

July, 2004

Attention: E-Commerce / EDI / Supply Chain / Order Management

Dear Rite Aid Vendor:

The purpose of this letter is to convey Rite Aid's position and efforts regarding Sunrise 2005/GTIN to our valued vendors.

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If you need information or have questions about Sunrise 2005 and what this means to your organization, please visit the Uniform Code Council web site at <http://www.uc-council.org/2005sunrise/>, the Electronic Commerce Council of Canada (ECCC) web site at <http://www.eccc.org/public/learn/Survival/Documents/Sunrise2005.pdf>.

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- ❖ Any vendor requiring that Rite Aid scan EAN-13 or EAN-8 (or other) should notify us and provide updates for our item master.
- ❖ By January, 1 2005 we will support UPC-A, EAN-8 and EAN-13 symbologies.

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- ❖ Rite Aid will continue with Version 4010 and support those qualifiers available but is assessing transition to Version 5010. No changes will be made to support 'UK' qualifier to transport the GTIN value. Any further EDI questions specifically can be addressed to edi@riteaid.com.

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Questions pertaining specifically to Rite Aid regarding the Sunrise 2005/GTIN initiative may be directed by Email to edi@riteaid.com

Updates to this matter will be communicated as required.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Rite Aid Corporation
Sunrise2005 and Global Trade Identification Number (GTIN)
Question and Answers (Q & A)

Q.1: What is your definition of being Sunrise2005 compliant?

A: Systems and Applications are able to process EAN-8 and EAN-13 symbology in addition to the UPC at point-of-sale. The product identification numbers scanned for EAN-8, UPC and EAN-13 symbols are stored in their entirety.

Q.2: What is the distinction between Sunrise 2005 and GTIN compliance?

A: GTIN compliant requires Sunrise 2005 compliance PLUS the ability to process and store a 14-digit GTIN. The GTIN is a 14-digit number that is derived from the EAN-8, UPC, EAN-13 by right justifying and zero-filling left, as appropriate. Rite Aid will treat these as two separate issues and will follow the UCC recommendation to move to a 14 digit field for Sunrise 2005, but will not be fully GTIN compliant by January 1, 2005. On a case by case basis we will accommodate vendors who wish to make use of GTIN to communicate information.

Q.3: Where do I get additional information or have questions regarding the Sunrise2005/GTIN initiative?

A: Uniform Code Council and their web site <http://www.uc-council.org/Sunrise2005.pdf> is the best source of information.
Uniform Code Council, Inc.
Princeton Pike CorporateCenter
1009 Lenox Drive, Suite 202
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
609-620-0200

Q.4: What is Rite Aid's position and direction regarding Sunrise2005/GTIN?

A: Rite Aid's position was communicated in a July 2004 letter to all our vendors and can be accessed at <http://exchange.eb2b.net/riteaid/sunriseletter.html> or fax-on-demand service at 888-796-3686.

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Q.5: What data structures will Rite Aid maintain and support after Sunrise2005 compliance date of January 1, 2005?

A: Rite Aid will maintain and support the full range of EAN-8, UPC and EAN-13 data structures as required by the Sunrise 2005 compliance mandate. Rite Aid will also maintain and support the GTIN data structure for those vendors that choose to implement this as of January 1st, 2005.

GTIN Data Structure	Symbology	Digits	Supported?
EAN/UCC-8	EAN-8	8 (w/ check digit)	Yes
UCC-12	UPC-A	12 (w/ check digit)	Yes
EAN/UCC-13	EAN-13	13 (w/ check digit)	Yes
EAN/UCC-14	ITF-14	14 (w/ check digit and package indicator)	Not supported on packaging. Accepted through EDI / File transfer.
EAN/UCC-14	RSS	14 (w/ check digit and package indicator)	Not at this time
EAN/UCC-14	EPC	14 (w/ check digit and package indicator)	Not at this time

Q.6: Will Rite Aid be able to support UPC-A, EAN-8 and EAN-13 bar codes?

A: Yes.

Q.7: Will check digits be utilized and communicated?

A: Yes, but only for those vendors that require check digits. Rite Aid requires the use of the check digit for new products to validate product identification.

Q.8: Will Rite Aid communicate and support Global Trade Identification Number (GTIN)?

A: Yes.

Q.9: Will Rite Aid be able to recognize and process GTINs in all the required formats by the Sunrise deadline of January 1, 2005

A: No.

Q.10: Will Rite Aid be able to read the symbologies of ITF-14, and RSS?

A: Not at this time, but in the future.

Q.11: Where can I get more information or if I have questions regarding Rite Aid and Sunrise 2005?

A: Please email to sunrise2005@riteaid.com

Q.12: Will Rite Aid be supporting a Data Synchronization program in connection with Sunrise2005/GTIN?

A: No. Data synchronization is a separate effort and will be addressed separately in future initiatives.

Q.13: Will Rite Aid's EDI transaction support the Sunrise2005 initiative?

Rite Aid will continue with Version 4010 and support those qualifiers available but is assessing transition to Version 5010 in early 2005. No changes will be made to support 'UK' qualifier to transport the GTIN value at this time. In an EDI message there is a Qualifier Code that identifies the information following that code. The following are the only EDI Qualifiers to be utilized. The qualifier Rite Aid sends in the Purchase Order is expected in the returning ASN and Invoice. Any further EDI questions specifically can be addressed to edi@riteaid.com.

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EDI Qualifiers: Purchase Orders

PO106	235	Product / Service ID Qualifier	(one of the following) UA UI VN <u>UK</u> UP EN EO	M	ID	2/2	UPC/EAN Case Code (2-5-5) UPC CPC (1-5-5) Vendor's Item Number EAN-UCC 14 GTIN (1-2-5-5-1) UPC UCC 12 (1-5-5-1) EAN-UCC 13 GTIN (2-5-5-1) EAN-UCC 8 GTIN (Not in Version 4010)
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Q.14: Will Sunrise2005 impact the way Rite Aid scan and receives products at the DC's?

A: No. Shipments received at the DC's are currently scanned at the item level and this will continue for the present-day.

REVISED NEW ITEM MAINTENANCE FORM

The new item/item maintenance form has been revised to accommodate Rite Aid's support of EAN-8 and EAN-13 data, as required by the Sunrise 2005 compliance mandate, in addition to the UPC.

Additional spacing has been added in the Alternate ID section and is labeled specifically EAN-8 and EAN-13. A new selection has also been added next to the I.D. number, labeled Preferred I.D. This allows you to indicate the preferred or primary number to be scanned when there are multiple I.D numbers per item.

Please destroy all copies of old forms and begin using this new form immediately. Look for the "revised 9/04" in the lower right corner to confirm you are using the correct form.

Revisions have also been made to all the procedure documents in support of these changes.

Rite Aid Corporation
Item Integrity Department

**New Item Form Procedures
Vendor Information**

Field Name	Pallets
Required/Optional	Required
Description	The number of selling units per pallet
Values	Numeric. Enter zero if there are no available shipping multiples.

Field Name	Layers
Required/Optional	Required
Description	The number of selling units per layer
Values	Numeric. Enter zero if there are no layers.

Field Name	Long Description
Required/Optional	Required
Description	The description of the item, not to exceed 26 characters. This is the description that will appear on all reports as well as communications to stores and store shelf labels. Abbreviations should be clear and consistent so that store personnel and customers recognize the item.
Values	26 characters describing the item.

Field Name	Size
Required/Optional	Required
Description	The size field is a numeric field, which represents the actual size or capacity of one selling unit of the item.
Values	For most front end items, the value is 1 (one)

Field Name	Size UOM
Required/Optional	Required
Description	The Size UOM (Unit of Measure) together with the size field numeric) completes the size description for one selling unit of the item. Example: 1 Each
Values	Valid entries are: EA =Each PT =Pint GA =Gallon OZ =Ounce LB =Pound QT =Quart

Field Name	Perishable Code
Required/Optional	Required
Description	The perishable code is used to identify the shelf life of certain items, which are perishable or short-dated to assist the Distribution Centers in receiving and rotating these items. Most often used for food, candy, tobacco, and nutritional supplements.
Values	Valid entries are: Y =Yes N =No D =Perishable after a specified number of days. If selected, the Perishable Days field must be completed.

Field Name	Perishable Days
Required/Optional	Required if Perishable Code D is selected
Description	The number of days after which an item becomes perishable.
Values	The number of days.

Field Name	Open Dated
Responsibility	Category Manager/Buyer
Required/Optional	Required
Description	This field is used to identify items that have a readable expiration date printed

	on product. This field will be used to generate an indicator on the POS store shelf label to assist store personnel in product rotation.
Values	Yes or No

Field Name	Cost
Required/Optional	Required
Description	The cost represents the initial Purchase Order cost for the item.
Values	The field can accommodate 5 numeric positions before the decimal point and 4 numeric positions after the decimal point.

Field Name	Cost UOM
Required/Optional	Required
Description	The Cost UOM (Unit of Measure) identifies how the purchase order cost is calculated.
Values	Valid entries are: CS =Case IP =Inner Pack DZ =Dozen PC = Piece

Field Name	PO UOM
Required/Optional	Required
Description	The Purchase Order Unit of Measure identifies how the item is ordered.
Values	Valid entries are: CS =Case IP =Inner Pack DZ =Dozen PC =Piece

Field Name	Min Order Qty
Required/Optional	Optional
Description	The minimum order quantity indicates the smallest order quantity acceptable to the vendor on a single purchase order.
Values	A number up to 7 digits

Field Name	Case Pack
Required/Optional	Required
Description	The case pack quantity represents the number of pieces in one case of this item.
Values	A number up to 5-digits

Field Name	Cube
Responsibility	Category Manager/Buyer
Description	The volume of one UOM of this item.
Values	Numeric

Field Name	Cube UOM
Required/Optional	Required
Description	The cube unit of measure represents the measurement of the cube in feet, inches, or yards.
Values	CF = Cubic Feet

Field Name	Weight
Required/Optional	Required
Description	The weight of one shipping unit of measure.
Values	Numeric

Field Name	Weight UOM
Required/Optional	Required

Description	The weight measurement of the shipping unit.
Values	Valid entries are: LB =Pound

Field Name	INR (Inner Pack)
Required/Optional	Optional
Description	The Inner Pack indicates the number of pieces contained in an individual package within a case. If not entered, the system will default this with the case pack quantity.
Values	A number up to 5 digits.

Field Name	Alternate ID/Type
Required/Optional	Required
Description	<p>The alternate ID contains the valid numbers used to identify this item in various systems. There are five types of valid entries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UPC=The Universal Product Code which is required for all front-end items. An item cannot be added to the item database without a UPC. <p>Note: Provide the 11-digit UPC starting with the number found to the extreme left of the bar code and the 10 numbers following. Do not include the number found to the extreme right of the bar code, which is the check digit.</p> <p>For suppressed UPC, provide the 7-digit UPC starting with the number found to the extreme left of the bar code and the 6 numbers following. Do not include the number found to the extreme right of the bar code, which is the check digit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EAN-8=The European Article Numbering to be used by any vendor requiring the 8 digit number (7 digits plus a check digit) and barcodes at the point of sale. • EAN-13=The European Article Numbering to be used by any vendor requiring the 13 digit number (12 digits plus a check digit) and barcodes at the point of sale. • NDC=The National Drug Code is required for all Rx Items and for all OTC items that have an NDC code assigned. <p>Note: Provide the 11-digit NDC starting with the number found to the extreme left of the bar code and the 10 numbers following. Do not include the number found to the extreme right of the bar code, which is the check digit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFI=The Manufacturer's Item Code represents the product code used by the vendor.
Values	Enter the valid numbers for this product indicating which it represents under the heading of " TYPE ".

Field Name	Preferred I.D.
Responsibility	Category Manager/Buyer
Required/Optional	Required
Description	This allows you to indicate the preferred or primary identifier to be scanned when there are multiple I.D numbers per item.

Values	Valid entries are: P = Preferred
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Field Name	Alternate UOM
Required/Optional	Required
Description	The Alternate Unit of Measure represents the unit of measure for each valid Alternate ID
Values	Valid entries are: PC =Piece CS =Case IP =Inner Pack

Field Name	Vendor P.O. ID
Required/Optional	Required
Description	The vendor indicator identifies the Alternate ID to appear on vendor Purchase Orders. Only one Alternate ID can be selected.
Values	Place a Y in the appropriate column.

Field Name	Item Cost Information
Required/Optional	Required
Description	PO Cost =The Purchase Order Cost MFG SRP =Manufacturer suggested retail (if applicable)
Values	PO Cost =The field can accommodate 5 numeric positions before the decimal point and 4 numeric positions after the decimal point. MFG SRP =The field can accommodate 5 numeric positions before the decimal point and 2 numeric positions after the decimal point.

When all information has been entered, sign the form in the space next to VENDOR and complete the DATE.

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