

HDA GTIN Repository Service

Frequently Asked Questions – edited February 1, 2016

We are interested in learning more about the GTIN Repository Service. How can we receive full product specifications and pricing?

The recent announcement of the collaboration between HDA and ValueCentric to develop a GTIN Repository Service is just the beginning. We are currently in the process of developing, naming, and packaging the service. There will be further information available as the project moves forward. That information will be available on hda.org and valuecentric.com as well as through other communications channels that inform supply chain stakeholders.

Those interested in being early adopters are especially welcome. Bill Henderson at ValueCentric is the primary point of contact. Reach him at Bill.Henderson@ValueCentric.com

When will the service be available?

The service is targeted for release in the third quarter of 2017. HDA and ValueCentric intend to have pricing and subscription information available before then to be shared at upcoming industry events and through the inquiry process.

Will there be a cost to subscribe to the service?

There will be a one-time implementation fee (that includes setup and training) and an annual subscription fee to belong to the service for data providers (usually manufacturers), data users (distributors and other downstream trading partners) and their relevant service providers. The cost will be competitive and commensurate with a company's volume of data provided or consumed.

Will this service be GDSN-compliant?

While the very first release of the service will not include GDSN integration, that capability is being strongly considered for future releases, based on the feedback from our member companies.

Why did HDA decide to develop its own repository rather than consider working with a supplier who had some commercially available features?

HDA carefully considered many options before deciding to co-develop its own service. The traceability implementation timeline mandated under DSCSA has several milestones that would

be difficult to meet without industry being able to access and use complete and accurate master data. A primary focus of the service is to efficiently develop and deliver a solution to support the DSCSA requirements of the pharmaceutical supply chain.

Additionally, there are necessary services we need that are not part of currently existing products. These involve real-time data customer service error resolution and the prospect of future buildouts of services, with needs very specific to the DSCSA.

As announced, is this service simply going to be a look-up repository for GTIN numbers?

It will be much more. The service will integrate a problem-resolution, customer support workflow as a basic function. DSCSA legislates that no product can be received without a completed data transaction being processed *prior to or at the time of receipt*. Input from our members in the distribution community pointed out that, should unidentifiable product arrive on a loading dock, it is not enough to simply register the mismatch. Instead, the service will be designed to reach out to the party responsible for the data in the repository, to correct the error, and to communicate the correction to all other participants so that they do not encounter the same problem.

What is the future direction of this service?

With a committee of our members, representing both large and mid-size wholesalers and drug manufacturers, we are developing a vision of this service for the future that will incorporate additional features that have been on our planning slate. Expect a statement of direction from us along with the product's detailed announcement.