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To our valued suppliers:

We are pleased to announce that Metro Inc. is able to scan and process 13-digit EAN bar codes in our distribution centres and at point of sale in all of our retail stores.

This capability, implemented as part of our commitment to global electronic commerce and in accordance with the 2005 Sunrise initiative, creates improved efficiencies for Metro Inc. and our suppliers. It enables Metro Inc. to offer a wider range of products to consumers without requiring you to relabel EAN-coded packaging.

If your company uses 12-digit U.P.C.s to identify your products, no change is required. Metro Inc. can still scan and process U.P.C.s.

If you have any questions about the efficiencies that 2005 Sunrise creates for your organization and the supply chain, visit the Electronic Commerce Council of Canada site at www.eccc.org/e/2005Sunrise or contact your Category Manager.

Metro Inc.