

## OVERVIEW

Data synchronization is the automated exchange of product information between retailers and suppliers. It is a process that will enable item data to be correct in both systems in order to reduce errors in the ordering and shipping of items to our stores.

The benefits of data synchronization are:

- Accurate, synchronized data in both the AAFES and supplier's databases
- Remove inefficiencies for the supply chain
- Essential for successful automated replenishment
- Fewer errors on invoices and purchase orders
- Reduces manual entry
- Faster delivery of new items to stores

At this time there are three ways to synchronize the item data:

Data pool – register with a data pool to publish the item information to the AAFES data pool.

( [www.gxs.com](http://www.gxs.com) or 1-800-698-3266, option 3)

CSV – use a file to send your item information to the AAFES data synchronization team.

Manual entry – manually input item information on the portal (less than 15 items).

Once the currently purchased items are synchronized, the new items will be submitted in the same manner after the proper procedures are taken by the supplier and buyer (i.e. new item set up form).

Please keep in mind that even if you choose to cleanse your item data manually/csv, you can in the future subscribe to a data pool and continue in that manner with new items.

Send your questions to: ( [zzhqsdeprescreen@AAFES.com](mailto:zzhqsdeprescreen@AAFES.com) )

We would like to thank you for your support on this initiative.