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Supplier Excellence Checklist

Cara Operations Limited (CARA) supports industry standards that support supply chain efficiencies, including ECCnet Registry, Canada's national product registry. **To list your products with CARA, your company must adhere to the following business requirements:**

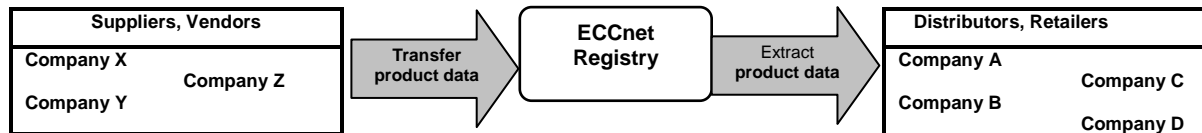
1. Register your Company Prefix Licence or contact GS1 Canada at 1.800.567.7084 ext. 3 to confirm your status. If you are not the owner of a Company Prefix Licence yet distribute other manufacturers' products, provide a Prefix Authorization Form to GS1 Canada that allows your organization to use prefixes. Visit www.gs1ca.org/e/prefixlicencing for more information.
2. Ensure that you understand bar code fundamentals. CARA requires that your products are identified with globally unique bar codes. Please ensure that you obtain a Bar Code Scan Verification Report from GS1 Canada to ensure that the bar codes printed on your products can be read the first time and every time by scanners at point-of-sale. Visit www.gs1ca.org/e/barcoding and www.gs1ca.org/e/bcsv for details.
3. Global Trade Item Numbers (GTINs) are used to identify any trade item or service. Each time that you change your products' graphics, packaging, nutritional information, or declaration to the consumer (among other characteristics), you must assign a new, unique GTIN. Review GS1 Canada's GTIN Allocation Rules – endorsed by CARA as an enabler of efficient supply chain operations. Visit www.gs1.org/gtinrules to view the GTIN Allocation Rules.
4. CARA requires that both national brand and private label product vendors provide up-to-date product images and dimensional data through GS1 Canada's ECCnet Image & Validation (ECCnet I&V) database prior to product listing. Send an up-to-date physical sample of your product(s) to ECCnet I&V for the capture of Marketing Images, Planogram Images and dimensional data, and Bar Code Scan Verification. Visit www.gs1ca.org/e/iandv for descriptions of these resources.
5. Establish a cross-functional team to designate responsibility for ECCnet Registry and other GS1 Canada offerings. Teams should be comprised of a Catalogue Captain responsible for the integrity of the data loaded into ECCnet Registry, as well as sales staff that have access to listing forms and a product development staff to manage ECCnet I&V data and images. Assigning appropriate contacts will ensure that targeted communications are reaching the correct individuals.
6. Participate in vendor education webinars to learn how to load your product data into ECCnet Registry. GS1 Canada customizes webinars according to industry, taking under consideration the specific data loading option used. Visit www.gs1ca.org/e/vendoreducation for educational offerings.
7. Eight weeks before a product is available for delivery, CARA requires that you verify the quality and accuracy of your product data and load your product data into ECCnet Registry, according to Canadian requirements. This data includes all levels of the product packaging hierarchy, including all configurations that you will present or ship to CARA and the identification of all seasonal and promotional products. For more information and to request certification of your data, contact GS1 Canada Implementation Support at 1.800.567.7084, ext. 341 or ECCnetSupport@gs1ca.org. Go to www.gs1ca.org/e/benefits for additional information.
8. Upon receipt of certification, publish your ECCnet Registry data to all your trading partners.
9. Inform your CARA representative that your product data is available in ECCnet Registry.

Regularly review your vendor scorecards for any incomplete data. GS1 Canada reviews vendor data for completeness three times a week. The fields identified as missing will be highlighted in your "Vendor Scorecard". Access your vendor scorecards in the tools section of www.mygs1ca.org.

About ECCnet Registry

ECCnet Registry is an online, standardized registry containing detailed product information to allow synchronized and electronic data exchange between trading partners. ECCnet Registry permits suppliers to maintain accurate information of the sold products in one central registry. By integrating ECCnet Registry into your business processes, product information for each product is transferred just once and ECCnet Registry facilitates the distribution of your product data to your many trading partners prior to product listing.

ECCnet Registry is provided according to a cost-recovery model by GS1 Canada, a not-for-profit organization.



Benefits for Distributors and Operators

Foodservice distributors and operators have already realized the significant benefits of using ECCnet Registry to improve supply chain processes for products, such as:

- Access to detailed information (available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week), accompanied by product images;
- Streamlines new product sourcing to meet customer requirements;
- Aligns with Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) regulations for nutritional data content;
- Increases sales – products reach the market an average of two weeks faster;
- Improves speed-to-market, enhancing marketing and customer service initiatives;
- Lessens incidences of financial order and invoice discrepancies;
- Reduces out-of-stock occurrences;
- Decreases bar code scanning errors upon receipt of goods;
- Improves logistical data for capacity planning;
- Builds a stronger foundation for collaborative, next-generation initiatives, including Electronic Product Code™/Radio Frequency Identification (EPC/RFID) technology.

Benefits for Vendors

Vendors selected ECCnet Registry as their preferred source for both front and back shop product data due to the following benefits:

- Saves time and money by eliminating duplicate processes;
- Enhances supply chain efficiencies by allowing vendors to enter their product data only once to create product listings that are available to many customers;
- Ensures data accuracy;
- Improves production forecasts by facilitating the exchange of data on demand;
- Permits faster product introductions, enhancing marketing and customer service initiatives;
- Saves vendor account management from gathering product information for new item set-ups.

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