



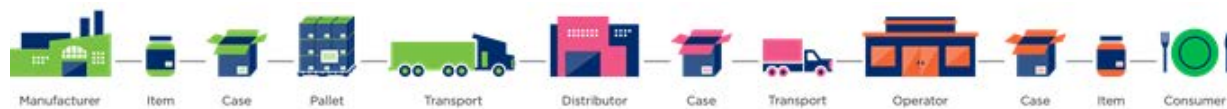
Preparing Together for the FSMA Proposed Rule for Food Traceability



Join the FSMA 204 Workgroup

GS1 Standards are widely adopted in the food supply chain and enable unique identification for critical tracking events and key data elements (CTEs/KDEs), essential for farm-to-fork traceability. Industry leaders, along with GS1 US, are coming together to determine how to leverage your existing investment in GS1 Standards to meet the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) 204 requirements. The FSMA 204 Workgroup will operate under the structure of GS1 US industry initiatives for retail grocery and foodservice.

The food industry is being asked to keep additional records of foods that are deemed high risk. Challenges can be unique for each supply chain partner.



As an upstream provider, such as a farm or fishery, do you want to influence how standards are used in upstream production? Are you concerned how the specific nuances in your supply chain processes will be considered in complying with FSMA 204?



As a manufacturer, have you considered the product data that you will be required to capture and share? Lead the conversation on the supply chain scenarios and factors that your trading partners need to consider.



As a third-party logistics or storage provider, are you letting partners know about your need for consistent data – both in and out – to support the traceability of logistics units?



As a food outlet, are you prepared for the additional data trading partners will be sending as part of the new requirements? This is an opportunity to provide input on how standardized data impacts your operations.



As an association or university, do you have best practices or research that that will help accelerate industry and want your learnings to inform the industry direction?

Together, we will leverage GS1 Standards to address future FSMA 204 requirements by:

- Mapping existing supply chain processes and assigning specific CTE/KDEs within business process examples.
- Publishing industry guidance on using GS1 Standards to meet FSMA 204 requirements, including upstream food production.
- Presenting a vision of how existing reference records and business documents can be mapped to each CTE/KDE, as requested by the FDA.

GS1 Standards have been validated by FDA and industry as the best and most effective tracing tools in the following marketplace studies and pilots:

- ["Traceability in Food Systems"](#) - The Institute of Food Technologists
- [The Produce Traceability Initiative](#)
- [Global Dialogue on Seafood Traceability](#)
- [Romaine Task Force](#)
- [Leafy Greens Task Force](#)

To participate your company needs to be a member in good standing in either [GS1 US Retail Grocery Initiative](#) or [Foodservice GS1 US Standards Initiative](#).

If you would like to join the workgroup, please contact Lucelena Angarita at LAngarita@gs1us.org to get started.

Time Commitment



The workgroup will meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 2:00 PM ET, with breakout meetings occurring in between those times. The kick-off will be held virtually on November 18th at 2:00 PM ET.

About Us

GS1 US collaborates with business and industry to encourage the adoption and use of GS1 Standards-based solutions that can help improve business processes. The standards help support many regulatory compliance requirements for a number of industries including healthcare and the food industry. Through our industry initiatives program, GS1 US collaboratively works with industries and stakeholders to address challenges and meet goals through standards-based solutions. To learn more about GS1 US and how we're collaborating with industry visit gs1us.org/new-era.

