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# Traceability: How to get started? Learnings from the APEC toolkit

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# Traceability - the basics

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# Traceability in Healthcare



A key driver in the Healthcare sector for

- Patient Safety
- Preventing counterfeiting
- Enabling correct patient records
- Enabling effective product recalls
- Traceability down to the patient
- Enabling regulatory compliance
- Enhancing business processes (e.g. inventory management, optimized supply chain efficiency, eProcurement)



# Driven by many regulations worldwide



- From Turkey to Argentina, South Korea, USA, Europe, Saudi-Arabia and many other MEMA countries
- Different data base models, but all with the basic data elements



Product Identifier (GTIN)

Serial Number

Expiry date

Lot/Batch number

# APEC Roadmap for Global Medical Product Integrity and Supply Chain Security



- 5 year project (Jan. 2013 - Dec. 2018)
- APEC sponsors:
  - APEC Life Sciences Innovation Forum
  - APEC Regulatory Harmonization Steering Committee
- Objective:
  - examine current practices and regulatory requirements
  - develop **recommendations** to regulators
  - develop **training programs** which will be made publically available through the APEC website
- Track & Trace Work Group (TTWG) with 10 work streams
- Published by APEC Harmonization Center at  
[http://www.nifds.go.kr/apec/SupplyChain/APEC\\_SupplyChainToolkit\\_170317.pdf](http://www.nifds.go.kr/apec/SupplyChain/APEC_SupplyChainToolkit_170317.pdf)



# TTWG - members



GE Healthcare



# TTWVG – Six recommendations



- All three **overarching** Recommendations apply irrespective of the geography, economy or regulatory issue being addressed :
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Recommendation: define clear objective to be achieved
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Recommendation: collaborate with stakeholders
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Recommendation: recommend the use global data standards (GDS)
- All three **secondary**-Recommendations apply over time as traceability systems are incrementally implemented:
  - Identify
  - Capture
  - Share



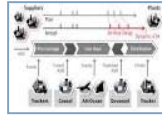
# First Recommendation



## Define clear objectives to be achieved

*The solution required by a regulation should be based on the regulatory objective to be achieved*

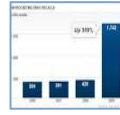
*What issue is being addressed?*



**Supply  
Chain  
Visibility**



**Product  
Protection**



**Recall  
Improvement**



**Returns,  
Shipment  
accuracy  
and  
efficiency**



**Reimbursement**

# The dilemma created by lack of clear objectives



- Strategic alignment of stakeholders may not occur – differing interpretations and implementation
- Missed opportunity to leverage global learnings
- Unclear what the solution is addressing and if it will work – too onerous / costly? not addressing the issue?
- Processes become complex
- Timelines may extend
- Costs can increase

**Clear objectives will facilitate the achievement of regulatory needs and costs can be minimized**



# Defining clear objectives



- Provides stakeholders certainty so able to focus on task rather than being sidetracked by ambiguity
- Supports development of common approaches/standardisation to issue being addressed
- Leverages committed industry stakeholders who possess the skill, creativity, dedication and tenacity to create appropriate solutions to address the issue





## Collaborate with stakeholders

- *A collaboration of the drug supply chain partners and regulators should define the implementation approach (i.e. timing and phasing) and governance model, including data management and privacy.*
- *Collaboration should be ongoing due to the changing and/or evolving nature of the situation.*



# The benefits of collaborating with stakeholders



- Strategic alignment of stakeholders across geographic networks
- Multiple economies facing common challenges moving towards the same approach for a shared supply chain network
- Globally unique/globally interoperable solutions are implemented
- Reduce complexity, timelines and costs



# Third Recommendation



## Recommend the use of global data standards (GDS)

*The use of global data standards would enable global interoperable product identification, capture and sharing of data. This may support efficient and cost effective management of the pharmaceutical supply chain globally. This may also facilitate harmonised implementation of regulatory requirements.*



# The dilemma created by lack of Global Data Standards



- Multiple economies facing common challenges create different approaches for identification and data exchange
- Disparate and proprietary solutions are implemented and expensive to maintain
- Internal applications that serve several geographic networks require complex logic
- External systems can not be shared across regional boundaries
- Processes become very complex
- Costs increase



**Without Global Data Standards, health care costs rise and time to deliver product to the market increases**



- **GS1 standards enable traceability**
- **The result:** Prevent counterfeit drugs entering the market, gain efficiency, have the right product in the right place at the right time, more effective recalls and more...







## What is the Traceability Matrix?

A tool to assist you in selecting the appropriate system (process & model) for traceability to meet the objective(s) defined earlier in the decision making process (1<sup>st</sup> Recommendation)

Driver / Objective	Issue	TRACEABILITY (aka track and trace) PROCESS APPROACH				Applicable IT System choreography models
		Chain of Ownership (Finished Goods)	Chain of Custody (Finished Goods)	Point of Dispense Verification	End consumer/patient verification	
Improve Patient Safety	Counterfeit or stolen product detected in the legitimate supply chain	✓	✓	✓		Centralised, Semi-Centralised, Distributed
	Counterfeit or stolen product obtained/consumed by the patient	✓	✓	✓	✓	Centralised, Semi-Centralised, Distributed
	Inefficient reverse logistics processes (e.g. returns, recalls)	✓	✓			Centralised, Semi-Centralised, Distributed
	Lack of visibility of status of product (e.g. expired, recalled)	✓	✓	✓	✓	Centralised, Semi-Centralised, Distributed
Improve payment monitoring	Inefficient payment and payment monitoring processes	✓		✓		Centralised
	Reimbursement fraud	✓	✓	✓		Centralised
Improve supply chain efficiency	Lack of knowledge of where the product is across the supply chain	✓	✓			Centralised, Semi-Centralised, Distributed
	Inefficient inventory management	✓	✓	✓		Centralised, Semi-Centralised, Distributed
	Inefficient reverse logistics processes (e.g. returns, recalls)	✓	✓			Centralised, Semi-Centralised, Distributed
	Lack of harmonised trade/customs clearance procedure	✓	✓			Centralised, Semi-Centralised, Distributed

**Note:** the objectives are not presented by order of importance or preference.

**THIS TRACEABILITY MATRIX IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE APEC TRACK & TRACE WORK GROUP TOOL KIT  
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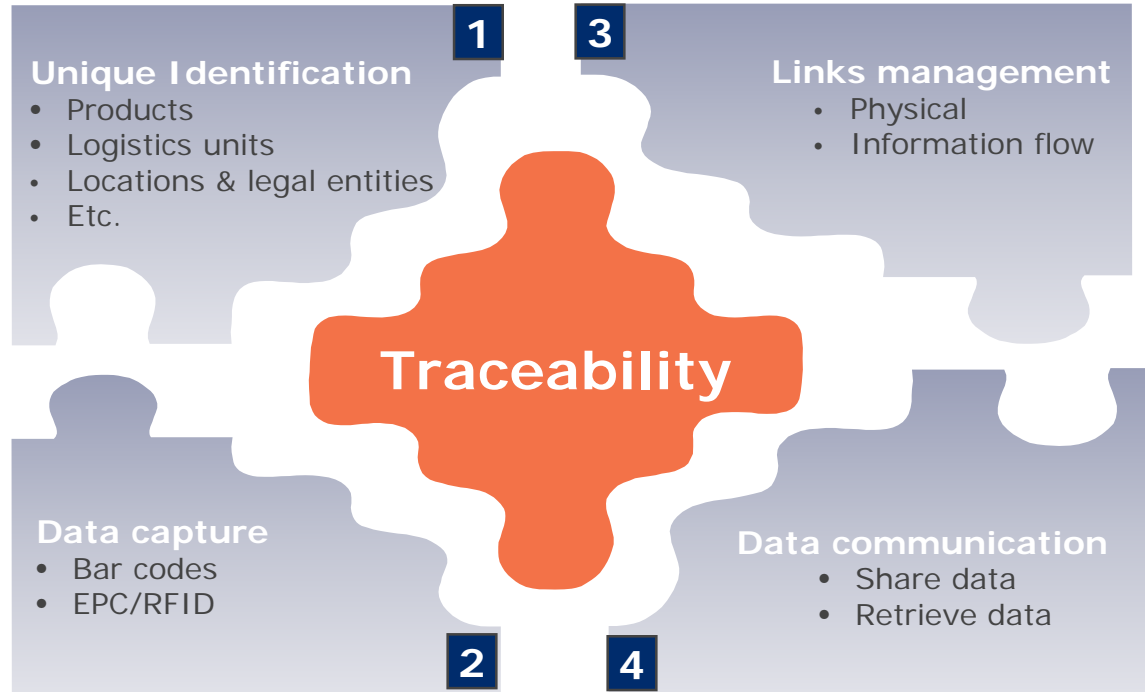
# Traceability – definition



- Traceability is the ability to identify and trace the history, distribution, location, and use of products. A traceability system records and follows the trail as products come from suppliers and are processed and ultimately distributed/dispensed as final products.
- Fundamental to traceability: In parallel with the flow of product there **has to be** a flow of information about the product
- Throughout the entire supply chain:
  - ✓ There is Internal and External Traceability
  - ✓ Inputs (e.g. receipt) must be linked to outputs (e.g. shipments / dispensing)
  - ✓ Stakeholders can have varying roles



# The traceability “building blocks”





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# Traceability: How to get started

Francoise Hirth, Roche

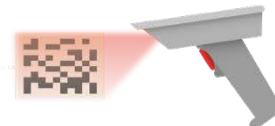
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# Traceability: how to get started?

*Françoise Hirth*

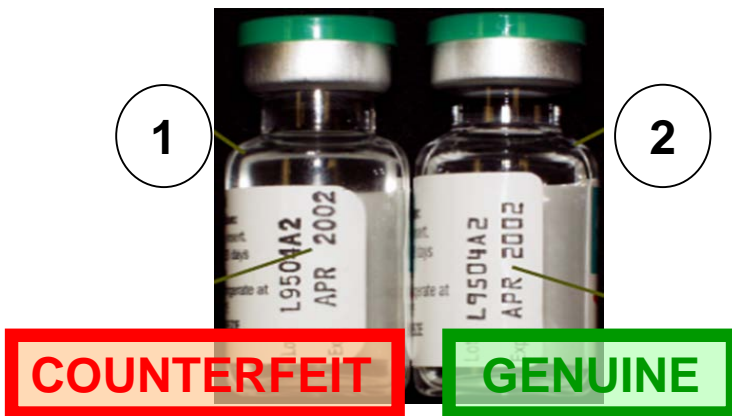
*F.Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd*

*Serialization Coordinator EU &  
EEMEA*



# What does Roche want to achieve with serialization/traceability? (1/2)

- Fight against counterfeits

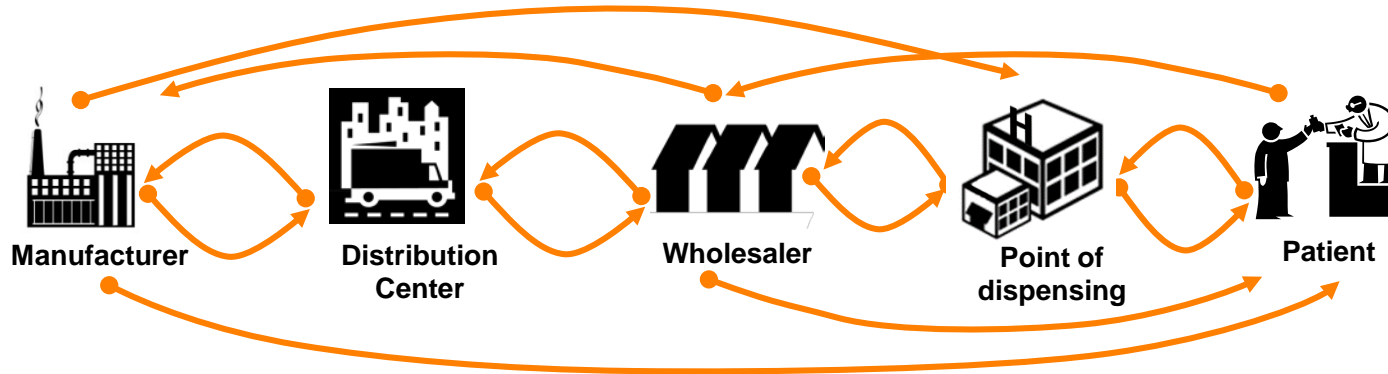


## Counterfeiting

- endangers the lives of patients;
- undermines confidence in healthcare systems and health professionals;
- damages public confidence in authentic pharmaceutical products
- is a threat to the reputation of the legitimate healthcare business

# What does Roche want to achieve with serialization/traceability? (2/2)

➤ Keeping the supply chain safe for the patients



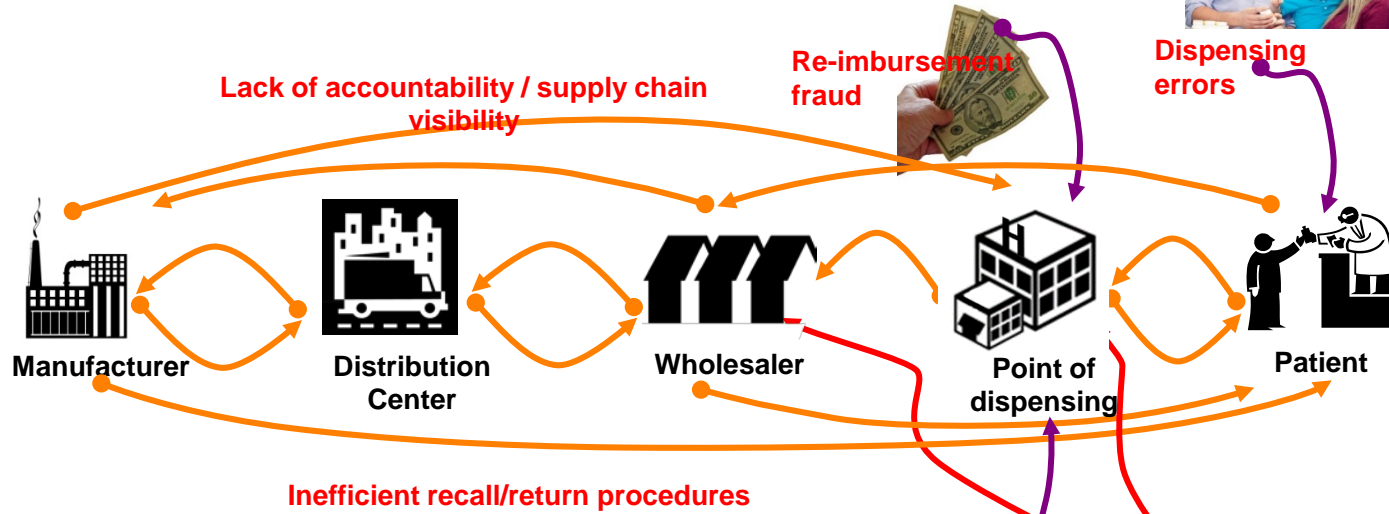
**Back and forth route due to:**

- Obsolete stocks
- Returns
- Losses
- Incorrect deliveries
- Payment issues, etc.



# What does Roche want to achieve with serialization/traceability? (2/2)

→ Increasing healthcare supply chain efficiency is highly necessary



Supply chain complexity and lack of control facilitate criminal activities and ultimately harm patients and healthcare systems



Counterfeiting

# Work **Together** with All Stakeholders to Co-develop the National Verification / Traceability

## What needs to be DEFINED

- **Standard** Data Carrier
- **Standard** Data Construct
- Access to Data
- Reporting needs
- National database
- Implementation Timelines

**The challenges are important**



Success through a **collaborative approach**

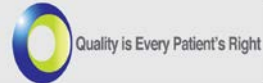
*Manufacturers, Health Authorities, Associations, Peers, Trading Partners, Solution Vendors...*

# What Roche's approach towards emerging regulation is in the area of Supply Chain Integrity



- We welcome Health Authorities' efforts to secure drug supply to the benefit of our patients
- Roche & Industry is willing to work with Health Authorities to achieve longer term patient safety goals

It is important that regulators engage key stakeholders in the definition process (of the regulation)

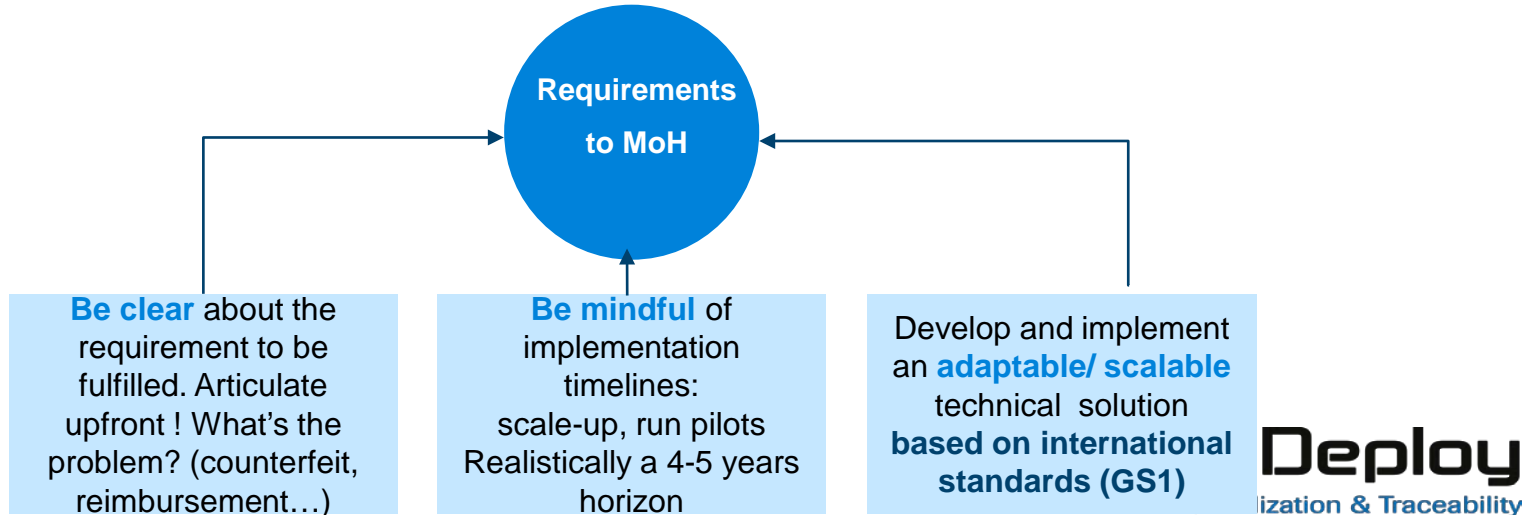


# Do or Will you have draft regulations ? For which problem ?

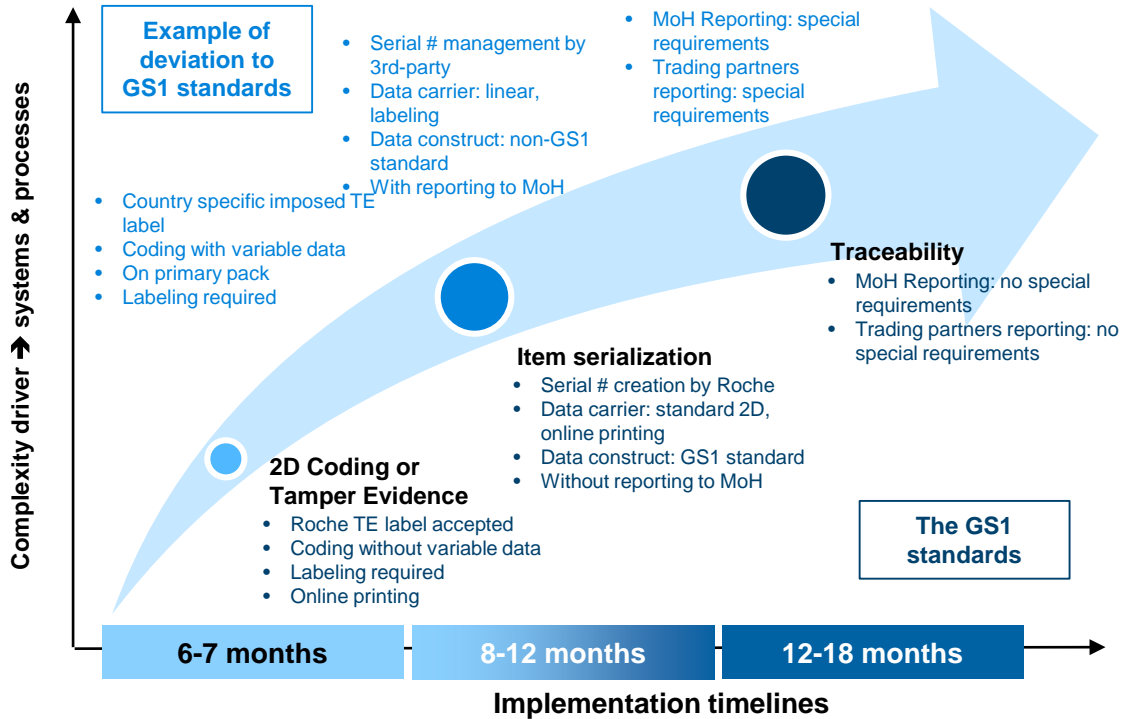
What do you **exactly** want to achieve ? How can we contribute?

Medicines verification?  
Codification + serialization  
e.g. Europe

Tracking & Tracing?  
Codification + Serialization+  
**aggregation**  
e.g., China, Turkey



# Implementation Workload can be More or Less High, Requiring Sufficient Time



an extension in case of deviation to defined standards

*Doing now what patients need  
next*



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# Implementing Serialization and End-to-End Traceability using GS1 Standards

Dirk Van den Wouwer, Johnson & Johnson

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# Implementing Serialization and End-to-End Traceability using GS1 Standards

A global company perspective

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Regional GS1 Healthcare Conference, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
May 2018



# Johnson & Johnson

- Global science & technology company focused solely on healthcare
- More than 275 operating companies in 60 Countries
- Selling products in more than 175 Countries
- Approximately 130,000 employees worldwide



## 我們的信條

我們相信我們是商業醫生，博士和病人負責，對父母親以及  
產品和確定我們服務的人負責。為了滿足他們的需要，我們  
是最高品質的。我們必須不斷地努力於降低我們的成本，以保  
持訂貨品質與價格的供應。我們的供應與服務應隨時隨地  
可靠。

我們對世界各地和我們一起共事的所有同仁負責。每  
個組織，我們必須尊重他們的尊嚴，讓其他們的價值，實  
現安全。薪酬必須公平合理，工作環境必須清潔，管  
理必須公正。對於他們對健康的責任，必須讓員工在任  
意。對於工作的人，必須給予公平的待遇，發展和升  
遷機會的經理人，他們的行為必須公正並符合倫理。

我們對我們所生活和工作的社會，以及全世界  
突顯對社會有益活動和慈善事業。讓我們我們  
社會環境，促進健康和教育事業。我們必須更加  
保護和天然資源。

最後，我們對全體股東負責。企業經營必須  
嘗試新的成本，必須堅持研究工作，研發創舉  
三。必須購買新設備，提供新服務，推出新  
藥之案。如果我們按照原則則進行經營

## Unser Credo

Allem voran steht unsere Verant-  
wortung

## Our Credo

We believe our first responsibility is to the doctors, nurses and patients,  
to mothers and fathers and all others who use our products and  
services. In meeting their needs everything we do must be of high quality.  
We must constantly strive to reduce our costs in order to maintain  
reasonable prices. Customers' orders must be serviced promptly and  
accurately. Our suppliers and distributors must have an opportunity  
to make a fair profit.

We are responsible to our employees, the men and women who work  
with us throughout the world. Everyone must be considered as  
an individual. We must respect their dignity and recognize their merit.  
They must have a sense of security in their jobs. Compensation must be  
fair and adequate, and working conditions clean, orderly and safe.  
We must be mindful of ways to help our employees fulfill their family  
responsibilities. Employees must feel free to make suggestions and  
complaints. There must be equal opportunity for employment,  
development and advancement for those qualified. We must provide  
competent management, and their actions must be just and ethical.

We are responsible to the communities in which we live and work and  
to the world community as well. We must be good citizens — support  
good works and charities and bear our fair share of taxes. We must  
encourage civic improvements and better health and education.  
We must maintain in good order the property we are privileged to use,  
protecting the environment and natural resources.

Our final responsibility is to our stockholders. Business must make  
a sound profit. We must experiment with new ideas. Research must be  
carried on, innovative programs developed and mistakes paid for.  
New equipment must be purchased, new facilities provided and new  
products launched. Reserves must be created to provide for adverse  
times. When we operate according to these principles, the stockholders  
should realize a fair return.

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Nosso Credo

## Наше Кredo

Мыслим прежде всего ответственность перед врачами и пациентами,  
перед матерями и отцами и всеми теми, кто пользуется нашими  
продуктами и услугами. Мы должны постоянно стремиться  
к снижению наших затрат, чтобы обеспечить приемлемые  
цены. Наши заказы должны выполняться быстро и точно.  
Наши поставщики и дистрибуторы должны иметь возможность  
получить справедливую прибыль.

Мы несем ответственность перед теми, кто работает с нами по всему миру.  
Каждый человек должен рассматриваться как личность. Мы должны  
уважать его достоинство и признавать его заслуги. Им должно быть  
спокойно на работе. Заработная плата должна быть справедливой,  
а условия работы — чистыми, упорядоченными и безопасными.  
Мы должны стремиться помочь своим сотрудникам удовлетворить свои  
семейные обязанности. Сотрудники должны чувствовать себя  
свободными высказывать предложения и жалобы. Должна быть  
равенство возможностей для трудоустройства, развития и продвижения.  
Мы должны поддерживать порядок и состояние собственности, которую  
мы имеем в пользование, охраняя окружающую среду и природные ресурсы.

## uestro Credo

nos que nuestra primera responsabilidad es con los médicos,  
mujeres y pacientes, con las madres y padres y todos los demás  
que utilizan nuestros productos y servicios. Para responder a sus  
necesidades, todo lo que hagamos debe ser de primera calidad.  
Nosotros debemos luchar constantemente por reducir nuestros costos a fin  
de mantener precios razonables. Los pedidos de los clientes deben  
entenderse rápidamente y con precisión. Nuestros proveedores  
deben tener la oportunidad de conseguir una  
lucro razonable.

insalvables ante nuestros empleados, los hombres y mujeres  
de todos los países. Cada uno de ellos debe  
ser considerado como persona. Debemos respetar su dignidad  
y reconocer sus méritos. Deben sentirse seguros en su trabajo.  
El salario debe ser equitativo y las condiciones de trabajo  
deben ser limpias, ordenadas y seguras. Debemos  
esforzarnos por ayudar a nuestros empleados a satisfacer  
sus responsabilidades familiares. Los empleados deben sentirse  
libres de hacer sugerencias y quejas. Debe haber igualdad  
de oportunidades para el empleo, el desarrollo y el avance.  
Debemos proporcionar una buena administración, y sus acciones  
deben ser justas y éticas.

# Johnson & Johnson Portfolio

## Consumer

Baby Care • Body Care • Facial Skin Care • Sun Care •  
Feminine Personal Care • Allergy Care • Compromised Skin  
Care • Cough and Cold Care • Digestive Health • Oral Care •  
Pain Care



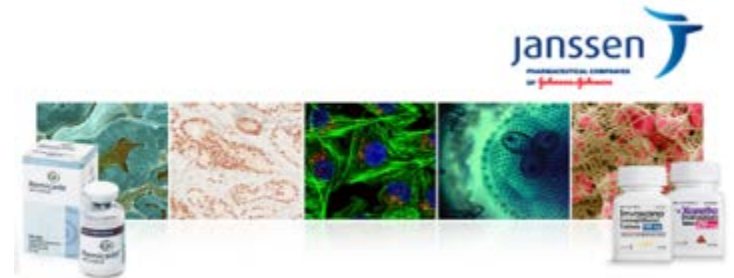
## Medical Devices

Wound Closure & Surgical Devices • Minimally Invasive  
Surgery • Joint Replacement • Sterilization • Eye Health •  
Diabetes Care



## Pharmaceuticals

Oncology • Infectious Diseases & Vaccines • Immunology •  
Cardiovascular & Metabolism • Neuroscience & Pain •  
Pulmonary Hypertension



# 7 Billion Reasons to Care



GS1 Global Standards Will Benefit  
Patients and Consumers Everywhere



# Benefits of Serialization

- Enables patient safety
- Allows for continued product access
- Creates end-to-end transparency
- Reduces threat of counterfeiting, theft, diversion
- Allows better control of reimbursement
- Minimizes errors
- Improves logistics efficiency and order accuracy



# Regulations Deployed Globally

Protect patient safety and product integrity

**DataMatrix**  
GTIN with Lot Number  
and Expiry Date



**Serialization**  
Item level serialization using  
GS1 standards



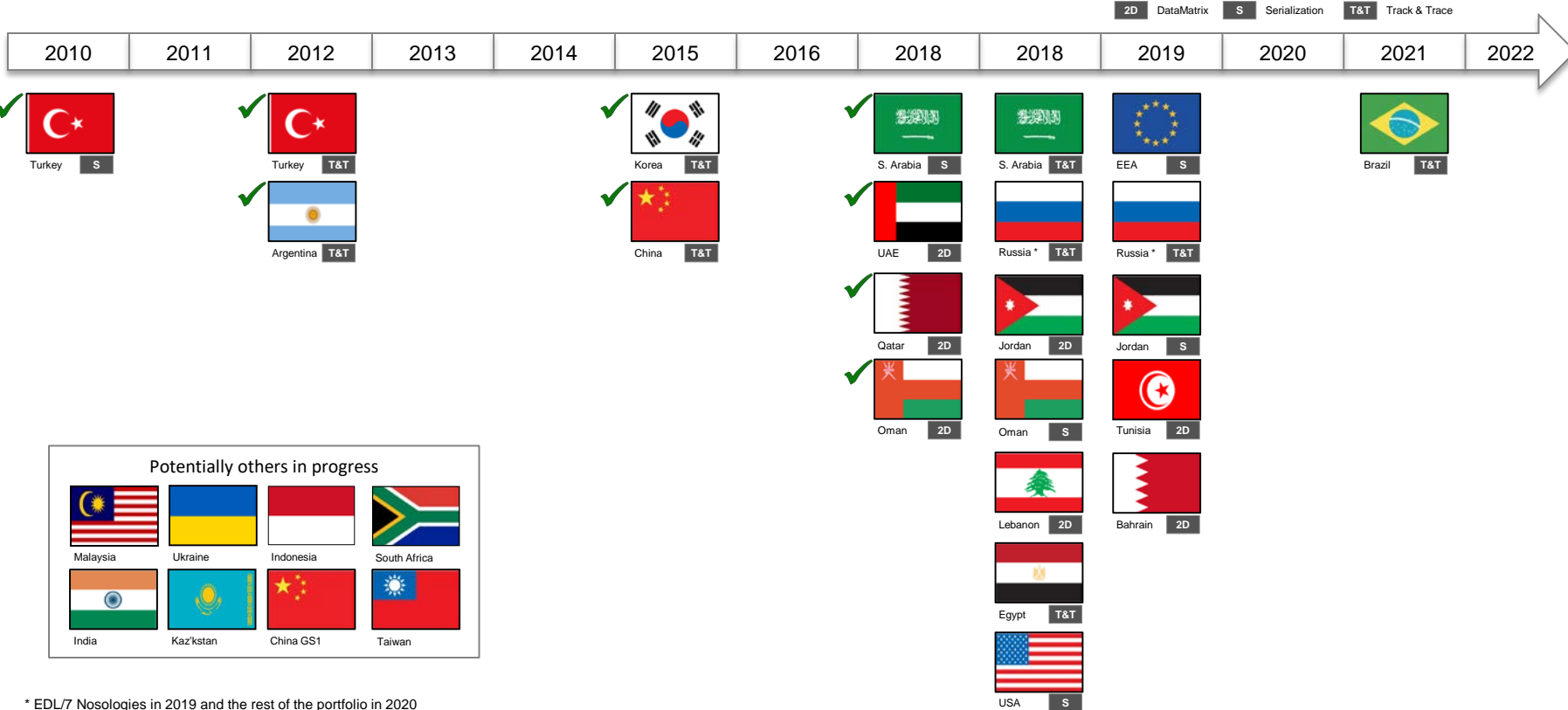
**Track & Trace**  
Traceability through aggregation &  
reporting



\* Some regulations require anti-tampering solutions as part of the regulations

# Over 45 Countries Have Legislated Serialization/Track & Trace

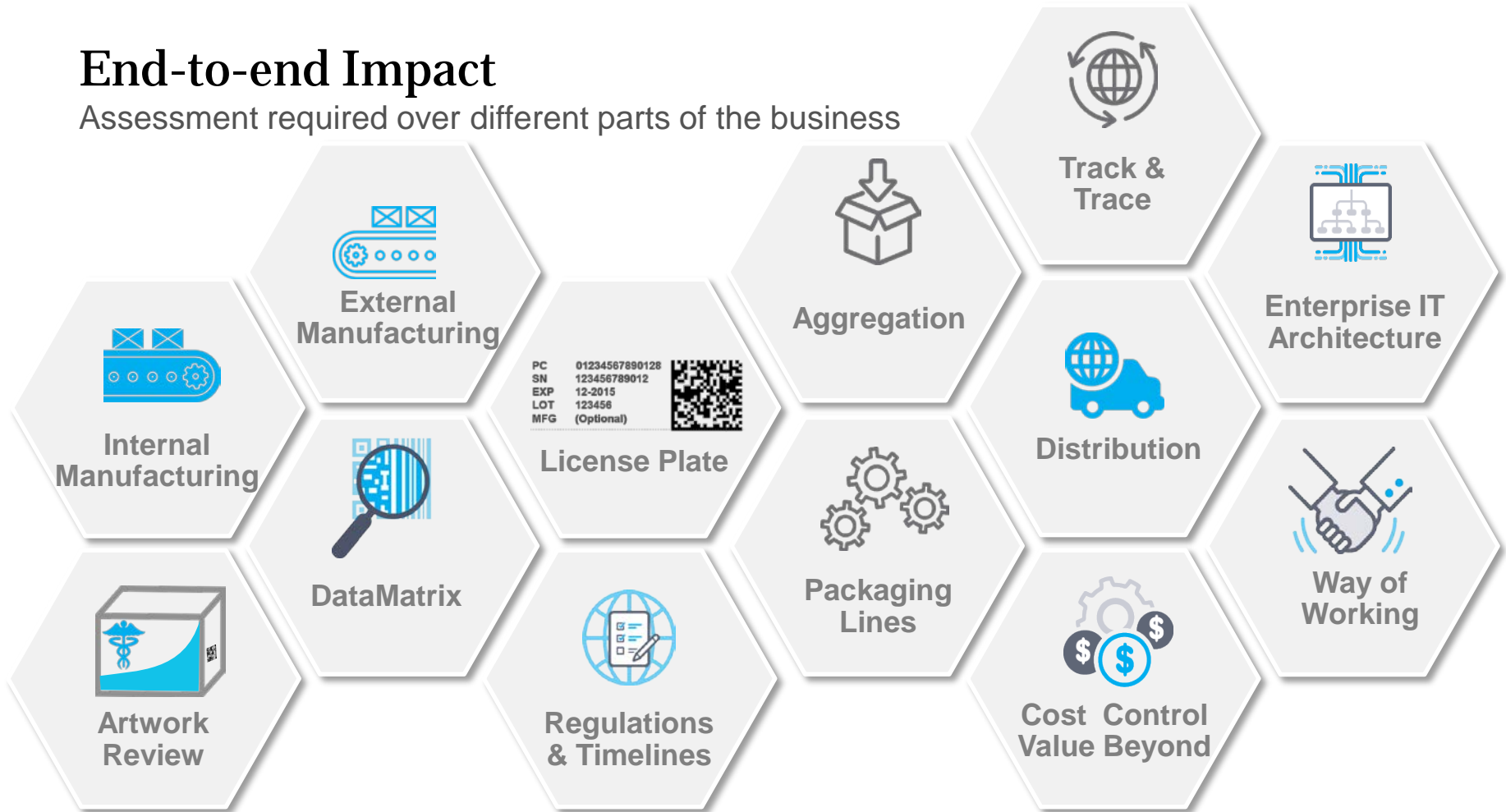
Number of countries increasing and time window for deployments reducing



\* EDL/7 Nosologies in 2019 and the rest of the portfolio in 2020

# End-to-end Impact

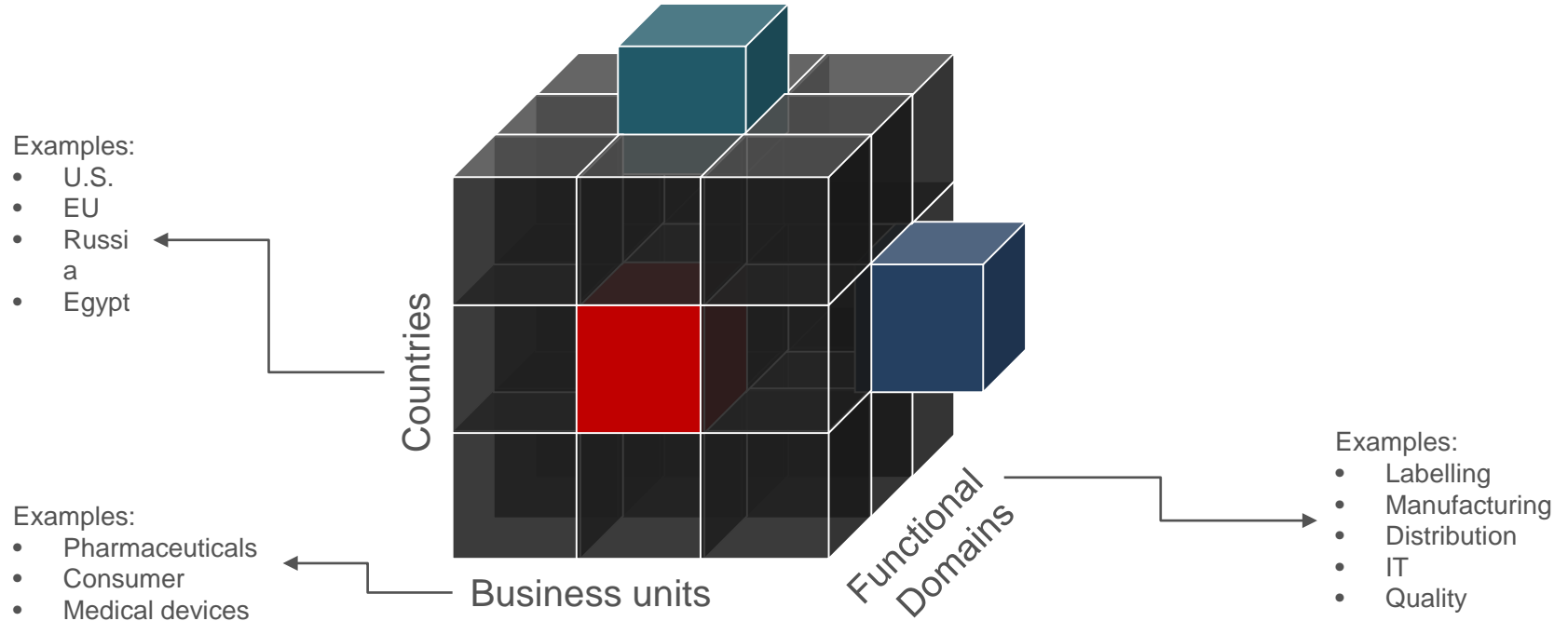
Assessment required over different parts of the business





# Deploying for Regulations Requires Managing Through Complex Organizational Structures

Organizing in a global, end-to-end, cross-functional context



# Key Deliverables in Getting Started

Getting started for the implementation



# Drive Appropriate Communications and Engagement

Streamlined audiences, messages and lots of communication!



**Define the right teams**

*Steering Co., Core team...*

**Re-do communications**

*Granularity, frequency...*

**Drive understanding**

*Feel engaged by choice*

**Change Assessment Survey**

*Well in adoption phase*

**Industry Workgroups**

*Streamline Regulations*

# Stakeholder Engagement

Set-up expert groups that pilot each phase

Trade Organizations  
Industry Organizations  
Hospitals  
GSI Wholesalers  
Pharmacies  
Health Care Authorities  
Distributors

# Leverage Existing Standards & Expertise

Phased approach with realistic timings is recommended



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LOT 123456  
MFG (Optional)



## Phase 1: Product Identification

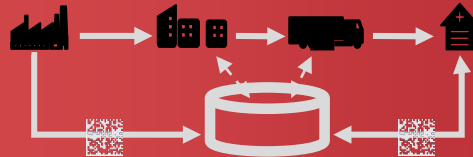
- DataMatrix including GTIN, Batch #, Expiry date
- Suggested Timing: ~6 to 12 months as of publication

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SN 123456789012  
EXP 12-2018  
LOT 123456  
MFG (Optional)



## Phase 2: Unique Identification of Secondary Pack

- Include serial number in DataMatrix
- Suggested Timing: ~6 to 18 months as of publication



## Phase 3: End-to-End Traceability / Verification

- Including reporting to Health Authorities
- Suggested Timing: ~24 to 36 months as of publication

# Key Attention Points

Build on the toolkit & experience gained in other countries



## Game Changer

- Full end-to-end process
- Impacting all business units, partners, systems & platforms



## Multi-Country Packs

- Refrain from using local product codes
- Alignment on National Reimbursement number



## Special Flows

- Marketing Authorization Holder
- Producer
- Distributor



## Regulatory Reporting

- Clear specifications needed upfront
- Alignment to industry standards



## Know How

- Reuse experience build by stakeholders
- Cost & timings of implementation decreases as capabilities are being deployed

# Audience Q&A time...



# ...and THIS WEEK do not miss...



...the “Q&A with the Experts” panels related to Traceability:

Thursday – 10 May

- 14:00 to 15:00 hrs

**Getting started with traceability** – Geraldine Lissalde-Bonnet, Director Public Policy, GS1 GO/Dirk Van Den Wouwer, Johnson & Johnson

**Choosing a traceability model** – Ulrike Kreysa, SVP Healthcare, GS1 Global Office, Pascal Aulagnet, Pfizer

- 15:00 to 16:00 hrs

**GS1 standards for sharing traceability information** – Craig Alan Repec, Senior Manager, Supply Chain Visibility, EPCIS &RFID, GS1 GO, Dirk Van Den Wouwer, Johnson & Johnson

**Traceability implementation in the hospital** – Tania Snioch, Director Healthcare, GS1 GO/Feargal McGroarty, St. James’s Hospital, Ireland

