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# **Data Synchronization Process**

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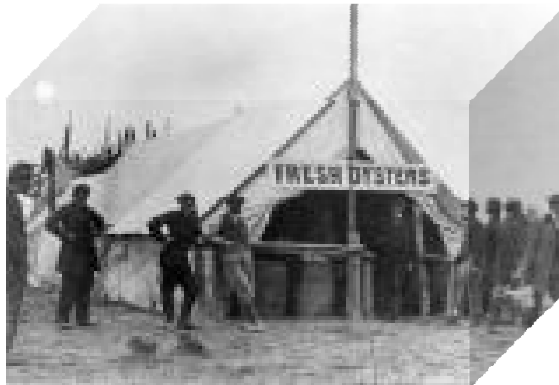


# AAFES Global Data Synchronization Program



# For Almost 115 Years, We've Been There

From Sutlers' tents, to frontier stores...



In 2008 \$ 274 Million of AAFES' earnings were returned to the services MWR. (Morale, Recreation and Welfare)

Korea, Vietnam  
two world wars...  
and today's challenges.



# Global Data Synchronization Network Overview



# What is the GDSN?

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- **Global Data Synchronization Network® (GDSN®) is an automated, standards-based global environment that enables secure and continuous data synchronization**
  - This allows all trading partners to have consistent item data in their systems at the same time
  
- **Ensures that ALL parties in the supply chain are working with the same data**
  - Allows for simplified change notification
  - Saves TIME and MONEY for all organizations by eliminating steps to correct inaccurate data

## Benefits of Data Synchronization:

### › Faster time to market for new products

- › Increased sales to customers

### › ROI through improved Data Quality

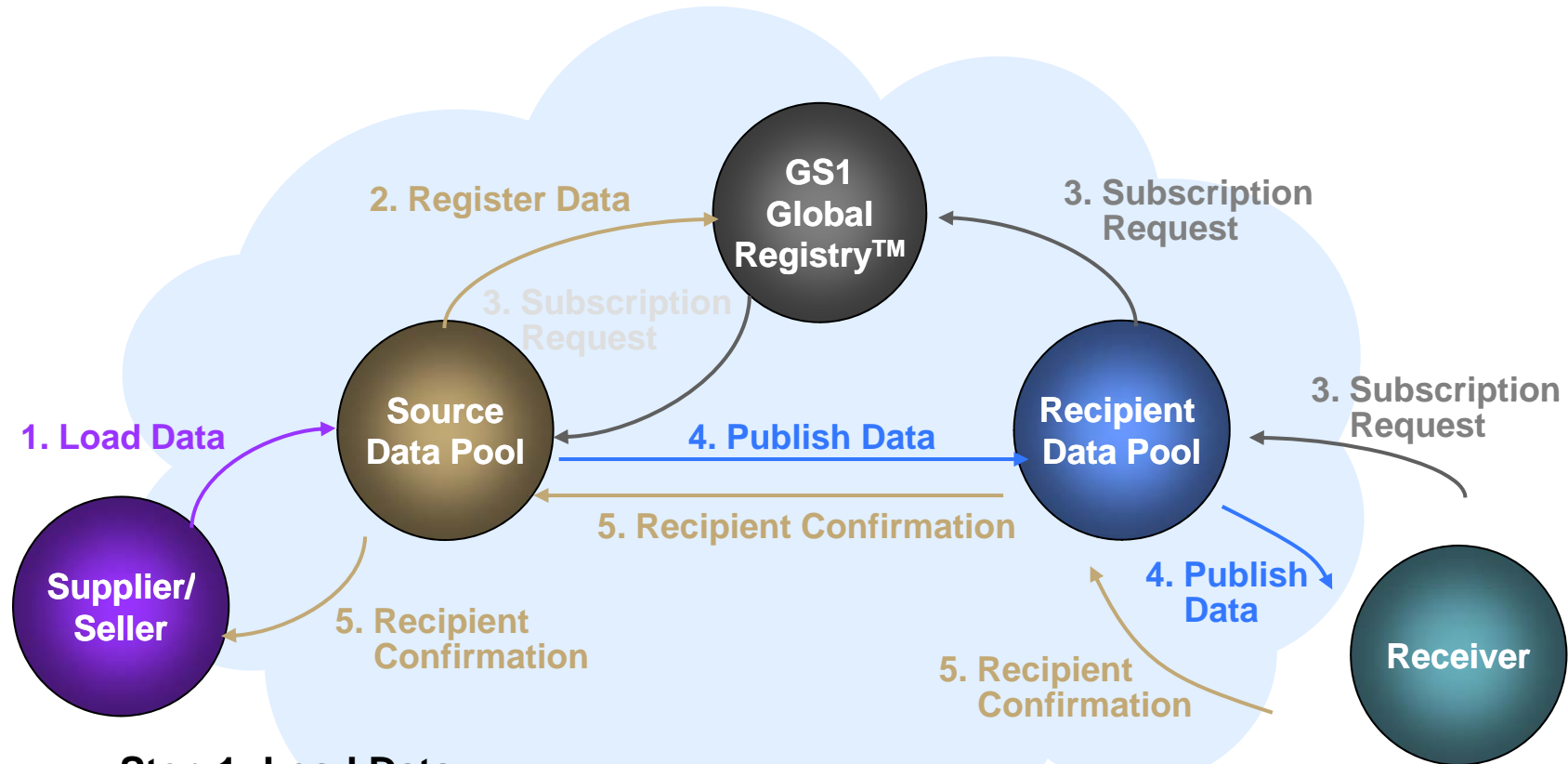
- › Efficiencies in logistics, order administration, accounting, inventory, etc.
- › One version of Item information shared and continuously updated from the manufacturer

### › Benefits to Suppliers:

- Less manual data entry improves accuracy
- Standardized process with a broad number of end users as opposed to multiple proprietary solutions

**Enhanced Trading Partner Relationships**

# How Does the GDSN Work?



**Step 1: Load Data**

**Step 2: Register Data**

**Step 3: Subscription Request**

**Step 4: Publish Data**

**Step 5: Recipient Confirmation**

***Any Supplier/Retailer/Distributor selects one data pool as a single point of entry to the GDSN.***



## Snapshot of Retailers & Distributors In Production in the GDSN



## Snapshot of Retailers & Distributors in the GDSN Implementation in progress



# **Data Pool Implementation Process**

# Data Sync Industry Terms/Definitions

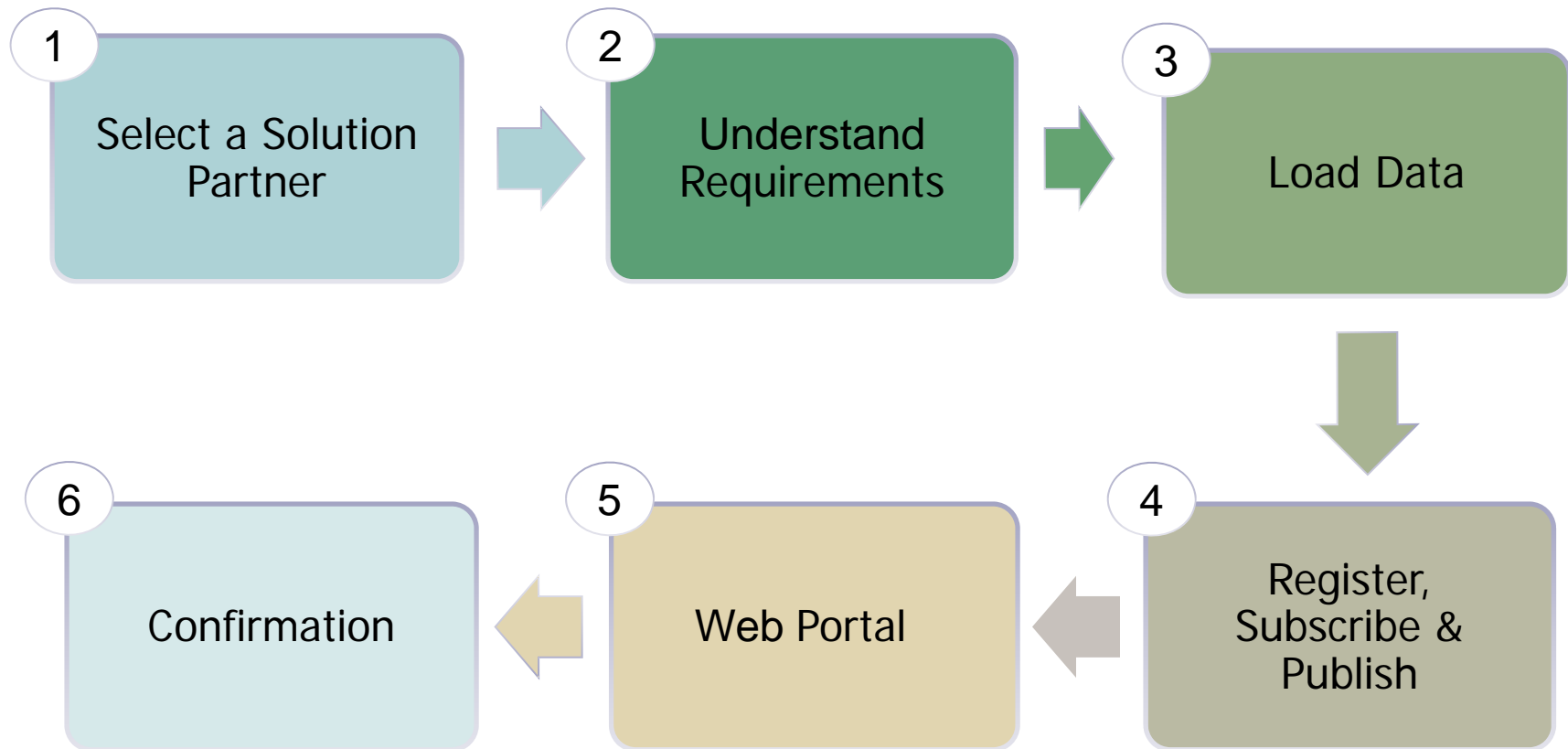
- **Data Pools** - An organization that can receive, communicate, validate, and manage the flow of information with the Global Registry and other data pools in the GDSN
- **Data Pool Manager (DPM)** – The GDSN Data Pool solution provided by GXs and used by AAFES
- **Data Sync** - Automated exchange of product information between buyers and sellers - GTIN, description, color and dimensions
- **Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN)** – The network comprised of all certified data pools & the GS1 Global Registry
- **Global Trade Item Number (GTIN)** - Umbrella term used to describe all of the codes for trade items (products and services)

# Data Sync Industry

## Terms/Definitions

- **Global Location Number (GLN)** -13-digit number to identify a location of a Trading Partner (Supplier and Retailer)
- **Global Registry** - Provides validation services to ensure uniqueness of items through basic GTIN and GLN rules
- **Global Standards 1 (GS1)** - The new name for UCC and EAN International
  - UCC announced that it has changed its name to GS1 US as of June 7, 2005
  - GS1 organizations often run country data pools

## Where Do I Start? What Do I Do Next?



# Data Sync: Step 1

## Step 1: Select a Solution Partner

### › Hardlines and Consumable Suppliers

- › Sign up with a certified Global Data Synchronization Network® (GDSN®) Data Pool solutions provider
- › There are several certified providers available for your selection that AAFES can work with
- › AAFES partnered with 1SYNC™ and GXS as a certified solution provider (1SYNC Onboard Support provided by GXS)

## **CERTIFIED US DATA POOLS**

1SYNC

Big Hammer Data

Commport Communications International, Inc.

GHX (Health Care)

GXS

## **Third party providers**

SA2 Worldsinc (Formerly Agentrics)

ParaRede

Sterling Commerce (TR2 PKG)

NuBridges

Inovis (Can also be used as a catalog) need to remove

GXS

[http://www.gs1.org/docs/gdsn/gdsn\\_certified\\_data\\_pools.pdf](http://www.gs1.org/docs/gdsn/gdsn_certified_data_pools.pdf)



# Data Sync: Step 2

## Step 2: Understand Requirements

- ✓ Review AAFES' **attributes** to be synchronized with your business
- ✓ Attributes list is available on AAFES' W site:
  - Go to [www.aafes.com/edi/](http://www.aafes.com/edi/)
  - Select the "GDS" tab
  - Review "GDSN – Attributes" and "GDSN FAQ"

### Required

Must provide this attribute information

### Conditional

Category-specific & depends on the attribute. If applicable, **it's required**

### Optional

If available, please provide.

discontinuedDate	C	
functionalName	M	
additionalClassificationCategoryCode	M	
minimumTradeItemLifeSpanFromTimeOfArrival	C	
targetMarketCountryCode	M	
descriptionShort	M	

# Data Sync: Step 2 cont.

## Step 2: Understand Requirements

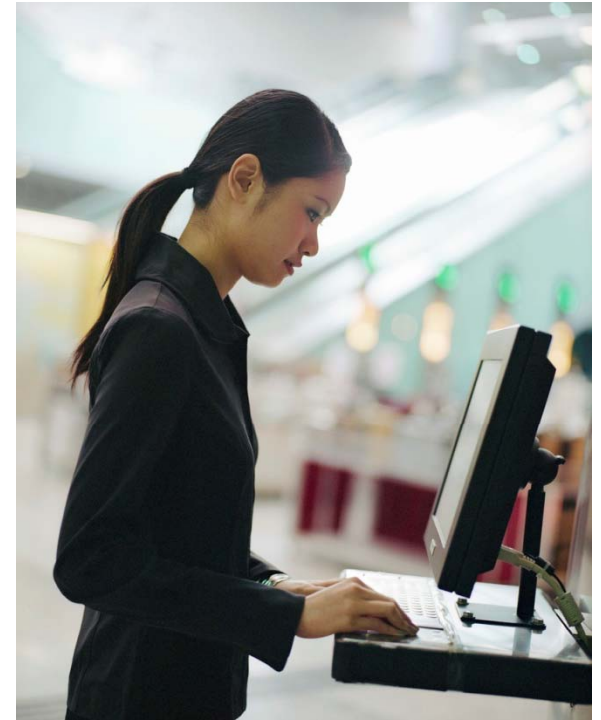
- AAFES GDS program [AAFES Data Synchronization](#)
- AAFES GDS Supplier Handbook [GDS Supplier Handbook](#)
- AAFES Attribute List [AAFES GDSN Attributes](#)
- GXS Educational Webinars for 1SYNC Onboard Support  
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# Data Sync: Step 3

## Step 3: Load Data

### ➤ Your Solutions Provider

- Obtain toolkit/template from provider and enter product data
- Register product data with the GS1 Global Registry



# Data Sync: Step 4

## Step 4: Subscribe & Publish

- **Provide Information Required by AAFES for the Subscription Process**
  - Complete the AAFES Supplier Data Sheet
  - Email the completed form to AAFES
  
- **Publish Product to AAFES data via Data Pool**
  - **AAFES' GLN: 0614299000018**
  - Only publish items that you sell to AAFES

# Data Sync: Step 5

**Task** Submit Cancel Edit Return

Work Group: SupplierOnBoard  
User Group: Global Product Data

Put into Production on: 04/06/2010 19:26 (MM/dd/yyyy HH:mm)

**Comments History**  
Action Comments:

**Preview "Full Data Sheet"** Source Data

- Founders Furniture // Furniture Dresser  
**1 EA - Dresser**

AAFES REQUIRED ATTRIBUTE \*  
DATAPOOL REQUIRED ATTRIBUTE \*\*

Identification (AAFESSupplierPackageDisplay)			
GTIN **	00603899027242	Target Market Country Code **	840
Supplier GLN	0603899000016	Target Market Subdivision Code	
Package Code	EA	Target Market Description **	US
Case Pack package	0		
<b>AAFES</b>			
Cost *		Suggested Retail Price	
<b>General</b>			
Cash Register Description **	Dresser	EANUCC Code **	603899027242
Trade Item Unit Descriptor **	BASE_UNIT_1_UK_EACH	EANUCC Type **	
<b>Dimensions</b>			
Linear Units **	IN	Net Content Units **	EA
Height **	15.625	Net Content **	1
Width **	32.25	Net Weight	136
Depth **	60.5	Weight Units	LB
Diameter		Gross Weight *	143
<b>Trading</b>			
Is Trade Item A Consumer Unit **	1	Is Trade Item An Orderable Unit **	1
<b>Quantity</b>			
Ti		Hi	
Quantity of Next Lower Level Trade Item		Minimum Order Quantity	1
Total Quantity of Next Lower Level Trade Item	1	Maximum Order Quantity	9999

## Step 5: AAFES Web Portal

- The items published to AAFES will be available for viewing on the supplier portal.
- The GDS team member will view the items and address any discrepancies.

# Data Sync: Step 6

## Step 6: Confirmation

- **You will receive a Catalog Item Confirmation (CIC) notice from AAFES**
  - Received through your data pool
  - One of two status codes
    - Accepted
    - Rejected

# Resource Material

- › **Data Pool Onboard Support – Hardlines/Consumables - more than 10+ GTIN's**
  - Onboard Support ([gxsonboardsupport@gxs.com](mailto:gxsonboardsupport@gxs.com)); 1-800-334-5669 option 3
- › **GXS Educational Webinars for 1SYNC Onboard Support**
  - [1Sync onboard Webinars](#)
- › **1SYNC Support**
  - [www.1sync.org](http://www.1sync.org)      1-866-280-4013
- › **AAFES GDS Support**
  - [zzhqsdeprescreen@aafes.com](mailto:zzhqsdeprescreen@aafes.com)      214-312-4373
- › **AAFES GDS Supplier Data Sheet**
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- › **AAFES Attribute List**
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- › **Access the AAFES Web Portal for Suppliers**
  - [Supplier Portal](#)

## Two Part Process

### 1. Cleanse Supplier Data

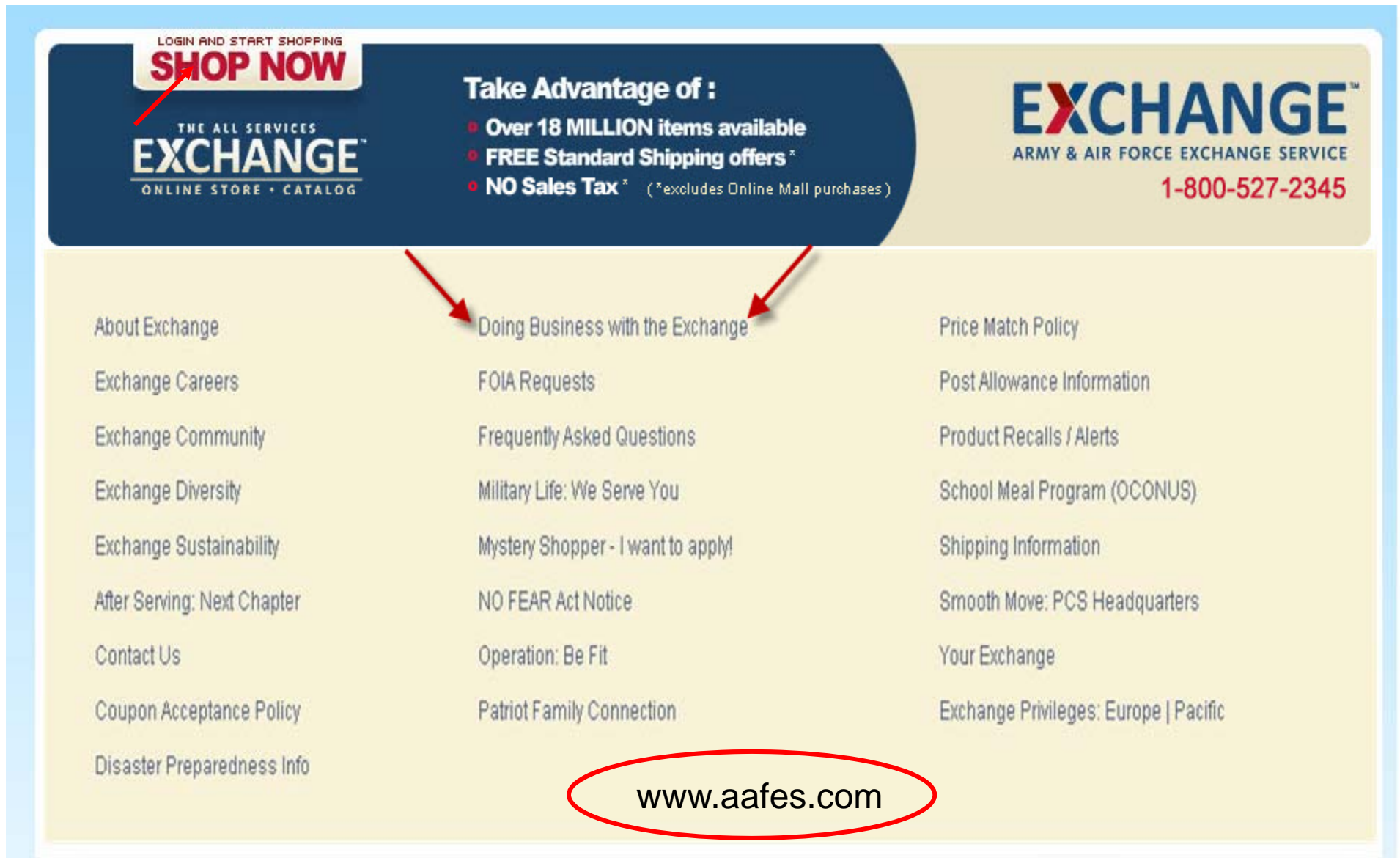
- Match existing items with supplier items
  - **Stage 2 (Cleanse In-Process)**
    - Dimensions and quantity
  - **Stage 3 (Cleansed)**
    - Cleansing complete

### 2. New Item Induction

- Supplier sends approved new items



# Getting Started:



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**SHOP NOW**

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## Doing Business with AAFES

AAFES operates more than 3,100 facilities worldwide, in more than 30 countries, five U.S. territories and 50 states. AAFES operates some 174 main stores and more than 1,300 fast-food restaurants, such as Taco Bell, Burger King, Popeyes and Cinnabon. AAFES also provides military communities with convenience, specialty stores and movie theaters on installations worldwide, including locations in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

The **AAFES MISSION** has remained essentially unchanged since a Military Exchange Service was established in July 1895. AAFES is in business to serve Soldiers, Airman and their families around the world. For over 100 years, AAFES has been dedicated to adding to the quality of life of our customers and serving as partner with the Army, Air Force and the MWR Community.

AAFES Policy is to cooperate to the fullest extent with all suppliers and manufacturers while maintaining the highest ethical business standards. AAFES is a staunch supporter of **diverse suppliers**. Determining factors for procuring merchandise from suppliers are quality products, competitive prices, on time delivery and customer demand.

# GDS Homepage:



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## Welcome to AAFES eBusiness...

Remaining competitive in today's marketplace mandates that corporations must continue to minimize cost and speed up communication. Through the development of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), the retail industry has set standards to produce shortened lead times giving merchants better in-stock conditions and increased sales.

To remain competitive in the retail market, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is totally committed to the EDI program. Please browse our website and contact any of the EDI Staff for more information.



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## Data Synchronization

### Item Data Management

*Building the Foundation For A Better Future*

AAFES Mandate For Data Synchronization

- [Update April 2009](#)

Synchronization

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Supplier Data Sheets

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Data Sync Bulletins

*There are no current bulletins. Please feel free to review our archived bulletins.*

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**AAFES GDS Supplier Data Sheet**

# AAFES GDS Supplier Data Sheet



## INFORMATION ONLY

### AAFES GDS Supplier Data Sheet

#### Information Required

#### Your Information

AAFES GLN # 0614299000018

Organization Name	Your Company
Business Commodity (Hardlines, Softlines, Consumables)	Hardlines (Example)
Trading Partner Name	
Global Location Number (GLN) (required entry for data pool)	Your GLN (13 digits)
Additional ID Type (DUNS#)	001695568 (9-13 digits)
Primary GDS Contact Name	Tom Smith
Primary GDS Contact Phone	214-314-1111
Primary GDS Contact Email	tsmith@yourcompany.com
Business Address: Street	3911 South Walton Walker Blvd.
Business Address: City	Dallas
Business Address: State and Zip	TX 75236
Sales Rep Name	John Doe
Sales Rep Phone	214-312-1111
Sales Rep Email	doej@aafes.com
AAFES Vendor Number(s)	12345678 (8 digits)
Certified Data Pool Name (1Sync, SA2, Big Hammer, Commport)	1Sync (example)
3rd Party Provider (if applicable)	Ontent (example)
Global Product Codes (Bricks) (required entry for data pool)	10000575 (8 digits)
Manual or GPC (Global Product Catalogue)	GPC

Email completed form to: [zzHQSDEPrescreen@aafes.com](mailto:zzHQSDEPrescreen@aafes.com).

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GDS Prescreen Team

## Implement Data Synchronization Steps

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## Retail Sales

- ☒ APO/FPO Guide
- ☒ SD New Item Induction Form v.3 (updated 12/03)
- ☒ Books/ Magazines Sales
- ☒ DVD/ CD Sales


### SD BUYERS

#### *Retail Food/Candy/Snacks Branch*

Buyer IV - Candy,Gum,Mints	214.312.3172
Buyer III - Hybrid Stores	214.312.3789
Buyer III - Chips,Nuts,Snacks	214.312.4352
Buyer III - Frozen,Chilled Foods	214.312.2864
Buyer I - Candy,Gum,Mints	214.312.4955
Buyer III - Hybrid Stores	214.312.4653
Associate Buyer - Hybrid Stores	214.312.6375



# SD New Item Induction Form

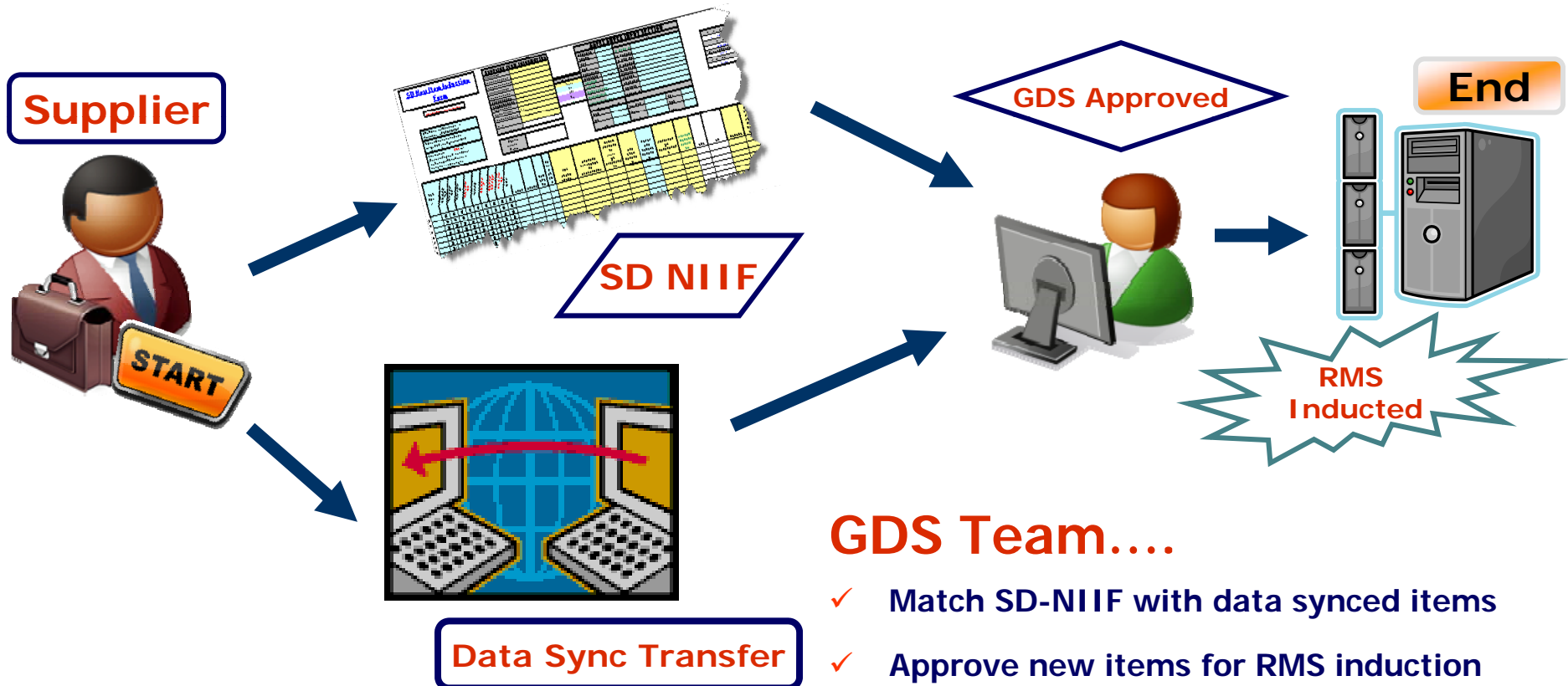
 <b>SD New Item Induction Form</b> V3										<b>Color Key</b>		<b>SUPPLIER ITEM INFORMATION</b>				
<b>Approval Step</b>			<b>Approver Name</b>			<b>Date</b>			<b>Supplier</b>		<b>SHIP DATE</b>					
BUYER									<b>Buyer</b>		<b>SUPPLIER NAME</b>					
ALLOCATOR									<b>IDM</b>		<b>SUPPLIER NUMBER</b>					
REPLENISHER									<b>Auto Calculation</b>		<b>SUPPLIER POC</b>					
PLANNER									<b>Softline Columns</b>		<b>SUPPLIER PHONE NUMBER</b>					
US Imports/HTS									<b>Macro Security Instructions</b>		<b>SUPPLIER GLN</b>					
PAR MGR									<b>GDS Supplier Listing</b>		<b>VENDOR DUNS</b>					
DMM									<b>Cleansed/Working</b>		<b>SHIP FROM LOC</b>					
CROSS DOCK									<b>Item Lookup</b>		<b>ORIGIN COUNTRY</b>					
									<b>Recently Added Items:</b>		<b>DUYCN EMAIL</b>					
									<b>Added Items</b>		<b>SHIPPER INFO.</b> Y or N (type over)					
									<b>Crossdock Suppliers</b>		<b>FACTORY NAME</b>					
									<b>List of XD Suppliers</b>		<b>ON FLOOR</b>					
											<input type="checkbox"/> Cleansed Supplier					
<b>Form View</b>																
HARD_CONS   SOFTLINES   IDM   VIEW ALL																
CRC Like Item	ALL CHILDREN	SEASONS	TICKETS	SUPPLIER	PRICE	STORES	WAREHOUSES	REPLENISHMENT	MOAs	DEPT	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRA NS LEVEL	YPN (STOCK/STYLE) (SOFTLINES) (13 CHAR MAX)	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION (28 CHARACTERS)	HTS Cod (Required for US Import)
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							

NIIF

# GDS -New Item Inductions

## Supplier....

- ✓ Send AAFES Buyer SD New Item Induction Form (NIIF)
- ✓ Data sync New Items to AAFES GDS team



## GDS Team....

- ✓ Match SD-NIIF with data synced items
- ✓ Approve new items for RMS induction

**Internally Cleanse Item Data**

**Data Pool Setup**

**Complete Supplier Detail Sheet**

**Publish Items to AAFES**

**Submit SD NIIF to Buyer**

- Unable to reach suppliers GDS contact
- No backup when primary GDS contact is out
- Items not published when SD New Item Induction Form received

- ✓ Over 900 Suppliers On-Board
- ✓ Expect all AAFES suppliers to data sync
- ✓ 2011 GOAL: **1500 SUPPLIERS!**

