

Terms and Conditions of the GS1 Member Licence Agreement with GS1 Malta covering the use of GTIN Number.

Any Reference of "GTIN Number" means the GS1 Company Prefix (GCP) allocated to You and the corresponding Global Trade Item Number and Data provided by you.

The following terms and conditions apply to the licence to use the GTIN Number granted by GS1 Malta to the licensee. Use of the GTIN Numbers constitutes agreement by the licensee to these terms & conditions that may lead to termination of the licence.

1. Definitions

The following definitions will apply within these terms and conditions:

- 1.1 "**Business Day**" means any day of the week except Saturday, Sunday or a national public holiday.
- 1.2 "**GS1**" Means the GS1 Malta, a Maltese-constituted body,
- 1.3 "**Data Provider**" "Any party providing data, including, without limitation, a brand owner, a distributor and an importer, as well as any designee of the brand owner authorised to create, maintain, manage and/or deliver Data on behalf of such brand-owner (e.g. content providers).
- 1.4 "**Intellectual Property**" means patents, registered designs, utility models, trademarks, applications for any of the foregoing, inventions, unregistered trademarks, copyright, confidential information, know-how processes and trade secrets and other intellectual property, and equivalents of any of the foregoing anywhere in the world and includes Trade Marks.
- 1.5 "**Licence**" Means the licence granted by GS1 Malta to You to use the **GTIN Numbers**.
- 1.6 "**Licensee**" Means You.
- 1.7 "**Products**" Means the products manufactured and/or distributed and; /or sold by You.
- 1.8 "**Registration Form**" Means the GS1 Malta registration form whereby persons apply to become members of GS1 and for the issue of **GTIN Numbers**.
- 1.9 "**Terms and conditions**" means these terms and conditions as varied from time to time by GS1 Malta in accordance with Clause 9.
- 1.10 "**Trade Marks**" Means the trademarks associated with GS1 And/or the GTIN.UCC numbering system.
- 1.11 "**You**" means the person, company, corporation or other A legal entity that has signed the Registration Form applying for membership of GS1 Malta and the issuance of GTIN numbers. "Your" has a corresponding meaning.

2. Grant Licence.

If GS1 Malta accepts your application for membership in GS1 Malta and agrees to also issue You with GTIN Numbers, GS1 Malta also grants You a nonexclusive non-transferable license to use these GTIN numbers in connection with the supply and sale of Your products. The Licence will commence on the date that GS1 Malta issues You with Your GTIN numbers and will continue until terminated as provided in Clause 15.

3. Commencement Date

These and conditions come into effect once the document is signed

4. Register of Members

A Register of Members shall be maintained, containing the names, addresses, and nature of business of all members. Upon becoming a GS1 member, individuals or entities will be registered in both the GS1 Malta and GS1 Global Registry. Unless explicitly advised otherwise, member data will be publicly listed, indicating either active or inactive status.

Members who cease their membership for any reason shall have their status marked as **inactive** in the Register. Sole traders' details will be listed in the Register unless they specifically request exclusion.

5. Fees

- 5.1 You will pay GS1 Malta an annual Membership fee. The Membership fee must be paid by You to GS1 Malta in full by no later than the date stipulated by GS1 from time to time.
- 5.2 As at the commencement of the Licence, the annual Membership Fee amount is as specified to you by GS1 Malta. GS1 Malta may, from time to time, increase or decrease the amount of the Membership fee.
- 5.3 In case of upgrades and/or downgrades in the membership category, an administrative fee will be charged.
- 5.4 Where Products bearing GTIN Numbers issued to You are already in the marketplace at the time of termination of the Licence, notwithstanding such termination, You will remain liable for a fee equivalent to the membership fee for the period that those Products remain in the marketplace.
- 5.5 You will pay interest at the prevailing commercial rate on any amount due and not paid within the timeframe required by the licence.

6. Membership Contributions

- 6.1 Members are to pay their membership subscription or other periodic contributions in accordance with the regulations which the Board of Directors establishes from time to time.
- 6.2 These contributions must be, at the very least, sufficient to render GS1 Malta a financially viable and independent entity and to fully meet the operational requirements of a GS1 Malta
- 6.3 Member Organisation as determined from time to time in GS1 Rules and Regulations in general and its Harmonisation and Quality Assessment Programmes in particular.
- 6.4 Membership fees are to be paid annually in advance.
- 6.5 Payment of annual subscriptions is due on January 1st each year and must be made by March 31st at the latest. Failure to do so will result in interest charges in accordance with EU law

7. Cessation of membership

- 7.1 A member is free to resign from the Association at any time, provided that this is done by means of a complete Resignation form. However, any resignation which is received during the year, will not exempt the member from paying the subscription for the year within which the resignation is tendered unless agreed otherwise with the GS1 Malta team.
- 7.2 A member who, notwithstanding having been notified by GS1 Malta after the 1st of June his membership subscription has fallen due, still fails to pay such a subscription within a month from notification thereof, will have his name inactive from the Register of Members of GS1 Malta and this without prejudice to any

arrears of any subscription owed by him to the Association as at the time. Continued use of GS1 Malta's products and/or services after such resignation shall be considered as a breach of the laws governing copyright and/or trademarks.

7.3. For this clause, a e-mail/letter is sent to the indicated by the member on the application form shall be deemed sufficient confirmation of notification.

7.4. In the case of the use of barcoding, any member who decides to resign from the Association, shall ensure that no products featuring a barcode with a prefix issued by GS1 Malta is present in the market. Companies will be liable to pay GS1 Malta a fee equivalent to the annual Licence fee for The period that those products remain in the marketplace.

8. Your Conduct

8.1. You will not at any time during the term of the Licence, or after its termination, be a party to any act, matter or thing whereby GS1's goodwill, trade or business may be prejudicially affected or brought into disrepute.

8.2. You will abide by and comply with the technical standards set out in the GS1 Malta guidelines and/or manuals and/or rules set out in GS1 Malta's website and such other directions as GS1 may give from time to time.

8.3. You will permit inspection of your operations and products which relate to the GTIN Numbers at regular intervals to ensure that these terms and conditions are being observed and complied with.

8.4. You will provide GS1 Malta with all Product Data to which You have allocated.

8.5. Data Provider has consented to share the Data with third parties through a service made available globally by GO and GS1 Malta. Such consent may be express or implied (sharing the Data with the global service is the default setting) provided it is unambiguous and valid under local law.

8.6. Data Provider guarantee that the Data:
(i) originates from, is authorised, or approved (validated) by the Data Provider.

(ii) does not violate any third-party rights, including privacy rights, copyrights, trademarks, patents or other intellectual property rights of any third party, or violates any applicable laws or regulations;

8.7. All data submitted to the GS1 Malta will be validated against and must comply with the data validation rules set in the GS1 General Specifications and the Global Data Dictionary. The Data Provider is liable for the quality of the data and neither GS1 Global office nor GS1 Malta may be held liable for the quality of the Data.

9. Use of GTIN Numbers and other Intellectual Property

9.1. You are only entitled to use the GCP and corresponding Data that you submitted to GS1 MALTA. You must not use any numbers issued by GS1 to any other person. You must not use any numbers which purport to be issued by GS1 or that copy the GTIN.UCC numbering system. You will only use the GTIN Numbers allocated with you GCP issued to You in connection with the manufacture, sale and identification of Your Products.

9.2. You will not alter the GPC and Data provided by you in any way.

9.3. You recognise GS1's title to the GTIN Numbers and related Intellectual property and shall not at any time do or suffer to be done any act or thing which may in any way impair GS1's rights in the GCP and data provided by you or related Intellectual Property.

9.4. You will not permit anyone else to use or display the GCP and its corresponding GTIN Numbers issued to You.

9.5. You shall not at any time, either during the term of this Licence or after termination, directly or indirectly:

(i) Challenge call into question or raise any questions concerning

the validity or ownership of the GTIN Numbers or related Intellectual Property; or

(ii) Use or seek registration of any Intellectual Property including any design which incorporates or includes, or is substantially identical to, or deceptively or confusingly similar to, the GTIN Numbers or related Intellectual Property without GS1 Malta's prior written consent.

9.6. You will ensure that all proprietary notices that GS1 Malta may require from time to time, appear on the Products.

9.7. You shall abide by the **GS1 GTIN Management Standard and Verified by GS1 validation** made available to you in the form of manuals/URLs/website or any other form which GS1 Malta may from time to time determine

9.8. GS1 Prefix and GTINs used for **Unique Device Identifiers(UDI)**. Please refer to the attached appendix, which forms an integer part of these Terms and conditions.

10. Use of GTIN Numbers and Trademarks for Marketing and Promotional Purposes

10.1. GS1 Malta understands that in the marketing and promotion of the Products, you may also wish to use the GTIN Numbers and the Trademarks. Your only rights to use the GTIN Numbers and the Trademarks on marketing and promotional materials are specified in this clause.

10.2. GS1 Malta must be given prior written notice of Your desire to use the GTIN Numbers and Trademarks in marketing and promotional materials. You may only use the GTIN Numbers and/or Trademarks if GS1 Malta gives its approval by written notice to such use (such approval to be granted or withheld in GS1 Malta's sole discretion). You will submit samples of the proposed marketing and promotional materials to GS1 Malta for approval at least 15 Business Days prior to the intended date of publication.

10.3. If You are permitted to use the Trademarks for marketing and promotional materials, you must ensure that the Trademarks are correctly reproduced.

11. Intellectual Property Infringement

In the event that it comes to Your notice that:

- (a) there is an infringement or suspected infringement of the Intellectual Property in the GTIN Numbers or the Trademarks; or
- (b) the GTIN Numbers infringe or are suspected of infringing the intellectual property rights of others

You will promptly notify GS1 Malta in writing. GS1 Malta will have control over any steps GS1 Malta may wish to take in relation to the suspected infringement and all such steps will be at GS1 Malta's cost. You will provide information and assistance in respect of such suspected infringement as GS1 Malta reasonably requests.

12. Variation of Terms and Conditions

GS1 Malta has the right to vary these terms and conditions at any time by giving written notice to You. Any such variation notified by GS1 Malta shall take effect immediately (unless a later date is in the notice).

13. Compliance with the GS1 Malta Statute

As long as You remain a member of GS1 Malta, you must comply with the Statute of GS1 Malta.

14. Survival

Acknowledgements contained in certain clauses shall remain in force and effect after the termination or expiry of the Licence for any reason and shall not be deemed waived, merged or extinguished upon such termination or expiry.

15. Indemnity

You agree to indemnify GS1 Malta against claims, suits, losses, or costs suffered or incurred by GS1 Malta as a result of Your conduct, your use of the GTIN Numbers, and any breach of these terms and

conditions by You (except to the extent GS1 Malta causes or contributes to the claims, suits, losses, damages or costs).

16. Confidentiality

You will always keep confidential and secure, and not exploit or misuse, any information of GS1 Malta's which is identified as or would reasonably be expected to be, proprietary, confidential commercially sensitive. You will only disclose that information the extent:

- a) necessary to perform Your obligations under the Licence and on a "need-to-know" basis only;
- b) GS1 Malta authorises it in writing; or
- c) As required by law.

17. Assignment and Sublicenses

You shall not assign, transfer or sublicense Your rights and obligations under the Licence.

18. Termination

18.1 GS1 Malta shall have the right to terminate the Licence immediately by giving notice if:

- I. You fail to pay the annual GS1 Malta Membership Fee by its due date.
- II. You commit a Breach of Your obligations under these terms and conditions and/or under the GS1 Malta Statute.
- III. You are declared bankrupt, go into liquidation, have a receiver or statutory manager appointed, or (being a company) are wound up otherwise than for the purpose of a reconstruction; or
- IV. GS1 Malta ceases to hold the necessary Licence rights to issue GTIN Numbers in Malta.
- V. If data is found to be causing harm to GS1 Malta or to third parties (including by temporarily suspending or definitively blocking the Data from its local service and the GS1 Registry Platform).

18.2 Either GS1 Malta or You may otherwise terminate this Licence in any circumstances as per Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the GS1 Malta Statute.

15.3 Termination of this Licence does not relieve either GS1 Malta or You from liability arising from any prior breach of the terms of this Licence.

19. Consequences of Termination

On termination of this Licence, your rights under this Licence shall terminate and You will immediately comply with the following.

- 19.1 Cease all direct and indirect use of the GCP and corresponding GTIN Numbers and related Intellectual Property.
- 19.2 Return (without retaining copies thereof) all material, notes, data, instructions and other papers, samples, materials and property GS1 Malta has supplied or other items which contain GS1's confidential information or Intellectual Property relating to the GTIN Numbers; and
- 19.3 Cease applying the GTIN Numbers to any of Your products manufactured, distributed, or sold by You after the termination date.
- 19.4 GS1 Malta shall continue to keep the GTIN, Product Description, and Global Product Classification (non-proprietary) information about the GTIN for internal purposes and shall have the right to make third parties aware of the expiry of the rights of Data Provider in the GTIN, if applicable.

20. Dispute Resolution

Where any dispute arises in relation to the Licence or any

matter arising under it, GS1 Malta and You will make genuine efforts to resolve the dispute by negotiation. Nothing in this clause prevents either GS1 Malta or You from applying to a court for urgent relief.

21. Notices

All notices and other communications required under this Licence shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally, by post, or sent by fax transmission. Any such notice shall be deemed given when so delivered personally, or if sent by fax transmission on the next following business day, or the next day after sending by post within Malta. Notices for You will be sent to the address specified on your Certificate of Membership (or such other address as You may notify GS1 Malta of from time to time). Notices for GS1 Malta must be sent to the Chief Executive of GS1 Malta at GS1 Malta's address as notified to You from time to time.

22. General Legal Provisions

- 22.1 The terms and conditions are governed by the Laws of Malta.
- 22.2 No waiver, extension or excuse (as the case may be) shall be deemed to arise unless it is in writing and signed by the relevant party providing it.
- 22.3 If any provision contained in these terms and conditions is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, it shall be severable, shall be deemed to be deleted from these terms and conditions and shall not affect the validity or enforceability of other provisions in these terms and conditions.

23. Data Protection

- 23.1 Data protection officer: Personal data obtained by GS1 Malta in relation to individuals are processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018(CAP.586). GS1 Malta's data protection officer is the Chief Executive Officer and can be contacted at:

GS1 Malta, "IVY House", 150, Suite 1,
Canon Road, St. Venera SVR 9034
T +356 21 33 72 25/8
E info@gs1mt.org www.gs1mt.org

- 23.2 Use of personal data: GS1 Malta uses data obtained from members for general administration purposes, including but not limited to, building up a database of members and invoicing members. From time to time, unless an individual member or an individual representative of a member indicates that they would not like to receive such information, GS1 Malta may use the contact details of such individuals to contact them by post, fax, email or telephone to brief them about GS1 activities and developments relevant to their membership of GS1 Malta.

The organisations to which GS1 may disclose information include:

- GS1 related companies
- GS1 professional advisers, including GS1 lawyers, accountants and auditors;
- Service providers, contractors and agents who manage the services GS1 provide to You;
- Your authorised representatives or legal advisers;
- Government and regulatory authorities and other organisations, as required or authorised by law.
- GS1 may also disclose Your name and company contact details to persons enquiring as to who has been allocated a particular GTIN. UCC prefix.

23.3 Access to personal data: According to the Act, individuals have the right, subject to certain exceptions, to receive a copy of any information GS1 Malta holds about them. Individuals seeking such information should apply to GS1 Malta's data protection officer.

23.4 Use of Your personal information: GS1 Malta takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the personal information collected, used and disclosed is accurate, complete and up-to-date. While GS1 Malta will not sell Your personal information to third-party organisations, from time to time GS1 Malta may make details about your usage of GTIN Numbers available to other parties including but not limited to other GS1 offices

23.5 All new members will be recommended to attend a Basics of Barcoding Training Seminar.

How to contact GS1

If You have any questions in relation to privacy, please contact GS1 Malta on:
Tel: + 356 21337225 between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday, or write to:
GS1 Malta, "IVY House", 150, Suite 1, Canon Road, St. Venera SVR 9034, info@gs1mt.org

GS1 Malta Member Details:

I, holder of Identity Card number _____

And residing at _____

acting on behalf of the below-mentioned company as duly authorised/acting on my own personal capacity, declare that I am authorised to bind the Company/bind myself, to abide by the applicable terms found in the Statute and Terms and Conditions of GS1 Malta as well as any amendments thereto that may occur from time to time following approval at a General Meeting of the same GS1 Malta.

Company Name: _____

Signature: _____

Name in block letters: _____ Designated: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX A:

Tick if Not applicable

The Use of UDI

GS1 Prefix used for unique identification of medical devices (“Unique Device Identifiers” or “UDI”)

1. Member understands that GS1Malta is a member of the global GS1 organisation (“**GS1 Global Office**”), which has been accredited by certain regulatory agencies as an issuer of UDIs and, in that capacity, both are subject to certain regulatory obligations (e.g. reporting of companies that use the GS1 standards for unique identification of medical devices).
2. Member understands that when it uses GS1 Prefix to identify a product that may be characterised as a medical device under the laws of the country where such product is marketed (a “**Medical Device**”), the following rules shall apply:
 - (a) upon applying for a license Member must inform GS1Malta if GS1 Prefix will be used to identify a Medical Device and in which country the related product will be marketed;
 - (b) Member is and shall at all times remain responsible for the information about the Medical Device provided by it to GS1Malta and for compliance with any applicable regulatory obligations and shall ensure any information provided to MO is accurate and up to date at all times;
 - (c) GS1Malta may monitor the correct implementation of the GS1 Standards by Member;
 - (d) In case GS1Malta identifies a Deficiency (as defined in section 3 below), GS1Malta may inform Member in writing (addressed to Member’s usual contact person) of such Deficiency, suggesting a way to correct the Deficiency and requiring Member to correct such Deficiency within 90 calendar days from the date of the notification (the “**Correction Period**”).
 - (e) [GS1 MO] may monitor whether Member has corrected a Deficiency within the Correction Period. Failing such correction, at the latest eight (8) calendar days after expiry of the Correction Period, GS1Malta may contact Member again and seek to amicably resolve the Deficiency.
 - (f) If the Deficiency is not corrected within an additional period of 90 days from the expiry of the Correction Period and pertains to a repeated and/or deliberate misuse of the GS1 Standards related to UDI, GS1 Global Office, working with the GS1 MO, may inform the regulator and modify the use (incl. suspension and revocation) of the GS1 Company Prefix for UDI implementation in the relevant jurisdiction, as a follow-up action taken in cooperation with the relevant regulator.
 - (g) Member acknowledges and agrees that GS1Malta must, in the context of its regulatory obligations, share certain information with the relevant regulators either directly or via GS1 Global Office, including without limitation: the fact that Member uses the GS1 Prefix to identify Medical Devices market in the regulator’s country, the GS1 Prefix the name of Member’s company, as well as any identified and uncorrected Deficiencies. Member understands that neither GS1Malta nor GS1 Global Office may be held liable for any direct or indirect consequences, losses or damages resulting from GS1Malta and/or GS1 Global Office providing such information to a regulator.

For this section, a “**Deficiency**” means any of the following: a misconstruction of the identifier, a mismatch between the name of the company holding the license for the GS1 Key and the company using the GS1 Key or any other inaccurate, incomplete or outdated information

Company Name: _____

Signature: _____

Name in block letters: _____ Designated: _____

Date: _____