

ProSYNC Release 2.3.21

Release Notes

GS1 Canada is continually enhancing product attributes based on community business requirements, global standards alignment and feedback from our users.

Summary

This document describes several types of new and updated attributes and codes:

- [Global Product Classification Codes](#)
- [Front of Package Nutrition Symbol Labelling](#)
- [Deposit-Refund Scheme](#)
- [Sustainability/Stewardship](#)
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Global Product Classification Codes

To align with global standards, and with the June 2023 GPC publication, we have removed and updated Global Product Classification (GPC) codes posted in the link below. The GPC codes that have been removed include products that are lubricants, fluids/fuels/gases, plumbing/heating/ ventilation/air conditioning, and lawn/garden supplies.

These changes are not backward compatible.

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Impact	Description
Data providers using: ProSYNC (including EDI, GDSN, File Upload) data loading Product Certification Manage My GTINs	TAKE ACTION: For products with removed GPC codes, reassign new applicable GPC codes.

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For more details about the GPC changes, see the [ECCnet Registry Attribute Guide](#) on the [ECCnet Registry Technical Documents page](#).

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Front of Package Nutrition Symbol Labelling

This labelling strategy provides consumers with quick and accessible information about the nutritional content and healthiness of food products that contain high levels of ingredients of public health concern (saturated fat, sugars and sodium).

For details about FOP regulations, click [here](#).

Manufacturers need to be compliant with this labelling regulation by January 1, 2026.

There is only one new attribute for this purpose: Front-of-Package Nutrition Symbol



Example showing bilingual English-first nutrition symbol format.

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Impact	Description
Data providers using: ProSYNC (including EDI, GDSN, File Upload) data loading Product Certification	TAKE ACTION: To share product data with your trading partners, ensure that your internal processes and systems contain data with this attribute value for applicable food products.

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Deposit-Refund Scheme

This year, there are new rules in Quebec about how you return containers for certain drinks. These rules cover bottles and cans that hold between 100 ml and 2 liters of ready-to-drink beverages. These existing attributes can be used where applicable for all provinces.

Attribute	Description
Deposit Applicable by Province	Indicates whether the product packaging is eligible for deposit return.
Packaging Recycling Process Type Code	Indicates the process that the packaging could undertake for recyclable and sustainability programs:

	Reusable (Refillable container) Recyclable (Non-refillable containers)
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For more information about the Quebec Modernized Deposit-Refund regulations, click [here](#).

Impact	Description
Data providers using: ProSYNC (including GDSN, File Upload) data loading	TAKE ACTION: To share product data with your trading partners, ensure that your internal processes and systems contain data with these attribute values for applicable containers.

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For more details about these attributes, see the *ECCnet Registry Attribute Guide* on the [ECCnet Registry Technical Documents page](#).

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Sustainability/Stewardship

Sustainable packaging minimizes its impact on the natural environment by reducing pollution throughout its lifecycle, from manufacturing and production to shipping and disposal or recycling. This involves using fewer materials, opting for recyclable or biodegradable materials, and using materials from eco-friendly sources.

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is an initiative that encourages companies to take responsibility for their products even after they're sold. It means they need to help recycle or dispose of their products properly to reduce environmental harm.

For more information about EPR, click [here](#).

ECCnet Registry has been enhanced to support current sustainability legislation requirements for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) including provincial stewardship reporting.

If you have previously provided values for existing sustainability attributes, note that, with this release, these attributes will become visible for all product types. You should review these values to ensure correctness.

Updated optional Stewardship attributes including:

- Component Name
- Packaging Material and Category
- Packaging Colour Name

- Packaging Material Weight

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Impact	Description
Data providers using: ProSYNC (including File Upload) data loading	TAKE ACTION: To share product data with your trading partners, ensure that your internal processes and systems contain data with these optional attribute values.

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For more details about sustainability attributes, see the *ECCnet Registry Attribute Guide* on the [ECCnet Registry Technical Documents page](#).

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Global Standards Data Alignment

Global Standards are continually being enhanced to support industry requirements, enabling synchronization with global trading partners. These attributes align with GDSN release 3.1.25 November 2023.

New optional attributes include:

- Non-food Ingredient Statement
- Batteries Built-in Indicator
- Target Consumer Age
- Referenced GTIN Type
- Referenced GTIN

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Impact	Description
Data providers using: ProSYNC (including GDSN, File Upload)	TAKE ACTION: To share product data with your trading partners, ensure that your internal processes and systems contain data with these optional attribute values.

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- For more details about global standards attribute alignments, see the *ECCnet Registry Attribute Guide* on the [ECCnet Registry Technical Documents page](#).

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