

Antitrust Notice & Declaration of Conflict of Interest

GS1 Australia Limited

Trade Practices Compliance Notice

Participants on GS1 Boards, committees, task forces, work groups, or other similar bodies, must always remember the purpose of the Board, committee task force, or work group is to enhance the ability of all industry members to compete more efficiently and effectively to provide better value to the consumer or end user.

GS1 activity almost always involves the cooperation of competitors; therefore great care must be taken to ensure compliance with trade practices laws in Australia and in other jurisdictions. (Including the Australian Consumer Law, the Competition and Consumer Act and state based Fair Trading Legislation).

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This Means:

- Participation must be voluntary, and failure to participate shall not be used to penalise any company.
- There shall be no discussion of prices, allocation of customers or products, boycotts, refusals to deal, or market share. (For the avoidance of doubt, this does not preclude discussion of GS1 Australia's prices, customers or products.)
- If any participant believes the group is drifting toward impermissible discussion, the topic shall be tabled until the opinion of lawyer(s) with experience in trade practices law can be obtained.
- Where appropriate, meetings shall be governed by an agenda prepared in advance, and recorded by minutes prepared promptly after the meeting.
- Where appropriate, tests or data collection shall be governed by protocols developed by GS1 Australia.
- GS1 reserves the right to seek opinion of lawyer(s) with trade practices experience on any matter or document arising out of any GS1 activity.
- The recommendation coming out of a GS1 Board, committee, task force, work group or task group are just that. Individual companies remain free to make independent, competitive decisions.
- Any Standards developed must be voluntary standards.