Unleashing the power of GS1 Digital Link in the Alcoholic Beverages Industry!
Alcoholic Beverages Webinar, 22 June 2023, from 11:00 to 12:00 CEST
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**Cihan Korucu**, COO of GS1 Türkiye & Project Manager GS1 in Europe
About you... and all of us today!

- 48 countries
- 268 registrations from Industry
- 67 registrations from Associations & Solutions providers
- 239 registrations from GS1 Member Organisations
And who is GS1 actually?

GS1 is a neutral, not-for-profit global standards organisation that develops and maintains the most widely used global standards for efficient business communication.

116 local Member Organisations

Neutral & not-for-profit
User-driven & governed
Global & local
Inclusive & collaborative

GS1 believes in the power of standards to transform the way we work and live.

Selling a product starts with a GS1 barcode number: the GS1 barcode launched a digital revolution enabling a product to be identified and connected to accurate information from the start.

6 billion GS1 barcodes scanned daily
More than 250 million products carry GS1 barcode
More than 2 million companies use GS1 standards
About GS1 in Europe: 49 Member Organisations

500,000 Member Companies
Whom do GS1 member organizations serve?

- **Major companies**
  - Some examples below

- **Small and medium-sized enterprises**

- **Solution providers**

To support efficiently GS1 member companies, a close collaboration between Associations and GS1 member organisations is essential at the European and national levels.
GS1 in Europe has a role to play on the “HOW” to structure and share information on the nutrition and ingredients of all wines and spirits sold in the EU to consumers in a digital way since there is a consensus on the common interest. While the “WHAT”, “WHEN” and “WHY” of labelling are up to industry and sector associations.

GS1 in Europe enables wines and spirits companies to deliver on their commitments by leveraging the GS1 identification system already implemented combined with QR code and standardized data powered by GS1-standards based solutions.
Goals of the webinar

The industry must get ready for informing consumers on the ingredients, nutrition, and allergens of alcoholic beverages. The goals are:

• **Inform the industry** on the upcoming (self) regulation for wines & spirits

• **Inform how companies can use GS1 standards** (identifiers) and solutions (GS1 Digital Link) for sharing their data

• **Inform what data needs to be exchanged** in order to inform the Alcoholic Beverages value chain throughout Europe

...to strengthen the European and global GS1 collaboration platform for the alcoholic beverages sector
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(new) EU LABELLING REQUIREMENTS

GS1 in Europe Webinar
22/06/2023

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CEEV Secretary General
CEEV – European Committee of Wine Companies

- Represents EU producers and traders of wine and aromatised wine products
- 25 national associations from 12 EU countries + Switzerland, United Kingdom and Ukraine
- A consortium of 4 leading EU wine companies
- Our members produce and market the large majority of wines with and without GI
WHAT
THE NEW EU LEGISLATION
**Background**

**2011**

**FIC regulation published**: All alcoholic beverages get exempted for the indication of the list of ingredients and the nutrition declaration.

**2017**

**Commission report**: No reasons were found for the maintenance of the exemptions. Commission requests the sector to propose a self-regulatory proposal.

**2018**

**Sector self-regulatory proposal**: Presented to the Commission but wine sector requests in parallel the adoption of adequate rules for wines and aromatised wines to avoid legal uncertainty and protect single market.

**2018**

**Commission CAP reform presented**: It does not include initially a proposal on ingredients and nutrition declaration, but...
WINE and AROMATISED WINE (AWP) LABELLING CHANGES

➢ Where to declare
  • On the label
  • On an e-label

➢ What to declare
  • Mandatory indication of the nutrition information
  • Mandatory indication of the list of ingredients

➢ E-label specifications
  • No marketing information
  • No consumers tracking
Publication of the new wine/AWP labelling rules

Extra-rules concerning the list of ingredients of wines and aromatised wine products

Transitional period (2 years)
The new rules do not apply to wines and aromatised wines “produced and labelled” before 8 December 2023

New wine and AWP labelling rules become mandatory
Changes in Legislation

- Contains sulphites
- Contient sulfites

(100 ml) \( E = \text{xxx KJ} / \text{xxx Kcal} \)

Indication of substances causing intolerance or been allergenic (sulphites, Egg and egg products, Milk and milk products, wheat)

Indication of the energy value on the basis of 100ml and with the term “E”

The full list of ingredients:
- grape,
- preservative (sulphites),
- acidity regulator (tartaric acid)

The full nutrition declaration table:

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<tr>
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<th>VALUE /100ml</th>
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<td>Fat</td>
<td>g</td>
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<td>of which saturates</td>
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<td>Carbohydrate</td>
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<td>of which sugar</td>
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<td>Protein</td>
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**Field of Vision**

- The list of ingredients and nutritional information in the same visual field as the other mandatory information
- If given on an e-label then the QR-code on the same visual field as the other mandatory information

**The Technology**

- The legislation does not refer to QR-code technology, but... de facto it is the technology to be used because of the constraints
- Direct link, no intermediate platforms, no specific apps, no further consumer actions...
IDENTIFICATION OF THE QR-CODE

• We are strongly opposed to having to identify the content of the QR-code with a sentence (contrary to the spirit of digital and non-translation)

Ingredients,
Nutrition declaration,
Recycling info,
...

The (i) symbol should be acknowledged and promoted as sufficient to inform consumers about the fact that regulated information can be found if scanned

Identifying, in wording, the information that can be found when scanning kill the power of digital communication
Extra-rules that will simplify and provide legal certainty on how to communicate the list of ingredients of wines and aromatised wine products.
THE DOUBTS

Products covered

- Wine and aromatised wine products (vermouth...)
- Wine « produced and labelled » after 08/12/2023
- EU wines and non-EU wines commercialised in the EU
- EU wines when exported

“The electronic means/platform on which the information is placed should provide comparable guarantees to the physical label, in terms of readability of the information, stability, reliability, durability and integrity of the information during the whole life of the product.”

QR-code vs webpage
Lot management
Identification of the product
2 QR-codes
Durability of QR-codes
Marketing info
THE FUTURE
WHY CEEV HAS BEEN WORKING ON DIGITAL COMMUNICATION?

Digital information is under challenge by WHO, certain Member States, DG SANTE and NGOs

A serious and controlled environment is needed to:

• support adequately wine companies and avoid penalty fees (not compliant e-labels)
• confirm the validity of the digital tool (risk of “game over” in case of inadequate e-labels)

Digital is a tool for strategic solutions – to be used in advocacy:

• Environmental information
• Health warnings
Thank you for your attention!

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WEBINAR - 22 JUNE 2023
Agenda for the day

1. Political climate & context
2. EU legal framework for spirits drinks
3. The spiritsEUROPE Memorandum of Understanding on Consumer Information
4. Upcoming legislation on consumer information – getting ready for the FIC
Political climate and context

- Consumers in the EU demand an increasing amount of information on the products they buy
- NGOs demand consumer empowerment via consumer information
- Nanny state tendencies
The EU legal framework for spirits drinks

- Spirits Drinks have their own EU Regulation: Reg 2019/787
- Spirit drinks and other alcoholic beverages are excluded from the rules applicable to other foodstuffs
  - No on label energy (kJ/kcal)
  - No list of ingredient

- Growing demand for information by consumers and NGOs
- spiritsEUROPE and members decided to provide this information in co-regulation with the EU COM and developed the Memorandum of Understanding
The spiritsEUROPE Memorandum of Understanding on Consumer Information

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON THE Provision OF NUTRITION INFORMATION & INGREDIENTS LISTING
OF SPIRIT DRINKS SOLD IN THE EU

4 JUNE 2019
PARIS
The spiritsEUROPE Memorandum of Understanding on Consumer Information

- The objective is to ensure that the collective total EU market share (by volume) of products placed on the EU market providing:
  - energy information on-label
  - list of ingredients online

Illustrative examples of how on-label energy information could be provided for spirits
- The illustrations below are for indicative purposes only: in terms of display, colour, and shape the provision of the information may be adapted to the shape and colours of the bottle, labels and/or the brand image.
- The font must be easily legible.
- Minimum font size for lowercase written text is 1.2mm. Calories information per kcal can be emphasized.

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\begin{align*}
30\text{ml} &= 298\text{kJ} / 72\text{kcal} \\
100\text{ml} &= 993\text{kJ} / 240\text{kcal} \\
23.3\times 30\text{ml} &= 275\text{kJ} \\
23.3\times 90\text{ml} &= 66\text{kcal} \\
18.7\times 30\text{ml} &= 357\text{kJ} / 86\text{kcal} \\
18.7\times 90\text{ml} &= 1188\text{kJ} / 284\text{kcal}
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The MoU in practice
Way ahead

- We need to speed-up delivery on the MoU to anticipate the revision of the FIC regulation in line with the wine solution...

- spiritsEUROPE strongly recommends GS1-compliant solutions based on GTIN and GS1 Digital Link

- GS1 organisations provide local support to companies to help them adopt QR Code powered by GS1

- For companies member of GS1, using GS1 standards already implemented such as the GTIN is an asset to deliver our commitments
Success on-label, but work in progress for digital information
Upcoming legislation on consumer information – getting ready for the FIC

The more the merrier!

The objective is to go to 100% of labels containing QR codes offering nutritional, health and sustainability information to consumers... marketing free
Thank you very much for your attention!

Any questions or comments?
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GS1 Ambition 2027
An example GS1 Digital Link URI

https://id.dalgiardino.com/01/09506000151533

Brand domain name

Product identifier (GTIN)
Puma outlet field trip 21 April 2023: Product #1 – pair of shoes

Closeup of 1 shoe box

Scandit app decoding the QR Code
https://gs1us.puma.com/01/00195552455184/21/12500000330?EAN=4065452455187&ARTNO=38928301

Where the link takes you*

*If and only if you answer that you are in a Puma store...if you say "no" then you get a "Sorry we couldn't find what you are looking for"
Integrated Consumer Experience

https://scan.pg.com/01/047400683051
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https://scan.pg.com/01/047400683051
GS1 identification to better serve trusted data to consumers

First priority: implementation thanks to GS1-compliant solutions

WITHOUT GS1 STANDARDS

- Owned & controlled by the solution provider
- Only works on xxxxyyyy.com with the solution provider branding
- Identifies the solution record
- Vendor-locked and no data portability
- Will never work in the supply chain or at PoS
- Not a GS1 standard

WITH GS1 STANDARDS

- GTIN, licensed to, and controlled by brand
- Global unique identifier for the product
- Can be used on any Web site/service with any branding to consumers
- GS1 IDs work in the supply chain and expect GS1 Digital Link syntax at PoS by 2027

GS1 standard in action!
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Consumer information goes digital

For the **first time** ever in the food sector in EU...

...the communication of mandatory information through e-labels to consumers is possible.
A common journey with GS1 started in 2019

### Umbrella commitment

01. A common voluntary commitment was presented on 12 March 2018 to the European Health Commissioner.

12 March 2018

02. First discussions with GS1

Q4 2018

spiritsEUROPE together with Comité Vin started discussions with GS1 in Europe to facilitate a collaboration between companies and associations on GS1 standards to be designed and deployed.

### Start of the collaboration

03. Kick off meeting with companies, associations and GS1 organisations to share the sectors commitments and agree on the objectives of the collaboration within the GS1 in Europe organization.

8 February 2019

Collaboration 2019-2023
Brands continue using GTIN (Global Trade Item Number) (former name: EAN)

Brands print EAN-13 barcode (store checkout) and QR Code to better inform consumers on nutrition facts related to the underneath GTIN

Implement the data model with nutrition and ingredients GS1 attributes for alcoholic beverages

Outcome: GS1 standards to better inform consumers

+ GS1 Digital Link

The Global Language of Business

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GS1 Data Model in a nutshell

- Product Identification
- Mandatory attributes on ingredients, nutrition and allergens
- Additional product information
# GS1 Data Model for Alcoholic Beverages for the e-label

## Alcoholic beverages
### GS1 data model for e-label

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<td>Product description</td>
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<td>Brand</td>
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<td>Sub brand</td>
<td>Preferred by working group</td>
<td>Both</td>
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<td>Product image</td>
<td>Preferred by working group</td>
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<td>GPC (GS1 Global Product Classification)</td>
<td>Mandatory for GS1 system</td>
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<td>Net content</td>
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## Nutritions for 100ml

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<th>Carbohydrates</th>
<th>sugars</th>
<th>Fibre</th>
<th>Protein</th>
<th>Salt</th>
<th>Per 100ml: Mandatory according to regulation</th>
<th>Per portion: Preferred by working group</th>
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## Allergens

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## Additional product information

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<td>Grape variety code</td>
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<td>Alcoholic beverage age</td>
<td>Preferred by working group</td>
<td>Spirits</td>
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<td>Certification marks / logos</td>
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The GS1 value proposition: Make it easier for your companies from now

1. Your brand continues using GTIN to identify products

2. Your brand implements:
   - GS1 Data Model to structure data in IT systems
   - and the GS1 Digital Link to connect consumers

3. Consumers are taken to a neutral landing page without marketing or commercial data featuring consumer information linked to the right GTIN

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Product identification

https://www.domainname.com/01/09506000151533
GS1 data structure
And the future is bright
QR code powered by GS1 Digital Link is multipurpose

The objective is to go to 100% of labels containing QR codes offering nutritional, health and sustainability information to consumers... marketing free
Ambition 2027: the global transition to QR Codes with GS1 identification system

The companies of the GS1 Board have agreed to align on the ambitious goal of transitioning from legacy linear 1D barcodes to new, more capable 2D barcodes on pack with an initial goal of Retail POS scanners globally capable of reading and processing both old and new barcodes by the end of 2027.
Tools to help with implementation

- GS1 Data Model for Alcoholic Beverages
- Best practices for creating your QR Code powered by GS1 Digital Link
- Local support from GS1 Member Organisations and GS1-compliant solution providers
  [https://www.gs1.org/standards/get-barcodes](https://www.gs1.org/standards/get-barcodes)

- Use cases
- Monitoring of the QR code powered by GS1 Digital Link roll-out
- Implementation guide for alcoholic beverages
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Support your companies is the priority for GS1 and GS1 in Europe ...

Regulation is coming soon ...
Self commitment is already there ...

GS1 standards are the right answer:

Use GTIN for product identification
Use GS1 data model for alcoholic beverages
Use a QR code powered by GS1 Digital Link!
Implementation guide

• Regulation for (aromatized) wines
• Self-Regulation for spirits
• GS1 data model for alcoholic beverages
• GTIN and QR code
• GS1 Digital Link
• Useful links

QR code powered by GS1 Digital Link!
Next steps to onboard companies and speed up together

1. Connect with your local GS1 office
   https://www.gs1.org/standards/get-barcodes

2. - Get your data ready and implement the GS1 data model
    - Get ready to create QR codes powered by GS1 Digital Link

3. Share your progress with us!
You are now part of the GS1 Alcoholic Beverages Community.

We are on this journey together!
THANK YOU!

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