
The Vault – eCommerce

Data Model Migration – FAQ

1. What is a data model?

A data model is the term given to describe how information is collected, stored and shared between different parties using the same set of information.

In the case of The Vault – eCommerce, it refers to which product data attributes are listed, required and shared between trading partners to enable their eCommerce business processes.

2. Why has the data model for the Vault - eCommerce changed?

The data model for The Vault – eCommerce is changing to give users a more streamlined experience that is relevant to their business.

Thanks to this change, The Vault – eCommerce users will find the interface simpler, more specific and easier to understand, which will enable a more efficient certification process.

This change came about as a result of feedback from users of The Vault – eCommerce who said they wanted a model focused more exclusively on the Canadian market and which has greater regulatory compliance due to Health Canada changes that will affect nutrition labelling.

To remain compliant with Health Canada regulation, many food manufacturers will need to update their product packaging, including changes to the nutrition facts table, list of ingredients, serving size and sugars information.

3. What exactly has changed about the data model?

The product data attributes that are listed and required have changed. To view these changes, review the [Attribute Mapping Guide](#).

To see a complete list of the usable fields, a description of the content they contain and the rules governing what kind of data they capture, read [The Vault – eCommerce Data Capture Rules](#).

4. What are the benefits of the new data model?

The new data model will present users of The Vault – eCommerce with a more streamlined experience. It will help them save time when certifying information or reviewing certified information by featuring more attributes that are directly relevant to the Canadian business landscape and fewer attributes that are not.

The new data model is also an integral part of preparing for a unified certification experience in 2018 where GS1 Canada subscribers will be able to certify their nutritional, pharmaceutical and eCommerce attributes from within a single tool.

5. How will this affect my product data I have already submitted?

Any new product data we receive is captured under the new data model. You are not required to take any actions for this process.

6. I already have data in some of the fields that have been removed. Is that data being deleted?

No. The changes to the data model will not delete any data. For example, Nutritional Claims and Health Claims will be moved to the new data attribute labelled Product Claims rather than being deleted.

7. What will happen to my existing validated data and certified data?

GS1 Canada will be converting all of your existing validated and certified data within the old data model to the updated data model. For validated data, this will commence on Monday, April 9.

Certified data will be migrated to the new data model starting Monday, April 30.

If you would prefer to recertify your data under the new data model rather than have it migrated, please let GS1 Canada know by Monday, April 23.

If you are happy for your certified data to be migrated to the new data model without recertifying it, you do not need to take any action.

8. What if I choose to recertify my data?

If you choose to recertify your data, you will need to notify GS1 Canada by filling out the [Data Migration webform](#) before Monday, April 23.

Once your data has been migrated, you can then recertify your data as normal.

9. What happens if I miss the April 23 deadline to let GS1 Canada know that I intend to recertify my data?

If you miss the deadline, your data will retain its Certified status in the new data model.

10. Where can I go for more information?

Please contact GS1 Canada at 1.800.567.7084 or at images@gs1ca.org.