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Valued EDI Trading Partner

Topic: Corporate Brands GTIN Conversion and 5010 Version Upgrade Information

Kroger’s Primary Communication Information:

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Kroger Corporate Brands has contacted you in regards to converting private label (PL) UPC codes to GTIN values. In addition to converting PL items to GTINs, you will need to upgrade to version 5010 for EDI (if this has not already been completed). Because Kroger handles both GTIN and UPC values in version 5010, you can convert to version 5010 prior to converting the PL items to GTINs. Upgrading to version 5010 ahead of time reduces the number of changes that need to be made when you do the PL GTIN conversion, because the 5010 maps will already accommodate the change from UPCs to GTINs. If your EDI processing is handled internally, please check with your EDI Department to verify if the 5010 version upgrade has been completed already.

If you have not converted to version 5010 and are interested in upgrading our EDI relationship before your scheduled PL GTIN conversion date, please contact edi@kroger.com to schedule a 5010 version upgrade. Please note: If the 5010 conversion is conducted prior to the PL item GTIN conversion, you will immediately start receiving a 14 character GTIN for PL items even if it is not the correct GTIN. Once the PL item conversion has been completed, you will then begin receiving the correct GTIN value.

Please review our [5010 maps](#) posted at our EDI Website.

EDI Testing:

- Kroger **CANNOT** do EDI testing – due to the number of EDI Trading Partners/Suppliers we have
- Kroger will monitor EDI activity very closely
- Functional acknowledgements (997s) will be watched for any status other than “A” (accepted) and Kroger will notify partners accordingly
- Kroger also expects our partners to monitor the EDI activity closely

5010 Version Upgrade

ISA and Group Compliance Version changes for version 5010:

- **ISA information:** For both **X12** and **UCS**, please change the following:
 - **ISA11** needs to be changed to – or Hex **5F**
 - **ISA12** needs to be changed to **00501**
- **Group Information:**
 - **X12 partner** - please change the **Compliance Version** to **005010**
 - **UCS partner** - please change the **Compliance Version** to **005010UCS**



Important 5010 EDI upgrade tasks to verify:

- All transactions must be sent as version 5010
- The EDI version will change from 004010 to 005010 ONLY. **No changes** to standards can be made (do not change from UCS to X12 or vice-versa). Do not mix the documents between standards.

Broker Information:

- In the "Checklist" please provide the EDI information for every Broker that represents your PL business.
- Please note: It is your responsibility to notify and work with your Broker about the PL GTIN conversion schedule
- After the PL GTIN conversion, your Broker (if submitting documents on your behalf), needs to submit all EDI documents to Kroger in version 5010 and GTINs

Post PL GTIN conversion expectations:

- Current inventory from the PL UPCs will be transferred to the GTINs.
- ALL Kroger "pertinent" internal systems will no longer contain case UPCs for converted PL items
- ALL Kroger "pertinent" internal systems will use 14 character GTIN values
- All EDI documents sent from Kroger will contain GTINs (in place of case UPCs)
- All EDI documents sent to Kroger will need to contain GTINs (in place of case UPCs)
- Failure to send 5010 and GTINs will lead to rejections and delays in processing your EDI documents.

If you have any EDI related questions regarding this initiative or any Kroger EDI issue please contact us via email at edi@kroger.com or visit us on the web at <http://edi.kroger.com>

Lastly, Kroger EDI strongly recommends our newly converted 5010 partners monitor all inbound/outbound data very closely starting right after the conversion. Please continue to do so for several weeks. This will reduce time and work in locating any issues later. Errors might lead to incorrect data transmission issues and even delay in payments, scheduling, etc.

Kroger thanks you for your continued support and values your partnership with the Corporate Brands GTIN Initiative.

Sincerely
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