

PCN #	PCN Name	Effective Date
08-009	<b>Sector Specific User Groups and Multi-Sector Governance Recognition in GSMP</b>	04-Nov-2008

## Purpose:

This PCN communicates the role of Sector Specific User Groups and the role the Sector Governance and process of GSMP

## Overview:

The GS1 Business Plan includes expansion of the GS1 System into targeted sectors. Accordingly, the GSMP objectives include the following:

**Multi-Sector Enabled GS1 Standards & GSMP:** In support of the GS1 objective to expand to new sectors and to support the development of GS1 Solutions, improve the current methods of developing multi-sector standards and the engagement between GSMP and the new sectors of GS1.

This affects GSMP in all areas including: Process, Governance, Deliverables, Infrastructure and Governance.

## Sector Governance in GSMP

Today, the GSMP recognizes User Groups. Specifically, the GDSN User Group is outlined in the GSMP Manual. The role of the User Group in relationship to the GSMP is to:

- Prioritise Complex Change Requests
- Identify and remove implementation barriers
- Identify standards development opportunities and interface to GSMP
- Organise business experts (e.g. from specific industry sectors)
- Serve as communication channel external to GSMP Community
- Supply business experts to GSMP BRGs and Work Groups

This change enables the formation of a User Group for a specific sector based on the GS1 Business Plan. The role of the Group is as currently stated, will be responsible to prioritize what Complex Work Orders will go into GSMP as it relates to topics that are a priority for that sector. The methods by which this prioritization is accomplished will be determined by the Sector Governance and follow the processes as outlined in the GSMP Manual.

The deliverable into the GSMP of this group should normally be the Business Case Document which includes details on: a business case description, scope and impact statement, a listing of deliverables, quarterly updates and milestones as well as an expected start and completion date. The Business Case Document is a standardized PowerPoint Template to assure uniformity and consistency and will result in a Project Description Document and an approved GSMP Work Order.

## Sector Sponsored GSMP Work Groups

Like other business units, Sectors will manage their specific work efforts in GSMP via the GSMP Work Group model. For Work Orders which emanate from a particular sector but affect more than one sector, the Requirements gathering phase can be in two consecutive sessions, the first for the specific sector and the second will be open to the broader community. The purpose is to allow the sector to align on its needs prior to entering the larger community. When the CR is determined to be specific to the sector, the Requirements will be done by the sector group with no subsequent requirements gathering session.

For Sector sponsored Work Groups, there may be additional rules about participation that are applied by the sector leadership team. These rules will be published and available and not apply to the general

requirements open to the broader community. Any concerns about these rules will be expressed first to the Sector Leadership Team and possibly the GSMP Process Group, depending on the nature of the concern, with the final determination if any such rule is considered a breach of due process to be made by the BCS.

## **Sector Governance in relation to Simple CR's**

When Simple CR's are determined to be sector specific they may be considered "complex" and developed by a Sector work group at the discretion of the Sector leadership team.

## **How GSMP will determine Sector Impact**

All CR's that are entered into GSMP are reviewed by Central Operations. This review includes consideration of impact on Sectors. The Central Operations, working with the Business Units will make this assessment. If concerns arise regarding the impact of any particular CR, they will be resolved by GS1 working with the stakeholders involved with escalation to the Process Group and if necessary the BCS as a final option.

This Process will be enacted and then reevaluated in 6 months.