FOODSTUFFS SOUTH ISLAND (FSSI)
SUPPLY CHAIN ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES PROJECT

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Foodstuffs South Island is modernising and optimising its Transportation Management and Warehouse Management systems, under our Supply Chain Enabling Technologies Project. You may have heard us refer to this as Project Mako.

In many ways, our existing systems work well and allow our Supply Chain to deliver good service to our stores. There are always opportunities for improvement – particularly with the technology available to us today.

Initial changes are planned for February 2025 in our SAP Transportation Management System, and further changes will be introduced from March 2025 to our Warehouse Management System.

WHAT OUR SUPPLIERS NEED TO DO

Pallet licence plates (SSCC labels)
- All pallets of product delivered **must be** labelled with a GS1 compliant SSCC label and barcode.
- SSCC labels are a global industry standard, which avoids the use of multiple label types.
- Currently 1 in 3 suppliers are using SSCCs. Ensuring all suppliers use SSCC labels is a top priority for us.
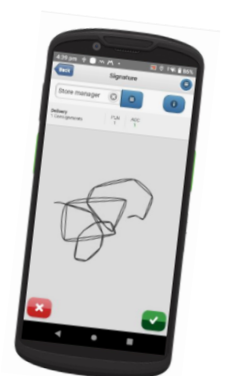
ASN notifications
- **Use** ASN version 1.60 release 1.06, which is on the FSSI eXchange.
- Linking to electronic ASN data including the SSCC details for each delivery is critical to ensure a smoother pathway for your product through the Supply Chain network.

Volumetric and weight data
- Ensure accurate product dimensions (weight and volumetric data) is **maintained and shared with us** so that your products reach our Store shelves in the most efficient manner.
- You should continue to maintain and share this data with us in the same manner as today, be it via Foodstuffs eXchange or the GS1 National Product Catalogue (NPC).

Primary Freight: Proof of pick up
- If you are part of the FSSI Primary Freight Programme (ie. FSSI deliver your product on your behalf to stores or our DCs), we are removing the manual paperwork.
- The driver collecting your product will require confirmation of pick up, with an electronic signature using their handheld device.
- Our drivers will have the handheld devices, you do not need your own device. This also removes the need for physical paperwork, with the exception of recording dangerous goods (DGs).

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
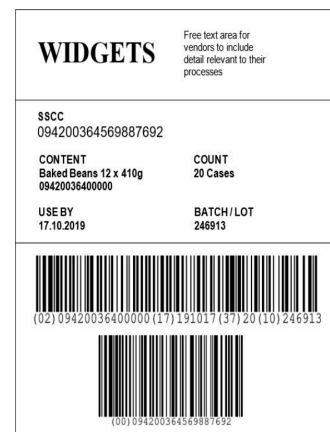
Why is FSSI doing this and why now?

- Our existing Warehouse Management System is ageing, and we're taking advantage of recently upgraded SAP software.
- It will improve overall efficiencies, our insights on stock, orders and deliveries, and future-proof our supply chain.

What are the advantages these changes bring for me, as a supplier?

- Accurate electronic information reduces errors, removes manual processing and ensures your goods travel through the network to the retail shelf as quickly as possible.
- Accurate ASNs will link your deliveries to the Purchase Order, resulting in less invoice discrepancies, fewer enquiries and ultimately, less administrative work for all.

What does a compliant SSCC label look like? What information must be captured?

Here's an example. You can also find out more information on labelling structure and requirements on the GS1 website.

How do I make sure I'm using the correct ASN version?

- Contact your B2B partner or get in touch with the Foodstuffs Supplier Support Team at suppliers@foodstuffs-si.co.nz

When is label compliance required by?

- Now - SSCC standards have been in place since 2018.
- Our new systems require compliance to the latest standards, to ensure the most efficient flow of your product through our supply chain.

What happens if I am not SSCC/ASN compliant?

- Pallets that are not SSCC/ASN compliant are at risk of experiencing delays through our supply chain. We want to support you to become compliant and ensure your products reach store shelves as efficiently as possible.

Who do I contact with questions, or to find out more?

- Please reach out to the Foodstuffs Supplier Support Team at suppliers@foodstuffs-si.co.nz.
- You can also expect to hear more from us over the coming months to support increased compliance.

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