



India: Health Ministry mandates GS1 bar codes

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) of India has announced that all medical supplies procured by the MoHFW will have to comply with GS1 Standards for bar codes as of next year. The MoHFW is responsible for the procurement of drugs, medical devices and other medical supplies for government-run healthcare providers and for various national health programmes, including universal immunisation, tuberculosis control, malaria control and AIDS control.

View the MoHFW announcement at http://www.gs1.org/docs/healthcare/Use_of_GS1_bar_codes_-_by_MoH_India.pdf

UK: Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust wins European Supply Chain Excellence Award

The Trust won the category of 'Public Sector, Services & Utilities' of the 2009 European Supply Chain Excellence Award and was praised by the judges as a 'sector changing project'. Their case study is also featured in the 2009/2010 GS1 Healthcare Reference Book: See pages 26-31 at

http://www.gs1.org/docs/healthcare/GS1_Healthcare_Reference_Book_2009-2010.pdf.

GS1 UK has also just published two new case studies on how the NHS member has implemented GS1 standards and solutions.

View all GS1 Healthcare UK case studies at

http://www.gs1uk.org/solutions/health/Further_information.asp.

USA: Pilot test report of the Prototype Unique Device Identifier Database (FDA, GHX, SSS)

This pilot test was set up to assess the feasibility and usability of the Unique Device Identifier Database (UDID) prototype from initial data gathering and upload to the system to user data retrieval and export. One of the recommendations was that suppliers who participate in the GDSN could publish to their data pool which would route data to the UDID.

View the pilot test report at

<http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/UniqueDeviceIdentifiers/ucm191770.htm>.

USA: VHA Inc. and 13 of its largest health systems press FDA to include GS1 supply standards in Unique Device Identification regulations

"We strongly believe that GS1 Supply Chain standards be embedded in any UDI regulations, as they provide a global solution and would be useful in identifying both health care products and non-health care products, are recognized by other industries and can help drive down costs based on current inefficiencies in the supply chain, said Jim Francis, chairman of supply chain management, Mayo Clinic, speaking for the 13 health systems working with VHA to push for GS1 standards in healthcare. "Allowing multiple standards to remain the norm will continue to add unnecessary waste to the system, as well as reduce opportunities to increase efficiencies and increase patient safety.", said Mike Duke, senior director of supply chain services at VHA.

View the press release at <https://www.vha.com/News/PressReleases/Pages/VHApresFDAonGS1.aspx>.

USA: GS1 Healthcare US publishes new success story

GS1 US has published a new success story "EMD Serono Committed to Patient Safety" - Learn how a leading biopharmaceutical manufacturer, EMD Serono, created a robust GS1 standards-based track and trace system capable of handling its entire product line for end-to-end visibility and a more secure supply chain.

View the success story at

http://www.gs1us.org/Communities/Healthcare/HealthcareDocumentLibrary/tabid/166/DMXModule/586/Command/Core_Download/Default.aspx?EntryId=538.

Sweden: GS1 Sweden supports EFPIA anti-counterfeiting pilot

To enable verification at the point of dispense as a measure to fight counterfeiting, the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) believes mass serialisation of pharmaceuticals will become a reality in Europe over the next 4 to 5 years. EFPIA advocates the GS1 DataMatrix bar code with a unique product identifier (GTIN), batch number, expiry data and serial number, as the minimum data standard. GS1 Sweden is supporting the EFPIA pilot currently being conducted in the Stockholm area.

View the press conference at <http://www.youtube.com/user/GS1Healthcare>.

France: GS1 France supports implementation of GS1 Standards at leading hospitals

GS1 France is supporting several leading hospitals in France implementing standards-based projects. For example, the university hospital CHU Dijon in France has recently set up a traceability platform based on GS1 Standards, to track product data from receiving the products until their administration or usage. The project was supported by GS1 France.

View the video at <http://www.youtube.com/user/GS1Healthcare>.

Canada: GS1 Healthcare Canada issues two position papers

View the position statement for Canadian healthcare: "Prepare for global supply chain standards adoption" at http://www.gs1.org/docs/healthcare/Canada_Position_Paper_FINALwithsup.pdf.

View the position statement for Canadian healthcare service providers: "The time for change is now!" at http://www.gs1.org/docs/healthcare/Canada_Position_Paper_-_Service_Provider_FINALwithsup.pdf.

Solution Providers: Lawson Enterprise Applications help healthcare organisations move to GS1 Standards

The updates to version 9.0.1 of the Lawson S3 Supply Chain Management suite make it easier for a healthcare organization to adopt GS1 standards by simplifying management of "item master" files with consistent product identification numbers. This is achieved through the use of Global Trade Item Numbers (GTIN) and supporting standard location and account identifiers using the Global Location Number (GLN). This data will be used consistently, shared among healthcare providers, group purchasing organizations and suppliers that have adopted GS1 standards.

View the press release at http://www.lawson.com/wcw.nsf/pub/new_6163A7

Solution Providers: SAP launches GS1@SAP wiki

This GS1@SAP wiki area will show the rationale for SAP's support of GS1 standards, and also gather together all information about how to implement GS1 standards using SAP product. The area will link to relevant blog posts, forum questions, implementation guides, etc.

View the GS1@SAP wiki area at <https://wiki.sdn.sap.com/wiki/display/GS1/SAP+and+GS1+Standards>



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