

**GDD Fast Track Evolution**

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***Purpose:***

The proposal is:

- To improve the movement of quality attributes into the GDS Network
- Enhance the recommendation from the Data Management Group
- To clarify where to look for possible product attributes as they move through the Standards Development Process.

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## 1.1. Current Opportunity

The use of attributes in the GDS Network requires timely changes as these relate directly to current business processes.

If the submitter wants both a Fast Track submission and a permanent solution, the current process requires two change requests and two separate reviews by the GS1 modeller and the BRG.

Though the GDD Fast Track Process is timely, there is not a process in place for taking these requirements to the next step (a permanent solution where validation rules and dependencies can be applied).

Adding dependencies to these attributes and finding a place for them in either the core Item Standard or one of its extensions and then removing them from the FastTrack website is the ultimate goal.

### Current State

GDD Fast Track Attributes are posted on the website within 30 days of a request.

The formal process to move FT Attributes to core or an extension (and sunset them from FT) is too cumbersome and thus never been utilized.

There are 80 General FT attributes + a number of New Item Forms Attributes on the website.

Some of these attributes could be satisfied by code list additions.

FT Requests are becoming infrequent due to the Maintenance Release Methodology

### The Evolution of the Process

The Maintenance Release Team recommends considering the Fast Track process from another point of view

1. Consider Fast Track as an interim implementation solution, not a method of submission
2. Change Requests for new attributes and code list additions should be framed as “enable the communication of “fill in the blank” through the GDS Network.
  - a) This provides the modeller with the flexibility to determine if the solution should be a code list addition or a new attribute
3. All Change Requests should be analyzed by the modeller in terms of the permanent solution when the requirement is to be implemented into the official Business Message Standard.
4. The modeller should then present this solution to the BRG for discussion, public review and ultimately eBallot.
5. If approved . . .
  - a) Additions to code lists that are not embedded in the schemas can be included in the next available network maintenance release (must make eligibility cut-off dates)
  - b) New attributes can be implemented immediately using the AVPair schema extension (interim solution) if FT is selected in request.
  - c) New attributes will be published as part of the next LOI 2 or 3 (see MR PCN for definitions) scheduled BMS in either the “core” or an appropriate extension (permanent solution)
  - d) When a new BMS is deployed in to the production GDSN, all interim (FT) attributes previously approved will be removed from the AVPair communication (these will be sun-setted over time)
  - e) Sunset Process: When the BMS is moved to GDSN Production (Global Registry) a sunset date is applied next to effected FT attributes (to be 6 months from the date of the Publication of the schema-based solution). The sunset reason will also be listed as a reference to the standard.

## Benefits

- All Change Request submissions go through the same process
- All submissions result in a formal solution
  - Assigned to the proper class of attributes and/or extension
  - Data characteristics
  - Business rules and validations
  - Code list if appropriate
- The BRG reviews the Change Request one time
- The “Fast Track” attributes have an orderly sunset

- Users have both an interim and a long-term solution
- The process is faster and more efficient

## Next Steps

- MR Team, GDSN Inc., GSMP, and GDSN BRG approval of Plan.
- GSMP Process updated
- Process Change Notification (PCN) released to GSMP community
- Process changes implemented
- MR can begin to work with the modelers to move current Fast Track attributes into their final solution
- Remove “Fast Track” (as a separate option) from the Change Request system and make it an additional implementation possibility (check box) when requesting an attribute addition
- Implement the requirements of Fast Track submissions to apply to all data attribute submissions
  - Business requirement
  - Business rationale
  - Business rules and validations
  - Code lists where appropriate