

# Suppliers, Get Ready for Traceability Now

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## What we will cover today

- Quick introduction to ReposiTrak
- Who's asking for traceability now and what traceability data do they need for every shipment?
- As a supplier, what can you do NOW in order to get traceability-ready in time?
- Looking ahead: Can you do traceability for ALL of your customers?
- Leaving extra time for Q&A



ReposiTrak (NYSE:TRAK) is the world's largest connected network of suppliers, distributors and retailers with 30,000+ suppliers and 110,000+ facilities across all product categories.

- Financially strong company (NYSE:TRAK)
- 2+ years of cash on the balance sheet
- Seasoned executive leadership

With data management at its core, ReposiTrak technology is trusted by the food supply chain supply chain for traceability, food safety, inventory and sales performance.

- Banking-level security
- SOC 1 and SOC 2 Certified
- Stringent Development & QA process

## Who is ReposiTrak?



1,052

**Seafood Companies** 



1,219

Dairy, Soft Cheese & Shell Eggs



3,029

**Produce Companies** 



100,000+

Invoices generated DAILY



350,000+

Supplier/retailer/distributor connections on the platform



9,000,000

Store/SKU forecasts & orders generated DAILY



55,000,000

Item/store perpetual inventories maintained





## Brands across the supply chain trust ReposiTrak

















































































































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What traceability data do they need for every shipment?



- **1. Major retailers and wholesalers:** They've already started:
  - Some are including ALL FOODS or entire categories vs. only <u>Food Traceability List (FTL)</u> foods
  - Some have moved up their deadlines, ahead of the FDA's
- 2. The consumer: They're demanding more transparency to food safety and supply chain than ever, especially fueled by recent rash of recalls.
- 3. Regulators: The FDA demands traceability for certain foods under the FSMA Final Rule on Requirements for Additional Traceability Records for Certain Foods (FSMA 204). Enforcement begins January 20, 2026.





In-network





























Out-of-network









Walmart : OTARGET SYSCO ...among other retailers, wholesalers and restaurants

A low cost, automated solution for FSMA 204 traceability

Low fee, unlimited use model for suppliers

No cost to distributors

Some of your customers may already be in the network



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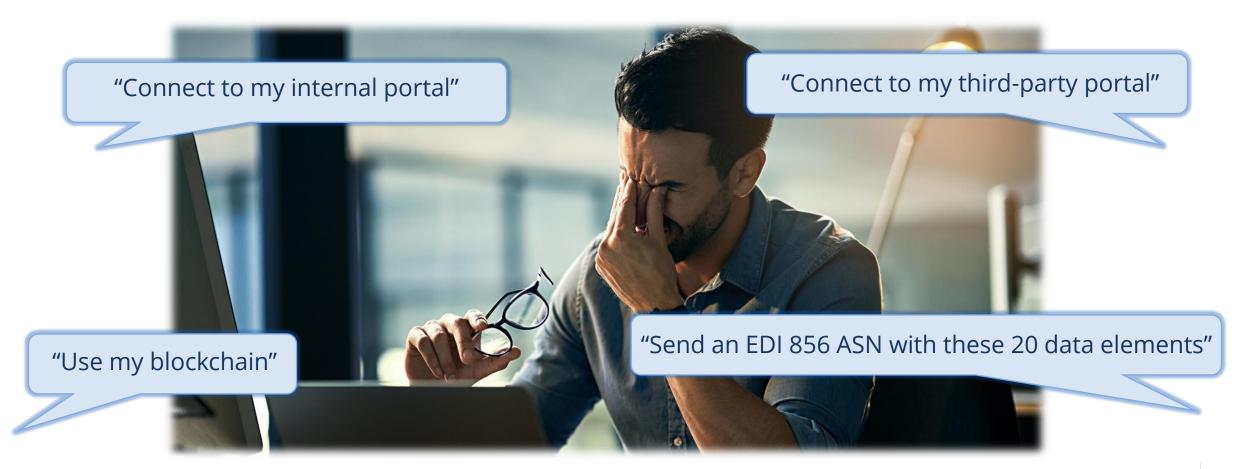
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## How many customers do you have? 50? 100? More?

Can you do traceability 100 different ways?

## Traceability data sharing is a challenge for suppliers

Every customer will want different data, shared in a different way.



## How will traceability impact you?

If your customer(s) are asking for traceability, then you – as a supplier – are required to DO traceability.

### Harvester



You harvest a food product Examples: produce, seafood, eggs, meat

You may have specific FSMA traceability requirements related to harvest, packing, cooling and shipping

If you ship to large retailers, or you ship to companies who do, you have customer-driven traceability requirements

### Manufacturer



You use raw ingredients to create a food product.

Examples: Packaged foods and brand owners who use comanufacturing

You may have specific FSMA traceability requirements related to ingredient receiving, transformation and shipping

If you ship to large retailers, or you ship to companies who do, you have customer-driven traceability requirements

### **Processor**



You process a food item to change its form

Examples: cut fruit/veg, bag salad mix, cut and wrap cheese, repack produce

You may have specific FSMA traceability requirements related to ingredient receiving, transformation and shipping

If you ship to large retailers, or you ship to companies who do, you have customer-driven traceability requirements

### **Distributor**



You receive products and ship them out without changing the product or package

Examples: produce or seafood distributors, grocery wholesalers

You have specific FSMA traceability requirements related to receiving, and shipping

If you ship to large retailers, or you ship to companies who do, you have customer-driven traceability requirements

## What traceability data do your customers need for every shipment?

Traceability is no longer 'one forward-one back,' as defined under the Bioterrorism Act of 2002.

Traceability Lot Code data must be shared with EVERY shipment, EVERY time:

- Labels alone will NEVER be enough...
- ASNs alone will NEVER be enough...

# Traceability under FSMA 204 is the largest data collaboration project in the history of the food supply chain.

# This is what's needed to create a basic, <u>complete</u> traceability receiving or shipping record

Requires the ability to automatically exchange data, and in some cases, collect data from labels or ASNs

Product data that stays the same

- 1. The traceability lot code for the food
- 2. The product description for the food
- 3. The location description for the traceability

lot code source, or the traceability lot code source reference



Shipment data that changes as the product moves

- 4. The location description for where the food was received
- 5. The location description for the immediate previous source (other than a transporter) for the food
- 6. The reference document type and reference document number
- 7. The quantity and unit of measure of the food (e.g. 6 cases, 25 reusable plastic containers, 100 tanks, 200 pounds)
- 8. The date the food was received/shipped

Customer data requirements may go well beyond the list of KDEs required by the FDA.



# Labels alone are NOT enough for food traceability.

# Some KDEs <u>cannot</u> be printed on a label.

(...because they're <u>not known</u> when the label is printed.)

- **X** The location description for where food was received
- ★ The location description for the immediate previous source (other than transporter) for the food
- **X** The reference document type and number
- X The quantity and unit of measure of the food
- X The date the food was received

# Some KDEs <u>can</u> be printed on a label.

- ✓ The traceability lot code (TLC)
- ✓ The product description
- ✓ The location description for the TLC source, or the TLC reference



## Labels are Important

## But they can't deliver full FSMA traceability success





- MAR 19 40 / LBS, US #1 Product of USA Glen Allen Farms Glen Allen VA

- Label scanning alone won't create a complete KDE record, the other KDEs need to be collected some other way.
- If your cases don't have a label with a human or machine-readable lot code, your product will be refused at some point.
- FSMA 204 does not dictate a label standard, but retailers are starting to require the GS1 standard.

What can you do NOW in order to get traceability-ready in time?



## Get traceability-ready now.

- It doesn't matter what you sell...you will be doing traceability with your customers. If they haven't already asked, they will be soon.
- You need a technology platform that enables you to exchange traceability and supply chain data easily, with all your customers, <u>regardless of the systems</u> the customers require, and regardless of your technical capabilities.
- Beware of volumetric pricing systems that penalize you for growth; get a flat rate price and lock it in.
- Position your brand as "traceability-ready" and train your sales and marketing teams to use it to expand distribution and grow your market share.



## How do you get traceability-ready?

Traceability takes time. It starts with gathering critical information that will be used to create complete traceability records required by your customer.

### Traceability data includes:

- ✓ Information about the facilities that you operate and which customers is serviced by each facility
- ✓ Information about your customer's facilities that you ship to
- ✓ Payment information
- √ Image(s) of your shipping labels
- ✓ Descriptions of your lot codes as well as examples
- ✓ Contact information from key roles inside your organization
- ✓ The existing systems where shipping traceability data might be stored, including your Warehouse Management System (WMS), accounting or other operational planning systems
- ✓ Your company's preferred protocol or communication method that will be used to share your traceability data files for every shipment, every time. This might include Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) or other methods.

## This is about the electronic transmission or "hand off" of data

### It's something that ReposiTrak has done for 10+ years.

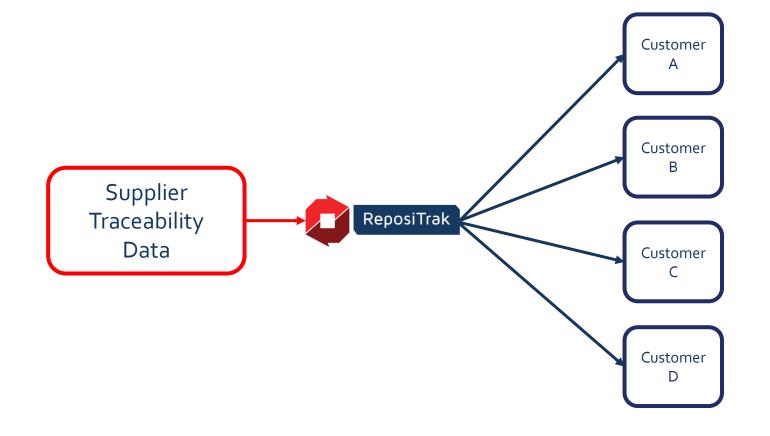


- ReposiTrak makes the required data exchange "hand offs" easy, regardless of the technical ability of the trading partners
- You share the data with ReposiTrak the same way every time and we will get it to your customer the way they want it.



ReposiTrak facilitates the fast, easy, automated "hand off" of traceability information for:

EVERY customer
EVERY data element
EVERY format
EVERY shipment
EVERY time.

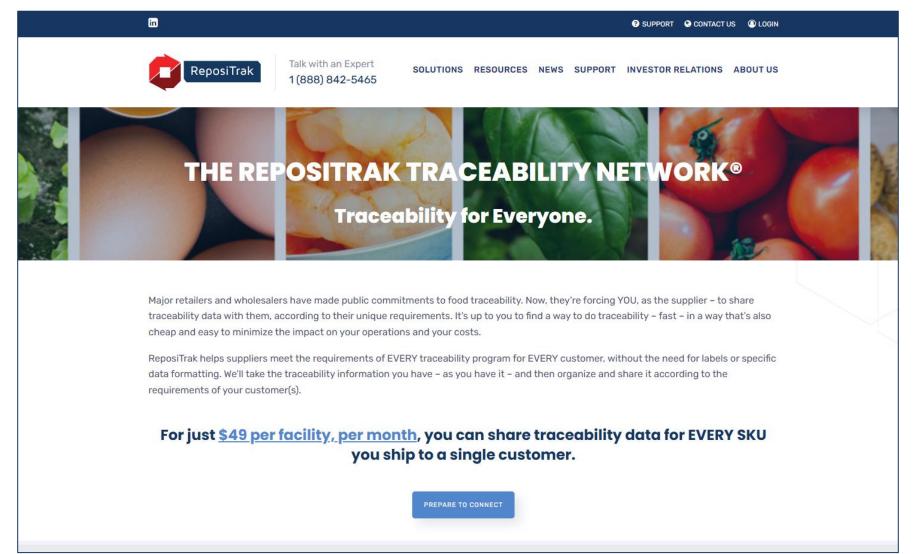






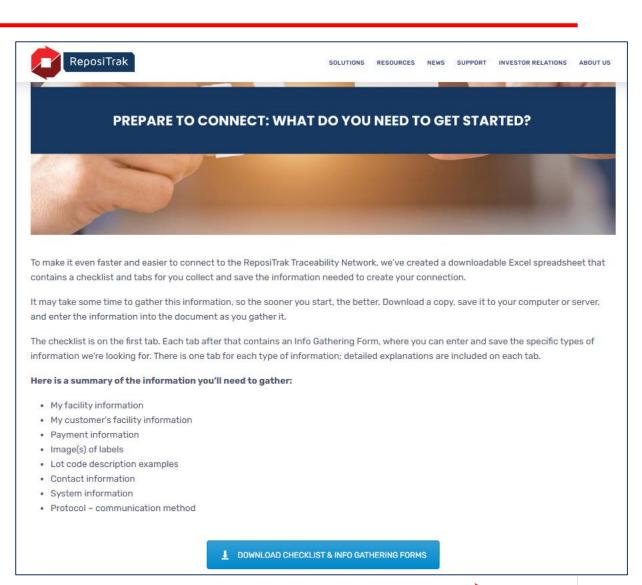
## Use these tools to become traceability-ready now

## https://repositrak.com/traceability-for-everyone/



## What can you do now?

- Within 24 hours of this webinar, you will receive an email with a copy of this webinar and a link to: <a href="https://repositrak.com/traceability-for-everyone/">https://repositrak.com/traceability-for-everyone/</a>
- Click the "Prepare to Connect" button on the screen and then click "DOWNLOAD CHECKLIST & INFO GATHERING FORMS"
- Download a copy as an Excel spreadsheet and save it to your computer. Then, working left to right, fill in each of the tabs.
  - It might take a few weeks to gather the information on each tab
  - Use this time over the holiday weeks to prepare
  - After the first of the year, we'll be in touch with a link for you to create your connection to the ReposiTrak Traceability Network



The ReposiTrak Traceability Network®

Vancouver

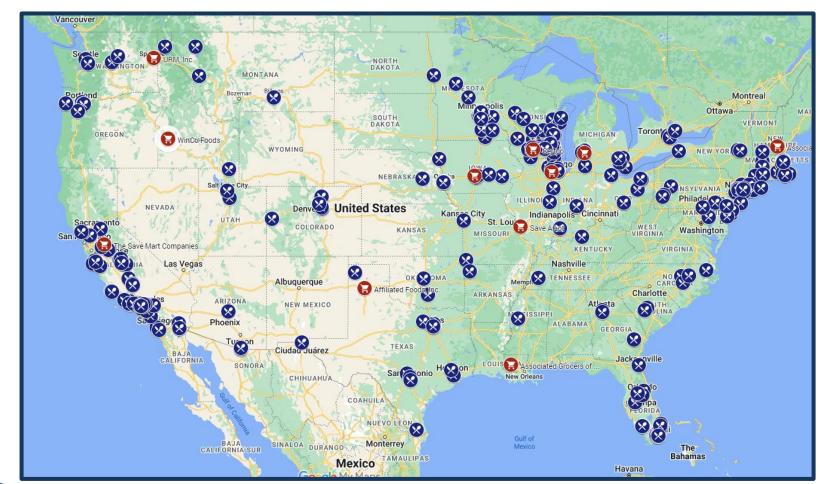




8,000+
Suppliers

**41+**DCs/Warehouses

11,000+
Retail Locations















## **Next Steps**

We understand that preparing for traceability, and understanding current and future requirements is a challenge.

## **CALL or EMAIL ME.**

We'll walk through what traceability means for your business and talk through any customer requests that you've received.

- There is no cost.
- There is no obligation.
- This is <u>NOT</u> a sales call.
- This call is simply to help you understand your unique traceability requirements and answer questions.

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# Q&A