



Preview of Traceability Shipment Data Requirements* from Target

In October 2024, Target announced that its program will follow the FDA's final rule on food traceability for certain foods, requiring traceability data to be shared for all [Food Traceability List \(FTL\)](#) foods and for those that use FTL foods as an ingredient. However, Target also stated plans to expand the program to include ALL FOODS in the future, with the objective to "implement these standards across all foods received at a Target facility and use the traceability data to improve freshness and fuel our collective business growth."

Below, is a preview of Target's data requirements.

It's important to note the following:

- **Target may update their traceability requirements at any time** and new or modified data elements may be needed when your traceability files are shared. We will notify you if we learn of any changes in order to help you provide the most complete and accurate data possible for your customer.
- **If you're already sharing data with your customer in an 856**, you must continue to include your current data set in your file. The traceability data requested is *in addition* to what you already send.
- **We understand that all of this information might not be available to you right now.** You can share what you have now so that we can test and save that data for you while you work to find the rest.

| October 2024 | |
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| Dear Target Supplier, | |
| Target's purpose is to help all families discover the joy of everyday life. We are committed to providing guests with safe, high-quality products and require our partners to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements. | |
| Target has created a strategy and is working to implement solutions to comply with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) final rule to meet requirements in Section 204 of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), "Requirements for Additional Traceability Records for Certain Foods" (the "Traceability Rule"). The Traceability Rule is intended to improve the effectiveness of outbreak investigations and recalls by requiring persons who manufacture, process, pack, or hold certain foods to maintain and provide through the supply chain certain information about those foods known as Key Data Elements (KDEs). | |
| Implementing traceability is a major endeavor. Supplier collaboration and coordination is needed to ensure Target meets the record-keeping requirements to receive and store the KDEs. Today, we are sharing our expectations of you regarding the Traceability Rule. | |
| Supplier Expectations | |
| We expect our suppliers with foods on the FDA's Food Traceability List (FTL) or foods that contain an ingredient on the FTL to prioritize efforts to comply with the Traceability Rule. We expect you to determine if you are an impacted supplier. | |
| Target is utilizing GS1 standards to enable data interoperability and meet our obligations under the Traceability Rule. Initially, the expectations below will be required for foods on the FTL or foods that contain an ingredient on the FTL. In the future, we plan to implement these standards across all foods received at a Target facility and use the traceability data to improve freshness and fuel our collective business growth. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate Action Required by 10/24/24: To support the next steps in this work, please complete this short survey. • Future Action Required in 2025: Suppliers should prepare to provide Target with the following information including the data elements listed as "NEW" in 2025 to enable food traceability compliance. | |
| Item | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify items subject to the Traceability Rule • Provide the GTIN-14 (carton barcode) |
| EDI 856 Advanced Ship Notice (ASN) | <p>Transmit an EDI 856 Advanced Ship Notice for all shipments to Target and provide the required information.</p> <p>Note: We are evaluating additional options for Direct Store Delivery including Scan Based Trading shipments.</p> <p>Required information in the EDI 856:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ship from Global Location Number (GLN) NEW • Ship-to Location Number • Purchase Order Number • Pallet SSCC Barcode Number(s) • GTIN-14 • UPC • Lot/Batch Code • Dating – e.g., expiration/best by, harvest/pack date • Traceability Lot Code Source Global Location Number (GLN) NEW • Casepack Quantity (number of selling units in a case) |
| Pallet | <p>Pallet label with SSCC barcode and human readable information on the physical shipment</p> <p>Required information on case label:</p> |

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- **Shipment ID:** The tracking number for the shipment.
- **Shipment Date:** This is the date that the order was shipped.
- **Shipment Time:** This is the time the order was shipped. Use the format HHMMSS.
- **Standard Carrier Alpha Code (SCAC):** This is the unique code that identifies the transportation company.

- **Unit of Measure:** This specifies whether the unit of measure used for the weight of the shipment.
- **BOL Number:** The document number that appears on the Bill of Lading (BOL).
- **Purchase Order (PO) Number:** This is the number on the purchase order you received from your customer.
- **Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) Compliance:** Please enter FL if the shipment is compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) or ZZ if the shipment is non-compliant with FLSA or if FLSA is not applicable.
- **GS1-128 SSCC-18 Number for the Pallet:** This is the 18-digit Serial Shipping Container Code (SSCC) that has been created by the supplier for the individual pallet.
- **Case or Pallet Quantity:** The number of cases or pallets in the shipment.
- **Lot Number:** Often referred to as the "lot code," "Traceability Lot Code," "TLC" or "lot," this is the unique number or code used to uniquely identify a lot of a product. The lot code is assigned when the food is initially packed, received by the first land-based receiver, or transformed. Once a lot code is assigned, it must stay the same as the food moves through the supply chain; it can only be changed if the food is transformed.
- **Expiration Date:** The expiration date of the food.
- **Production Date:** The date the food was produced.
- **Date Packed:** The date the food was packed.
- **Best Before Date:** The date that the food is considered best before.
- **Transportation Method Type:** This communicates the type or method that was used to transport the product.
- **Packaging Code - Form and Materials:** This is a two-part code that describes the form of packaging (BAG = bag, BOX = box, SLP = slip sheet, etc.) and the materials used (03 = hard wood, 05 = soft wood, 25 = corrugated or solid, etc.).