

Code of Practice for GS1 Member Organisations

Each Member Organisation admitted as a member of GS1 shall be required to comply with the following conditions:

1. It should operate within the jurisdiction of an internationally recognised state (or states) and enjoy a legal existence in that state (or states).
2. It should operate within the territory for which it was admitted as a member of GS1 by the GS1 General Assembly and until otherwise agreed by the General Assembly.
3. It should be recognised by users of GS1 standards (i.e. at least manufacturers and distributors but with the capacity to expand to include other sectors such as energy suppliers, primary suppliers, financial institutions, government bodies, etc.).
4. It should operate on a non-profit making basis and be under the control of a Board of management consisting of representatives of users of GS1 standards. If the Member Organisation is constituted as a private company, the share ownership should reflect a balance between trade and industry.
5. It should be willing to acquire the necessary technical resources and competence to carry out its role as a GS1 Member Organisation.
6. It should strive to maintain the support of users and potential users of GS1 standards and avoid provoking conflicts of interest among these groups. If such conflicts arise, it is recommended that the Member Organisation draws upon the experience of other Member Organisations who have had similar experiences.
7. It should ensure that it has read and understood the Statutes and internal regulations of GS1 and agrees with their contents.
8. It should recognise that the field of activity of a GS1 Member Organisation is not solely concerned with the registration and issuing of GS1 Company Prefixes. The Member Organisation is expected to promote the development of the GS1 System in general through the provision of education and technical support to potential and existing users of GS1 standards. It should encourage fairness and co-operation between trade and industry and avoid favouring one sector over another.
9. It should strive to achieve conformity with GS1 standards in the territory in which it operates and undertake to promptly release all agreed standards issued by GS1.
10. It should do all in its power to prevent its members from introducing rules or practices that are not in line with the international GS1 standards.
11. It should ensure that translations of the GS1 standards are accurate and that a copy of the original text of the Standards Specifications is available at all times for reference by its members.
12. It understands that compliance with this Code of Practice is a condition of its continuing membership of GS1. It also understands that severe and lasting infringement of the conditions of the Code of Practice may lead to its expulsion from GS1.

We confirm that we have fully understood and will abide by the above-mentioned conditions.

The signatory hereby declares that he/she is duly authorised to sign this Code of Practice on behalf of the GS1 Member Organisation mentioned hereafter.

GS1 Member Organisation: _____

Signed by: _____ Date: _____

Name in block capitals: _____

Function within the Organisation: _____

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