



GS1 UK TRADACOMS policy

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- GS1 UK will continue to provide the TRADACOMS standards manual on request, but will not develop the standards any further. No new message types will be created and change requests will not be accepted. The sole exception is that modifications will be made to the standards to respond as necessary to legal or fiscal changes imposed by UK government
- GS1 UK will provide only a basic level of advice to members who are users or potential users of TRADACOMS
- GS1 UK recognises that companies will only change from TRADACOMS to a global standard if there is a business justification to do so, and that use of TRADACOMS is likely to continue
- However GS1 UK will explain to EDI users and potential users the advantages of using an international GS1 standard, and will encourage use of GS1 EANCOM and/or GS1 XML in circumstances where TRADACOMS legacy does not hold sway
- GS1 UK will tell companies that they should not use TRADACOMS for international transactions and that GS1 standards support international trade
- GS1 UK will explain and promote the use of standard GS1 identification numbers (“keys”) in TRADACOMS (in which they are optional)
- GS1 UK will publish and promote the GS1 EANCOM and GS1 XML standards and provide members with implementation support for these standards
- GS1 UK will take action to minimise the barriers to a migration from TRADACOMS to GS1 EANCOM and/or GS1 XML, for example by producing appropriate message implementation guidelines and mappings between data elements
- GS1 UK will continue to engage in international work to develop, maintain and enhance GS1 EANCOM and GS1 XML and will support, as appropriate, UK change requests submitted to the Global Standards Management Process (GSMP)

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