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1 ARAMARK DATA SYNCHRONIZATION INFORMATION

1.1 Aramark GDSN Program Overview

Aramark has streamlined the product information process by implementing Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN). The product information received through the GDSN process will be ingested and utilized within Aramark internal systems for supply chain planning, nutritional and ingredient information, marketing, promotional initiatives and more.

Suppliers will utilize the GDSN method to send item information for new items being introduced to Aramark and to send product information and updates on items already being sold to Aramark.

Review this document carefully to learn how to send item data to Aramark using GDSN.

With GDSN, high quality product content is uploaded, maintained and shared automatically, ensuring trading partners have immediate access to the most current and complete information needed to exchange products on both local and global markets.

Here are some additional resources to learn more about GDSN and its benefits:

- [GS1 GDSN Services](#)

- [1WorldSync GDSN Services](#)

1.2 Primary Data Synchronization Contact

Email: datasync@aramark.com

We encourage you to leverage 1WorldSync [Community Platform](#) to ask questions, learn from your peers and access other training and reference materials that will assist your data synchronization with Aramark.

1.3 Aramark GLN - Publish To

Production: 0861074000200

2 STEPS TO BEGIN SYNCING YOUR DATA WITH ARAMARK

2.1 Join a GDSN certified Data Pool

To send product information via the GDSN to Aramark, you will need to join a GDSN certified data pool such as 1WorldSync. Subscription fees apply.

GDSN certified data pool companies provide a secure and electronic platform to information providers such as suppliers, manufacturers, distributors, etc., to set up product information and share it with all participating trading partners including Aramark at one time.

Contact 1WorldSync at **866.280.4013** or send an email to businessdevelopment@1worldsync.com to learn more about their GDSN services.

Once you have joined a GDSN data pool, you must follow the below steps to start sending product information to Aramark via your data pool.

2.2 Implementation Steps

1. Have your accurate and complete item data loaded into your home data pool and ensure it is ready for publication.
2. Fill out the **Trading Partner Form (TPF)** on the Aramark Landing Page: https://1worldsync.com/trading-partners/aramark/
   a. A subscription will be created based on the Manufacturer's GLN shared in the TPF.
   b. A confirmation email will be sent to the supplier's primary data synchronization contact shared in the TPF.

2.3 Publication Steps

1. Aramark requests their suppliers to publish their as many Foodservice items as possible to the Aramark GLN **0861074000200**.
2. Publish type for any existing items should be "Initial Load" and for all new items "New".
3. Investigate and respond to "REVIEW" CIC responses. Aramark will provide feedback on publications using the following methods.

2.4 Catalog Item Confirmations (CIC's)

Product information shared by suppliers will need to meet Aramark's Core, Nutritional, and Image requirements on all items, to help facilitate the New Item Setup process and increase speed to market on new items.

When a publication is missing any key information required by Aramark, a REVIEW CIC message will be sent. Information providers are expected to regularly check for any REVIEW CIC messages sent back on their publication and take actions to correct them within 24-48 hours.

Type of CIC Messages:

Message Type: **RECEIVED**

- <u>What does it mean</u>: Aramark will automatically return a CIC message to the supplier of "RECEIVED". This means the Items have been received, but Aramark has NOT made any GDSN validations. This response will typically be sent once publication for a specific document has been completed.

- <u>Action needed from the information provider</u>: No action needed with respect to publication to Aramark. Continue to send regular updates for your items.

Message Type: **REVIEW**

- <u>What does it mean</u>: The item does not pass Aramark GDSN validations, or the item has failed the audit process and therefore has data discrepancies to be reviewed and addressed. Aramark will provide a reason as to why specific item hierarchy is in this state for the applicable attribution.

- <u>Action needed from the information provider</u>: Review the reason shared by Aramark in their CIC message. Based on that modify and/or correct the item data and save. This will trigger an update to Aramark with revised data.

Message Type: **SYNCHRONIZED**

- <u>What does it mean</u>: The item has been fully accepted and loaded into Aramark's internal system and will be updated as modifications and corrections occur. This response will be sent after all validations and audits have been completed.

- <u>Action needed from the information provider</u>: Continue to send regular updates on product information as changes occur for continuous synchronization.

Message Type: **REJECTED**

- <u>What does it mean</u>: Aramark no longer wants to receive publications or updates for this item to their internal back-end system or the item has been discontinued by the manufacturer or delisted by Aramark.

- <u>Action needed from information provider</u>: No action needed with respect to publication to Aramark.

3 ATTRIBUTE REQUIREMENTS

Aramark requires the following attributes on your publication:

I.   Mandatory GDSN and required 1WorldSync attributes to ensure quality and completeness.

II.   Any additional attribute that you are providing to other foodservice industry members via the GDSN.

4 APPENDIX

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- ***What is the Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN)?***

  The GDSN is an automated, standards-based global environment that enables secure and continuous data synchronization. This allows all trading partners to have consistent item data in their systems at the same time, ensuring that all parties in the supply chain are working with the same data. The GDSN helps to save time and money for all organizations by eliminating steps to correct inaccurate data.

  The GDSN enables the Global Standards One (GS1) Global Registry and a network of interoperable, certified data pools that enable data synchronization per GS1 System standards.

- ***What are the benefits of synchronizing data through the GDSN?***

  Data synchronization provides an automated method to synchronize product information, according to global industry standards, by utilizing the same format for all trade items and parties to improve accuracy. Using the GDSN can:

  - Ensure Traceability – enhance product clarity for all parties
  - Improve Visibility – foundation for traceability, enables faster response to recalls
  - Increase Supply Chain Efficiency – accurate purchase orders, faster product introduction

- ***What is the Aramark's GLN?***

  Aramark's GLN is **0861074000200**.

- ***Will new items be synchronized?***

  Yes. To onboard an item, a supplier should send a New Publication with all required data attributes for successful item setup.

- ***Is there a cost associated with subscribing to a GDSN data pool. If yes, then how much is it?***

  Yes. There is an annual fee associated with subscribing a GDSN data pool. Each data pool service provider has their own fee method/structure. Please work directly with data pools to understand the cost associated with your participation.

- *Do Aramark Suppliers have to use the same data pool provider as Aramark?*

  No. Aramark has partnered with 1WorldSync for our data pool needs, but suppliers can choose any certified data pool that best fits their needs. Please visit www.gs1.org for a listing of certified data pools.

- *If I have questions and need help, who should I contact?*

  Here are some resources you can use for help:

  Learn about GDSN data pool or join a data pool, contact 1WorldSync at businessdevelopment@1worldsync.com or 866.280.4013. 1WorldSync current

  subscribers needing support with synchronizing product information via Item Management can contact technicalsupport@1worldsync.com or 866.280.4013.