GLN Bulk Process Name Standardization Enhancement

The GLN Bulk Process Name Standardization Enhancement, takes the name standardization enhancement that was implemented on the website and web services in September 2017, and later to the 2017 annual de-duplication maintenance, and applies it to the GLN bulk process.

The name standardization functionality will provide more robust name standardization when trying to determine a match in the bulk process. This functionality will improve name matching for abbreviations, support individual name vs business name matching scenario’s and provide flexibility to assist in decreasing false positive matching.

Below are two examples of improvement in decreasing false positive matching. Prior to the enhancement, AGIIS likely would have matched the two entities together based on the similarity in the name and having identical addresses. Since the enhancement, AGIIS recognizes their differences and will not match the two together.

Example 1

John Doe, 123 Main St, Anytown, USA and John Doe Farms, 123 Main St, Anytown, USA

Example 2

Jane Doe, 828 Sycamore, Anytown, USA and Jane & John Doe, 828 Sycamore, Anytown USA

AGIIS Sponsorship Recognition

The second enhancement, AGIIS Sponsorship Recognition Banner, displays the company logos of those subscribers that have historically provided significant financial support above the published AGIIS subscription rates. With these companies’ permission, they are being recognized by having their company logo scroll across the AGIIS login and home pages. Companies that have authorized the use of their logo are BASF, Bayer, Dow Agrosciences, Dupont/Pioneer, FMC Corporation, Syngenta, Tessenderlo
May 12, 2018

GTIN Logic Modification Enhancement

On Saturday, May 12, 2018, AGIIS was enhanced to accommodate a variable length, GS1 company prefix in the formulation of the 14-digit Global Trade Item Number (GTIN). The GTIN uniquely identifies a product in AGIIS at its lowest saleable unit. A GS1 Company Prefix is a unique identification number that GS1 issues companies using bar coding and product code identification, such as the GTIN. The 14-digit GTIN utilized in AGIIS is created by combining four components, a Package Level Indicator, GS1 Company Prefix, Package Size ID and Check Digit.

Historically, company prefixes were assigned by GS1 that were 7-digits in length. This meant that the Package Size ID was always 5 digits in length, as both the Package Level Indicator and Check Digit, are each 1-digit.

Now, GS1 is assigning company prefixes that vary in length. As AGIIS was originally programmed to require a 7-digit Company Prefix and 5-digit Package Size ID, updates were made to accommodate a GS1 Company Prefix between 1 and 11-digits. The Package Size ID may now contain between 1 and 11 numeric digits but, the combination of the GS1 Company Prefix and the Package Size ID must equal 12-digits.

New requirements for the construction of the 14-digit GTIN is provided below.
Updates have been made to the AGIIS Product file layouts Product 3-Level (CSV) and GTIN Level 1 (CSV) to reflect these changes. These file formats, along with the XML product update document, can be found in the Product section in AGIIS under the Links menu. If you have any questions about this enhancement, please contact Member Services at Member.Services@AgGateway.org, or call us at (866) 251-8618.

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Verification Date Enhancement

AGIIS was enhanced on Saturday, January 20, 2018 allowing the AGIIS Directory Administrator to update the "Last Verification Date" on an entity even if the requested update is declined.

Before, if a subscriber requested Member Services verification (phone or web verification) on updated entity demographics, and the update was declined after performing verification, the "Last Verification Date" did not update. With this enhancement, the "Last Verification Date" will update regardless if the demographic update is accepted or declined.

In the example below, phone verification was requested on an update to the mailing address. In the side by side comparison of the history, you can see that no update to the entity demographics were made, yet the "Last Verified" field was changed from "None" to "Member Services Level: Tier 2- Phone/Email + Web Verification on 01/22/2018." Member Services verification determined that the existing address on the entity was correct. The update was declined, but because a phone verification was performed confirming the address, the "Last Verified" field is updated with the date and type of verification performed.