



Implementation Guide for Traceability of Fresh Fruits & Vegetables



HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ The guideline Serves as best practice to implement traceability in Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Industry
- ✓ The document provides a guide for fresh produce growers, packers, exporters/importers and distributors
- ✓ It is based on the GS1 Global Traceability Standard (GS1 GTS)

Traceability for Fresh Fruits and vegetables

Traceability is a business process that enables trading partners to follow products as they move from field through to retail store or food service operator.

Each Traceability partner must be able to identify the direct source (supplier) and direct recipient (customer) of product. The first priority of traceability is to protect the consumer through faster and more precise identification of implicated product. This is critical if the product must be withdrawn from the supply chain.

How can the guideline be used?

The guide serves as a blueprint for implementing traceability in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Industry. It is based on GS1 global standards for supply chain management and product identification.

GS1 standards

GS1 is a global standard organisation active in over 100 countries. It is dedicated to the design and implementation of global standards for use in the supply chain. These standards provide a framework that allows products, services and information about them to move efficiently and securely for the benefit of businesses and the improvement of people's lives, everyday, everywhere.

GS1 standards make traceability systems possible on a global scale no matter how many companies are involved or how many borders are crossed as food and food ingredients travel from one end of the supply chain all the way to the consumer

GS1 standards can play a vital role in product recalls. Because they are global, reaching from one end of the supply chain to the other, they ensure immediate access to accurate information, which enables swift, comprehensive recalls.

Target audience

The guide is intended for those responsible for implementing traceability in their company's operations and supply chain. The document provides a guide for fresh produce growers, packers, exporters/importers and distributors. Individual organisations may perform any combinations of these roles.

Developed by Industry

The guide has been developed following an organised and thorough process, the Global Standard Management Process (GSMP). It was developed by users representing all parts of the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable supply.

It is based on the GS1 Traceability Standard (GTS)

This fresh fruit & vegetable guideline is based on the GS1 Global Traceability Standard (GTS). Developed by industry, the standard defines the globally accepted method for uniquely identifying:

- Trading parties (your supplier, your own company, your customer..etc)
- Trading locations (Can be any physical location such as a warehouse, packing line, storage facility, receiving dock or store)
- The products your company uses or creates
- The Logistics units your company receives or ships
- Inbound and outbound shipments

More information on the GTS at www.GS1.org

Covers each major supply chain role

For each of the actors, fundamental questions were covered such as how a company is identified uniquely, how does a company identify its products in the supply chain, what traceability

information is needed...Etc as well as best practices and business scenarios

- **For Growers**

What essential information that growers should record to enable an efficient traceability?

- **For Packers/Re-packers**

Packers/re-packers must maintain records of products information that is critical for traceability

- **For Distributors/Traders**

Distributors/traders must capture product information from their supplier companies.

- **Foodservice Operators/ Retail Stores**

Ensure unique product identification across all of a supplier's product configuration and uniqueness across all sources of supply chain

Where to get a copy?

Electronic copy is available to download on the GS1 website at <http://www.gs1.org/gsmc/kc/traceability>

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