach, Alger		EAN BELARUS Sydmals str. 22, floor 4 220033, Minsk T > (375)17 229 06 60 (375)17 229 09 13 (375)17 230 89 52 F > (375)17 230 89 52 eanalgerie@wissai.dz		EAN Chile - Centro de Comercio Electrónico Mercado 230 Santiago Centro T > 56 2 3654230 F > 56 2 3654222 eanchile@cnc.cl www.eanchile.cl	
Argentina	1985			China	1991
EAN ARGENTINA Viamonte 340 - Piso 1 1053 Buenos Aires T > 54 11 45101700 F > 54 11 45101758/9 capcomer@infovia.com.ar www.codigo.org.ar		EAN BELGIUM - LUXEMBOURG Rue Royale, 29 Bruxelles 1000 T > 32 2 2291880 F > 32 2 2174347 info@eancode.be		ANCC (Article Numbering Center of China) East Gate - 46, Yuzhongxili Diewai Xicheng District Beijing 100029 T > 86 10 62024528/33 F > 86 10 62 ancc@public3.bta.net.cn	
Armenia	1996			Colombia	1989
EAN ARMENIA 64/15 Pogromyan Avenue 375013 Yerevan T > 375 1 272 622 F > 375 1 272 186 eanarm@armunice.com www.ean.am		EAN BOLIVIA - Instituto de Codificación Comercial Torres Cainco, Av Las Americas N°7 Casilla 180 Santa Cruz de la Sierra T > 591 3 3334555 F > 591 3 3342353 ean.bolivia@cainc.co.org.bo www.cainc.co.org.bo		IAC (Instituto Colombiano de Codificación Y Autonatizaciòn Comercial) Avenida Dorado n°88 B-85 Torre 2 Piso 6 Bogotá T > 57 1 4270999 F > 57 1 4270758 iacol@eancode.org www.iacolombia.org	
Australia	1979			Costa Rica	1998
EAN AUSTRALIA 2 Kingston Town Close Oakleigh 3166 Victoria T > 61 3 95699755 F > 61 3 95691525 eanaust@ean.com.au www.ean.com.au		EAN BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA EAN - BH - Bosnia-Herzegovina Branislava Djurdjeva 10 Sarajevo 71000 T > 387 33 663634 F > 387 33 663634 ean-bih@komorabih.com www.komorabih.com		EAN COSTA RICA De la Pops de Curridabat, 25 M Al Este Ed. Galerias Del Este, Piso 1, Oficina 7 San José T > 506 2243255 F > 506 2244722 eancostarica@eancostarica.or.cr www.eancostarica.or.cr	
Austria	1977			Croatia	1985
EAN-AUSTRIA GMBH Mayerhofgasse 1/15 Wien 1040 T > 43 1 50588601 F > 43 1 50588601-22 office@ean.co.at www.ean.co.at		EAN BRASIL - Associação Brasileira de Automação Alameda Santos, 2441 - 9º andar São Paulo - SP 01419-002 T > 55 11 30816560 F > 55 11 30643275 ean@eanbrasil.org.br www.eanbrasil.org.br		EAN CROATIA - Croatia Article Numbering Association Tuskanac 14 10000 Zagreb T > 385 1 4895000 F > 385 1 4895001 ean-croatia@ean-croatia.hr www.ean-croatia.hr	
Azerbaijan	1999			Bulgaria	1991
EAN AZERBAIJAN 42, Khojagani Street Office 7 Bakı 370000 T > 994 12 987405 F > 994 12 981058 khazri@azeri.com www.ean.az.org		BCCI (Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry) - EAN BULGARIA 42, R. Ratchevitch Street Sofia 1000 T > 359 2 9872631/9883139 F > 359 2 9873209 eanbg@bccibg.bg www.bccibg.bg		EAN CUBA - Cámara de Comercio de la República de Cuba Calle 21, 661 Esquina A. Vedado 850 Apartado 4237 10400 La Habana T > 53 7 322693/304436 F > 53 7 333042 ean@camara.com.cu www.camara cuba.com.cu	
Bahrain	2001			Bahrain	
EAN BAHRAIN C/o Bahrain Export Development Society Building 748 Road 115, Block 601 North Sitra Industrial Area T > 973 734027 F > 973 735973 raed1@bafelco.com.bh					

Cyprus

EAN CYPRUS -
Cyprus Chamber of Commerce & Industry
38 Grivas Digenis Av. & 3 Deligiorgis
PO Box 21455 Nicosia 1509
T > 357 22 889800
F > 357 22 669048
ean@ccci.org.cy
www.ccci.org.cy

El Salvador

EAN EL SALVADOR
9a Avenida Norte Y 5a Calle Poniente
San Salvador
T > (503) 271-2055;
(503) 221-3212/3215/3220
F > (503) 271-1956
eansal@diescoean.com.sv
www.diescoean.com.sv

Guatemala

EAN GUATEMALA
Ruta 6 9-21, Zona 4 Edificio Cámara de
Industria - Nivel 5
01004 Guatemala, Centro América
T > 502 362 5375
F > 502 332 6658
eanguatemala@gold.guate.net
www.eanguchetmala.com.gt

Czech Republic

EAN CZECH REPUBLIC
Na Pankračí 30
140 00 Praha 4
T > 420 2 61001145
F > 420 2 61001147
info@ean.cz
www.ean.cz

Estonia

EAN EESTI - ESTONIA
Tulika 19 Tallinn 10613
T > 372 6 505063
F > 372 6 505093
info@ean.ee
www.ean.ee

Guatemala

EAN GUATEMALA
Edif. Cámara de Comercio de Tegucigalpa
Bvd Centro America, 3e Piso, PO Box 2162
Tegucigalpa FM1100
T > 504 235 7792
F > 504 235 7793
diselco@unete.com
www.ccit.hn

Denmark

EAN DANMARK
Hammershusgade 17
2100 Copenhagen
T > 45 39 278527
F > 45 39 278510
info@ean.dk
www.ean.dk

Finland

EAN-FINLAND OY
World Trade Center Aleksanterinkatu 17 -
PO Box 1000 00101 Helsinki
T > 358 9 696969
F > 358 9 650303
eaninfo@wtrc.fi
www.ean-finland.fi

Honduras

EAN Honduras
HKANA (Hong Kong Article Numbering
Association) - EAN HONG KONG
Unit B, 22/F United Centre 95 Queensway
T > 852 2861 2819
F > 852 2861 2423
info@hkana.org
www.hkana.org

Hong Kong

EAN Hong Kong
HKANA (Hong Kong Article Numbering
Association) - EAN HONG KONG
Unit B, 22/F United Centre 95 Queensway
T > 852 2861 2819
F > 852 2861 2423
info@hkana.org
www.hkana.org

Hong Kong

EAN Hong Kong
HKANA (Hong Kong Article Numbering
Association) - EAN HONG KONG
Unit B, 22/F United Centre 95 Queensway
T > 852 2861 2819
F > 852 2861 2423
info@hkana.org
www.hkana.org

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Hungary

EAN Hungary
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Hungary

EAN Hungary
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

EAN Iceland
Rödnótt Miklós u. 22/a
Budapest 1137
T > 36 1 3398851
F > 36 1 2390298
info@ean.hu
www.ean.hu

Iceland

1999**1996****Indonesia**

EAN INDONESIA

St. Gajah Mada No. 10
P.O. Box 1020
Denpasar 80235
T > 62 362 31640
F > 62 362 31655
eannet@indosat.net.id

1996**Kazakhstan**

EAN Kazakhstan

St. Gajah Mada No. 10
P.O. Box 1020
Denpasar 80235
T > 62 362 31640
F > 62 362 31655
eannet@indosat.net.id

Kenya

EAN KENYA

Halles Sellysie Avenue, Parliament Road
Protection House, 7th floor, Suite W01
P.O. Box 70083
T > 254 2 338801
F > 254 2 338800
info@eankenya.org
www.ean-int.org/EANKenya.htm

Ireland

EAN IRELAND

Confederation House 84-86 Lower Baggott
Street Dublin 2

T > 353 1 6051539
F > 353 1 6381539
info@ean.ie
www.ean.ie

Malta

EAN MALTA

Halles Sellysie Avenue, Parliament Road
Protection House, 7th floor, Suite W01
P.O. Box 70083
T > 254 2 338801
F > 254 2 338800
info@eankenya.org
www.ean-int.org/EANKenya.htm

Kenya

EAN MACAU

Rua de Xangai 175, Edif. ACM
6-Andar Macau
T > 853 78 1313
F > 853 78 8233
eanmacau@cpfm.org.mo
www.ean-macau.org.mo

Macau**1999****1996****Kazakhstan**

Rua de Xangai 175, Edif. ACM
6-Andar Macau
T > 853 78 1313
F > 853 78 8233
eanmacau@cpfm.org.mo
www.ean-macau.org.mo

Macau**1999****1994****Macedonia**

EAN MACEDONIA
13 Dimitrie Cupovski,
1000 Skopje,
52200 Kuala Lumpur
T > 389 02 237425
F > 389 02 116210
ean@ic.mchamber.org.mk
www.mchamber.org.mk/services.htm

Macedonia**1994****1998****Malaysia**

EAN MALAYSIA
Wisma FMM, No.3, Persiaran Dagang PJU9
Bandar Sri Damansara
52200 Kuala Lumpur
T > 603 627 61211
F > 603 627 61042
eanmalaysia@mym.org.my
www.eanmalaysia.org.my

Malaysia**1998****1992****Kuwait**

EAN KUWAIT
Real Estate Bldg - Floor n°7 - Office 711 -
Entrance n°8
Postal address: P.O. Box 26332 Safat
T > 965 2401380
F > 965 2401381
eankuwait@hotmail.com

Kuwait**2000****1994****Latvia**

EAN LATVIA - Latvian Chamber of
Commerce and Industry Bureau
Kr. Valdemara Street 35
Riga, LV-1010
T > 371 7 333227
F > 371 7 332276
ean@chamber.lv/ean/
www.chamber.lv/ean/

Latvia**1994****1992****Lebanon**

EAN LEBANON
Justini Street - Sancayah - CCI/AB Bldg -
PO. Box 11
1801 Beirut
T > 961 1 744774 / 764
F > 961 1 743377
info@ean-lebanon.org.lb
www.ean-lebanon.org.lb

Lebanon**1996****1994****Mauritius**

EAN MAURITIUS
C/o Mauritius Chamber of Commerce 3
Royal Street Port Louis
T > 356 21 337 225 / 337 228
F > 356 21 332 336
mcci@inntel.mu
www.mcci.org

Mauritius**1994****2000****2000****Malta**

EAN MALTA
69/3, Ta' Xbiex Seafront Ta' Xbiex
MSD 12
52200 Kuala Lumpur
T > 603 627 61211
F > 603 627 61042
info@eanmalta.org.mt
www.eanmalta.org.mt

Malta**1992****1994****Moldova**

EANECE (Asociación Mexicana de Estándares
para el Comercio Electrónico, A.C.)
Av. Horacio #1855 - 6º piso
Col. Chapultepec Morales
11570 México DF
T > 525 395 2044
F > 525 395 2038
amece@iserve.net.mx
www.amece.org.mx

Moldova**1995****1994****Lithuania**

EAN LITHUANIA - Association of Lithuanian
Chambers of Commerce and Industry
J. Tumo-Vaidzinto Str. 9/1-63a
2001 Vilnius
T > 370 2 614532
F > 370 2 621403
ean@chambers.lt
www.chambers.lt

Lithuania**1994****1995****Moldova**

EAN MOLDOVA
63, Kogalniceanu Street
Of. 52 2009 Kishinev
T > 373 2 245329
F > 373 2 241669
info@ean.md
www.ean.md

Moldova**1995****1994****Jordan**

Jordan Numbering Association -
Akrama Al-Karashi Street Shermissani
P O Box 7704 Amman 11118
T > 962 6 5603507
F > 962 6 5684568
ean@ledco.gov.jo
www.ean.ledco.gov.jo

Jordan**1997****1994****1994**

43

Morocco**1993**

EAN MAROC
207, Bd. Mohamed Zerkouni
Appt. 30/5ème étage
20100 Casablanca
T > 212 22 391913
F > 212 22 391914
ean@ean.ma

**Paraguay****1994**

EAN PARAGUAY
Antequera 611 - 1er Piso
Asunción
T > 595 21 442108
F > 595 21 442108
ean@uninet.com.py
www.ean.com.py

**Saudi Arabia****1999**

EAN SAUDI ARABIA
Commerce & Industry Building
Dabab Street Riyadh 11474
P.O. Box 166683
Riyadh 11474
T > 966 1 405 32 00
F > 966 1 402 47 47
council@saudichambers.org.sa
www.saudichambers.org.sa

**Netherlands****1977**

EAN NEDERLAND
(Also included EAN Services BV)
Tournairestraat 3
1065 KK Amsterdam
T > 31 20 5113820
F > 31 20 5113830
info@ean.nl
www.ean.nl

**New Zealand****1981**

EAN NEW ZEALAND Incorporated
PO Box 11-110 Mainzeal House - 181
Vivian Street Wellington
T > 64 4 801 0833
F > 64 4 801 0830
ean.nz@ean.co.nz
www.ean.co.nz

**Nicaragua****1998**

EAN NICARAGUA -
INC Instituto Nicaraguense de Codificación
PO Box 11-110 Mainzeal House - 181
Vivian Street Wellington
T > 64 4 801 0833
F > 64 4 801 0830
ean.nz@ean.co.nz
www.ean.co.nz

**North Korea****1999**

Article Numbering Association
of the DPR of Korea
Rotonda el Gueguense 300 mts al sur Ed.
de Cóm. de Industrias de Nicacaragua
Managua
T > 505 266 8848
F > 505 266 1891
inc@teran.com.ni

**Norway****1977**

EAN Norge
Spileaveien 6 Postboks 454
0513 Oslo
T > 47 22 971320
F > 47 22 655621
firmapost@ean.no
www.ean.no

**Panama****1998**

EAN PANAMA
Via Transmicas Edif. El Triangulo
Segundo Piso Oficina 235
Panama
T > 507 22 4523
F > 507 261 4523
info@eanpanama.org
www.eanpanama.org

**Morocco****1993**

EAN MAROC
207, Bd. Mohamed Zerkouni
Appt. 30/5ème étage
20100 Casablanca
T > 212 22 391913
F > 212 22 391914
ean@ean.ma

**Paraguay****1994**

EAN PARAGUAY
Antequera 611 - 1er Piso
Asunción
T > 595 21 442108
F > 595 21 442108
ean@uninet.com.py
www.ean.com.py

**Saudi Arabia****1999**

EAN SAUDI ARABIA
Commerce & Industry Building
Dabab Street Riyadh 11474
P.O. Box 166683
Riyadh 11474
T > 966 1 405 32 00
F > 966 1 402 47 47
council@saudichambers.org.sa
www.saudichambers.org.sa

**Singapore****1987**

EAN SINGAPORE
SANC (Singapore Article Number Council)
N° 1 Science Centre Road #02-02
The Enterprise
Singapore 609077
T > 65 68263080
F > 65 68228318
in_soon.tan_sanc@sci.org.sg
www.sanc.org.sg

**Slovakia****1994**

EAN SLOVAKIA
Narierska 23 010 08 Zilina
T > 421 41 5651185
F > 421 41 5651186
inform@ean.sk
www.ean.sk

**Philippines****1993**

EAN PHILIPPINES
PANC - Philippine Article Numbering
Council Inc.
20 San Rafael St. Bo. Kapitolyo -
Pasig City 1600 Metro Manila
T > 63 2 6370 897 / 898 / 557
F > 63 2 6314 631
pancsrv@panc.org.ph,
panc@diglobal.net
www.panc.org.ph

**Poland****1990**

EAN POLAND
The Institute of Logistics and Warehousing
EAN POLAND
Ul. Estkowskiego 6
61 755 Poznan
pancsrv@panc.org.ph,
ckk@iim.poznan.pl
www.ean.pl

**Slovenia****1992**

EAN SLOVENIJA
Dimiceva 13 1504 Ljubljana
T > 386 1 5898320/321
F > 386 1 5898323
ean@grs.si
www.grs.si/ean

**Portugal****1986**

CODIPOR - Associação Portuguesa de
Identificação e Codificação de Produtos
Rua Prof. Fernando da Fonseca 16
Escritório II 1600-618 Lisboa
T > 48 61 8527681
F > 48 61 8526376
codipor@codipor.pt
www.codipor.pt

**North Korea****1999**

CODIPOR - Associação Portuguesa de
Identificação e Codificação de Produtos
Rua Prof. Fernando da Fonseca 16
Escritório II 1600-618 Lisboa
T > 48 61 8527681
F > 48 61 8526376
codipor@codipor.pt
www.codipor.pt

**Norway****1977**

EAN Norge
Spileaveien 6 Postboks 454
0513 Oslo
T > 47 22 971320
F > 47 22 655621
firmapost@ean.no
www.ean.no

**Romania****1994**

EAN ROMANIA
B-dul Aviatorilor, no. 50A
1st Ward, Bucharest
T > 4 01/2 301 302
F > 4012301467
ean@ean.ro

**South Africa****1982**

EAN SOUTH AFRICA
KCC Building
45 Narmdemun-Ro, 4th Floor, Long-Gu
100-743, Seoul -
T > 82 2 3111 435
F > 82 2 3111452
admin@eankorea.or.kr
www.eankorea.or.kr

**South Korea****1988**

EAN KOREA
KCC Building
45 Narmdemun-Ro, 4th Floor, Long-Gu
100-743, Seoul -
T > 82 2 3111 435
F > 82 2 3111452
admin@eankorea.or.kr
www.eankorea.or.kr

**Russia****1988**

UNISCAN / EAN RUSSIA
Automatic Identification Association
53 Prospekt Vernadskogo - Floor 9,
Box 4 Moscow 119415
7 905 7857656 / 4328824
F > 7 905 7857248
info@ean.ru, ean@col.ru
www.ean.ru



Spain 1978

AECOC (Asociación Española de Codificación Comercial)
Ronda General Mitre 10
08017 Barcelona
T > 34 93 2523900
F > 34 93 2802135
info@sede.aecoc.es
www.aecoc.es

Tunisia 1992

TUNICODE (Société Tunisienne de Codification)
Immeuble Ennour Zone Urbaine Nord
Tunis 1082
T > 216 71 23 11 22
F > 216 71 75 14 37
tunicode.eantunis@gnet.tn
www.tunicode.com.tn



Uzbekistan 1998

Chamber of Commodity Producers & Entrepreneurs - EAN UZBEKISTAN
Street Balkhara, 6
700047 Tashkent
T > 998 71 1367131
F > 998 71 1367946
ecn@scorkor.uz



Sri Lanka 1995

EAN SRI LANKA
The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce 50,
Navam Mawatha P.O.Box 74
Colombo - 02 -
T > 94 1 421745
F > 94 1 449352
ayoni@chamber.lk



Turkey 1988

Union of Chambers of Commerce and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey
Atatürk Bulvarı NO:149
Borsa Mah. 3. Kattı
TURKEY
T > 90 312 4181512
F > 90 312 4179501
eanturkey@tobb.org.tr
[www.tobb.org.tr/ean](http://tobb.org.tr/ean)



Venezuela 1987

EAN VENEZUELA
Av. Fco. de Miranda c/c Calle Los Laboratorios, Chro Empresarial Quorum-Piso 1, Of. J-K Los Ruices Caracas 1071
T > 58 212 2378777/7381/9520
F > 58 212 2377250
imejia@eanive.org
www.eanive.org



Ukraine 1994

Article Numbering Association of Ukraine - EAN UKRAINE
Artema street 26, Kiev 04053
T > 380 44 216 0734,
280 44 246 8521
380 44 246 8515,
380 44 216 0032
ean@ean.kiev.ua
<http://ean.kiev.ua>



Yugoslavia 1982

EAN VIETNAM - Vietnam Standards Center
No 8 Hoang Quoc Viet Street Cau Gray District Hanoi
T > 84 4 8361463
F > 84 4 8361771/7562444
eanvn@fpti.vn



Sweden 1977

EAN SWEDEN
Klarabergsviadukten 96 Box 1178
111 91 Stockholm
T > 46 8 698 30 40
F > 46 8 698 30 49
info@ean.se
www.ean.se



Switzerland 1977

EAN SWITZERLAND
Dornacherstrasse 230
4053 Basel - Switzerland
T > 41 61 3387000
F > 41 61 3387099
mail@ean.ch
www.ean.ch



Syria 1998

EAN SYRIA c/o Syrian Computer Institute Lazaris Building Bab Touma Damascus Syria
T > 963 11 5427909
F > 963 11 5427909
ean-syria@net.sy
www.trust-info.net



Taiwan 1985

EAN TAIWAN
10, Lin-Shen South Road, 10th Floor
Taipei - Taiwan
T > 886 2 23939145
F > 886 2 23517415
eantwn@eantaiwan.org.hk
www.eantaiwan.org.hk



Thailand 1988

EAN THAILAND Institute
Queen Sirikit Nat. Conv. Center, Floor 3
60 New Rachadapisek Road
Klongtoey Bangkok 10110
T > 66 2 2294255
F > 66 2 2294939
info@eanthai.org
www.eanthai.org



Uruguay 1989

EAN URUGUAY
Jose Ellauri 885
11300 Montevideo
T > 598 2 7123360
F > 598 2 7123360
info@eanuruguay.org
www.eanuruguay.org



Member Organisation Services

Italy	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Japan	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes								
Jordan	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Kazakhstan	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Kenya	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Kuwait	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Latvia	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Lebanon	No	Yes	No												
Libya	No	Yes	No												
Lithuania	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
Macau	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No										
Macedonia	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Malaysia	No	Yes	No												
Malta	No	Yes	No	Yes	No										
Mauritius	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No									
Mexico	Yes	No													
Moldova	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
Morocco	No	Yes	No												
Netherlands	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
New Zealand	Yes	No													
Nicaragua	No	Yes	No												
N. Korea	No														
Norway	No	Yes	No												
Panama	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
Paraguay	No	Yes	No												
Peru	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No								
Philippines	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
Poland	No														
Portugal	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
Romania	No	Yes	No	Yes											
Russia	No	Yes													
Saudi Arabia	No	Yes	No												
Singapore	No	Yes													
Slovakia	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
Slovenija	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
South Africa	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
South Korea	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
Spain	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
Sri Lanka	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
Sweden	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
Switzerland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
Syria	No	Yes	No												
Taiwan	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
Thailand	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
Tunisia	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
Turkey	No	Yes	No												
Ukraine	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
UK	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No									
Uruguay	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
Uzbekistan	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
Venezuela	No	Yes	No												
Vietnam	Yes	Yes	No												
Yugoslavia	Yes	No													

Member Companies & Sectors of Application

Global Economic Indicators & Sectoral Analysis									
Region/Country	GDP (Billion USD)		Population (Millions)		Trade Balance (Billion USD)		Industrial Output Growth (%)		Overall Rating
	Current	Projected	Current	Projected	Exports	Imports	Manufacturing	Agriculture	
Africa	1200	1350	500	550	500	450	3.5%	2.8%	B+
Algeria	494	530	35	40	20	15	2.2%	1.8%	C+
Chad	100	120	20	25	10	8	1.5%	1.2%	D-
Egypt	72	90	30	35	40	35	3.8%	3.2%	B
Emirates	9	12	10	15	8	7	2.0%	1.7%	C
Iran	3300	3500	80	90	2000	1800	4.5%	4.0%	A-
Jordan	352	380	10	12	150	130	2.5%	2.0%	C+
Kenya	100	120	40	50	60	50	3.0%	2.5%	B-
Kuwait	100	120	25	30	100	90	3.5%	3.0%	A
Lebanon	0	10	350	380	0	0	1.0%	0.8%	D
Libya	100	120	20	25	100	90	2.8%	2.5%	C+
Mauritius	250	280	15	18	100	90	3.2%	2.8%	B-
Morocco	271	300	15	18	120	100	3.0%	2.6%	B-
Saudi Arabia	1000	1100	100	110	500	450	4.0%	3.5%	A-
South Africa	75	90	55	65	120	110	3.0%	2.5%	C+
Syria	0	10	105	110	0	0	0.5%	0.4%	D
Tunisia	886	920	100	110	100	90	2.5%	2.0%	C+
Turkey	1000	1100	100	110	150	130	3.5%	3.0%	B-
Total Africa & Middle East									
Argentina	553	600	100	110	300	280	1.5%	1.2%	C+
Bolivia	144	160	198	210	70	60	0.8%	0.6%	D
Brazil	216	220	321	344	55	50	2.8%	2.5%	B-
Chile	20	25	141	150	120	110	3.5%	3.0%	A-
Colombia	133	140	725	750	21	20	3.0%	2.8%	B-
Costa Rica	5	10	958	1000	1	1	0.5%	0.4%	D
Cuba	18	20	170	180	0	0	0.5%	0.4%	D
Dominican Republic	106	110	1101	1100	0	0	0.5%	0.4%	D
Ecuador	337	343	21	22	2270	2150	3.5%	3.0%	B-
El Salvador	37	40	706	750	66	60	1.5%	1.2%	C
Guatemala	85	90	829	850	2	2	1.5%	1.2%	C
Honduras	20	25	314	320	1	1	1.0%	0.8%	C
Mexico	9	9	15801	15800	2	2	4.0%	3.5%	A-
Nicaragua	1	1	166	166	0	0	0.5%	0.4%	D
Panama	1	1	80	80	0	0	0.5%	0.4%	D
Paraguay	2	2	666	666	0	0	0.5%	0.4%	D
Peru	1	1	2661	2661	0	0	0.5%	0.4%	D
Uruguay	3	3	811	811	0	0	0.5%	0.4%	D
Venezuela	18	18	1982	1982	0	0	0.5%	0.4%	D
Total Americas									
Australia	415	450	20	25	7322	7000	4.0%	3.5%	A-
China	1000	1100	1000	1100	37	3300	3	81	A
Hong Kong	0	0	311	311	0	0	2507	5	B+
India	17	18	1875	1875	4	5	0	0	A-
Indonesia	0	0	1988	1988	0	0	0	0	D
Japan	26	26	0	0	86	85	2	6	A-
Macau	1	1	0	0	793	780	3	3	B-
Malaysia	0	0	1988	1988	0	0	0	0	D
New Zealand	16	16	1864	1864	0	0	0	0	D
North Korea	16	16	1875	1875	4	5	0	0	D
Philippines	17	18	613	613	0	0	59	5	A-
Singapore	8	8	1864	1864	13	13	215	13	A-
South Korea	18	18	6045	6045	1	1	2887	1	A-
Sri Lanka	25	25	0	0	6045	6045	0	0	D
Taiwan	0	0	1000	1000	1	1	2887	1	A-

Number of Companies using Electronic Commerce Standards

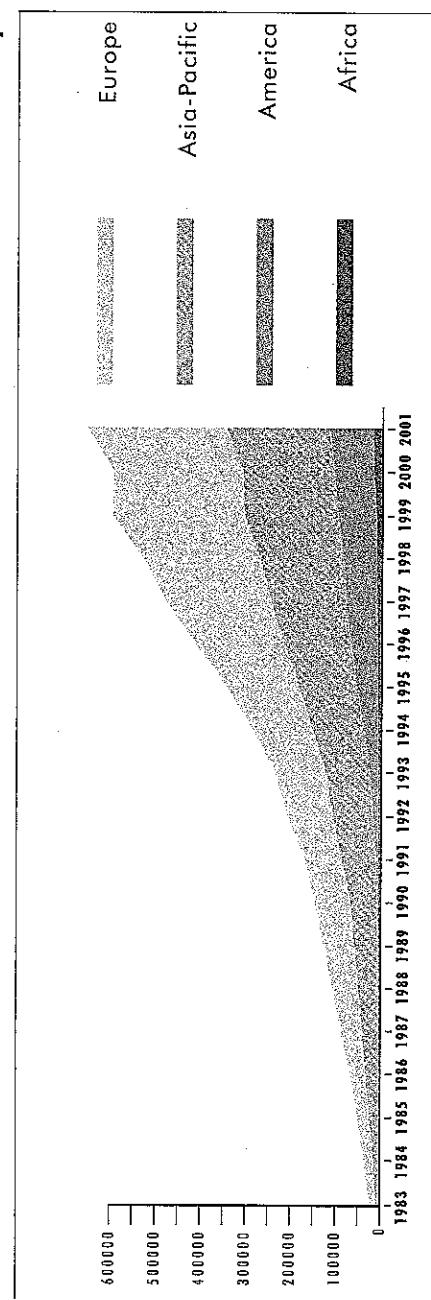
EDI/EANCOM	Name of project	Number of users Dec 2001	Estimated number of users Dec 2002
Argentina	SEA	71	71
Australia	Aust Retail EDI/EANCOM Project	800	1000
	Appliance COM (Electrical Appliance)	3	50
	Hardware B2B	2	20
	Furniture B2B	0	10
	Net-Industry EDI Project	1	5
Austria	FCODEX	1900	2000
Belgium	EANCOM	320	320
Brazil	EANCOM@	4000	4500
Chile	B2B EDI	29	40
China		10	15
Colombia	EANCOM	1000	2000
Costa Rica	EIDI-PAN Costa Rica	24	30
Czech Republic	P&G EDI PROJECT	10	10
Denmark	HANCOM ebNord	1329	1400
El Salvador	Retail EDI	10	20
Finland		20	30
France	EANCOM	9500	10000
Germany	EANCOM@	5500	6000
Greece	Retail EDI	265	290
Hong Kong	EZ TRADE (based on EANCOM)	71	75
Hungary	FCCE EDI deep/broad	100	100
Iceland	EANCOM	300	300
Ireland	EANCOM/HEDI	300	350
Israel	ICAON	230	270
Italy	EANCOM97	200	230
Japan	JEDICOS	200	300
Mexico	Median Guidelines	2300	3300
Netherlands	MIGs	2000	2000
Norway	DEDIB2	90	100
	FFDIP	20	20
	FFO	35	40
Philippines			
Poland	FD working group	13	20
Portugal	EANCOM	60	65
Romania	ROMCOMED	100	
Russia	EDI UNISCAN	151	250
Singapore	ShorNet	50	50
Slovakia	COB - Software 602	730	730
Slovenia	Retail Chains - Software 602, EDINAN	40	130
South Korea	EANCOM-Korea	20	40
Spain	Servicio AECOM	1400	1500
	EANCOM	2330	2750
Switzerland		800	900
Thailand	EDI for Retailer	189	280
UK		1900	2000
Uruguay		18	23
Venezuela		55	80
TOTAL		40682	45405

Web/Lite EDI	Name of project	Number of users Dec 2001	Estimated number of users Dec 2002
Argentina	WebEDI	10	10
Austria	ECCODEX@Life	100	200
Brazil	PD@NET based on EANCOM subset	5300	5300
Chile	B2B EDI	794	1000
Colombia	EANCOM	400	1000
Costa Rica	EDI+WEB EAN CR	0	20
Czech Republic	OFFERING AND INVOICING, MAKRO C&C AHOLD	300	500
Denmark	IE@IN	152	300
Egypt	EGYM@RT	0	20
El Salvador	Web EDI	0	20
France	WEFEDI	4000	4500
Germany	WebEDI	no figures	
Hong Kong	EZ*TRADE (based on EANCOM)	393	460
Hungary	ECR EDI/deep/broad	50	25%
Italy	EURITMO	135	300
Japan	Lite, Internet EDI	20	20
Mexico	EDI by web	2000	3000
Netherlands	Web-EDI	3	50
Norway	Dagfinn	50	100
Philippines		65	80
Romania	Easy COM - CEROM	100	200
Slovakia	edi+4all	0	100
South Africa	lite EDI	0	0
Spain	EDIVWEB AECOC	300	400
Switzerland		150	600
Thailand	Web EDI	217	390
Uruguay		70	150
TOTAL		14609	18700

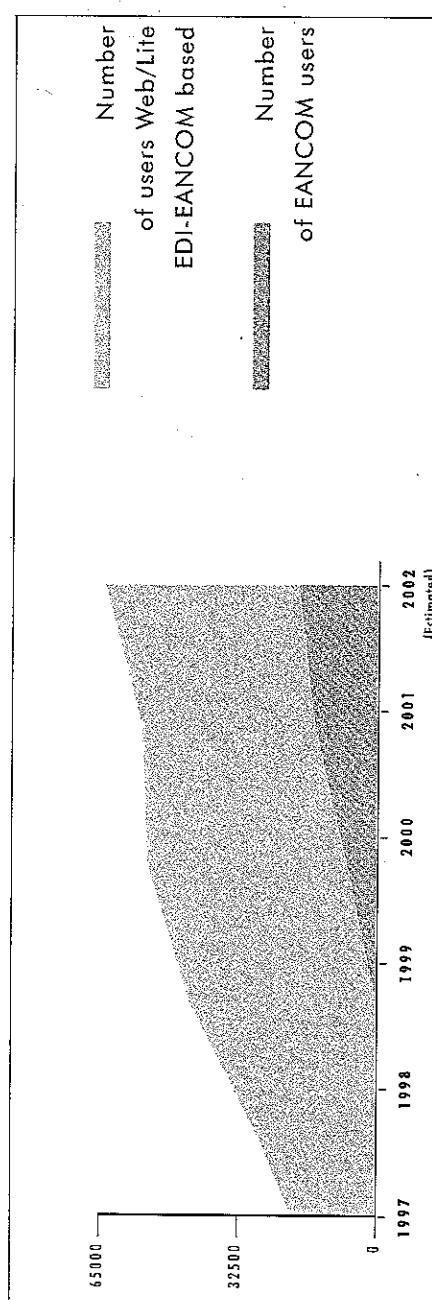
National standards	Name of project	Number of users Dec 2001	Estimated number of users Dec 2002
Argentina	XML	210	400
Austria	SEDIAS	500	200
Brazil	Others	3500	3800
	RND	8000	8000
	CNAB/Febabon	22000	22000
Chile	Customs EDIFACT	250	250
El Salvador	Customs EDI (EDIFACT)	75	200
Germany	SEDIAS	500	500
Guatemala	International Trade EDI Committee	4	20
Iceland	Custom EDIFACT	250	250
Japan	Protocol	40000	40000
Netherlands	XML	0	50
Norway	Rigat	400	400
	Standard record	2115	2115
Romania	Selbos	50	100
Singapore	EDITRANS	25	25
	EDIMAN	1100	1100
South Africa	SAANA EDI Standards	450	450
UK	Tradacoms	13500	13000
	UK EDIFACT	150	120
Slovakia	EDIFACT	9	9
TOTAL		91963	91855

Charts

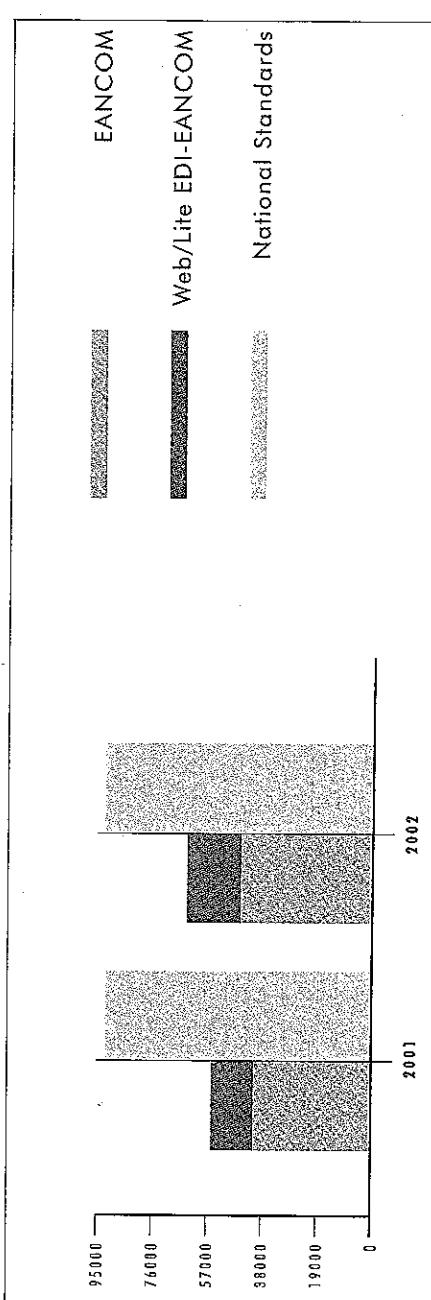
EAN membership

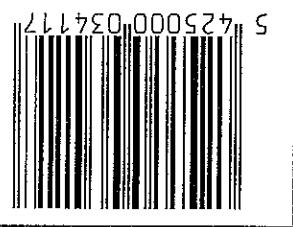


EANCOM® and Web/Lite EDI-EANCOM® based users



EDI users in the EAN community





5 425000 034117

Tel +32 10 227 10 20 Fax +32 10 227 10 21 e-mail info@ean-intl.org
Route Royale, 125 1000 Brussels Belgium

25 YEARS
INTERNATIONAL

EAN 3750
©

www.ean-intl.org