



GS1 GDSN, Inc. Contractual Agreement Overview

OVERVIEW

The “Global Registry Access and License Agreement” (GRALA) is the GS1 GDSN, Inc. and Global Registry® legal business contract. This comprehensive agreement defines the relationship between Data Pools and GS1 GDSN, Inc. It must be signed and executed by GS1 GDSN, Inc. and participating Data Pools in order to commence with GDSN activities.

The intent of the GRALA is to establish a formal and legally binding relationship between a Data Pool and GS1 GDSN, Inc. and to extend the license use of the GS1 Global Registry® to customers (Trading Partners) of the contracted Data Pool.

The GRALA consists of 2 parts, the License Agreement Contract and Exhibits:

GRALA CONTRACT

The contract defines the mutual covenants and agreements for which all parties named in the contract must legally adhere. Examples of areas covered by the contract are; Definitions, Licenses, Compliance with Certification Standards & Adoptions of Standard Policies, Service Levels, Trading Partner Information, Term/Termination, Representations & Warranties, Proprietary Rights, Confidentiality, Indemnification, Data Pool Fee, Partnership/Joint Venture and Dispute Resolution

GRALA CONTRACT EXHIBITS

The exhibits in the contract provide the specific details for 3 key contractual agreement areas.

1. Exhibit A – GDSN Terms of Participation Agreement (TOPA). This is the agreement to extend the license use of the GS1 Global Registry® to customers (Trading Partners) of the specific Data Pool. **Individual signed customer TOPAs must be obtained by the Data Pool for all customers who desire to participate in the GDSN.** Examples of areas covered by the TOPA are; Definitions, GDSN Subscriptions, Help Desk, Security, and Terms.

Please note: the TOPA is a Global GDSN requirement. The TOPA documents, however, vary as a result of regional legal prose and language translations. The current legal variations and language translations for the TOPA in use today are as follows:

Legal Variation

TOPA for U.S. Trading Partners

TOPA for non-U.S. Trading Partners

Language Translations

French

Spanish

Traditional Chinese

2. Exhibit B – GS1 Global Registry® Acceptable Use Policy.

This document defines the rules for acceptable use of the GS1 Global Registry®. It covers areas such as Privacy Policies, Data Retention Requirements, Auditing, Business Message Requirements, Data Pool Communication Methods and Interoperability Requirements.

3. Exhibit C – GS1 Global Registry® Service Level Agreement.

This exhibit outlines the service level roles/responsibilities, help desk availability, service level minimums, problem definition/escalation, maintenance windows and communication protocol. Data Pools must adhere to the Service level requirements contained in this agreement.

For specifics regarding your GRALA or TOPAs, please contact your legal department.

An example of the GRALA Contract, Regional TOPAs as well as links to the language translated TOPAs can be obtained in Section 2.b, 2.c and 2.d of the GDSN Business Manual.

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