Case Study: Metro Cash and Carry



Enabling the conveyance of traceability data on farm-raised Atlantic Salmon using Global Standards 1 (GS1)'s Electronic Product Code Information Services (EPCIS) XML schema.



Use Case Tested

This pilot connected Metro's consumer-facing and Point-of-Sale data to upstream traceability data. The pilot allowed visibility to KDE/CTE requirements in EPCIS format from a major retailer's existing traceability data and program.

Challenges

Mapping fTrace (Metro's 3rd party traceability platform) data

Next Steps

Metro is participating in additional phase 2 pilots to further test the GDST EPCIS schema in other supply chains

Methodology

Metro participated in the first wave of pilots conducted by the Global Dialogue on Seafood Traceability (GDST) to accomplish interoperable sharing of supply chain data. Traceability data was collected by Metro, a retail partner in the GDST, using fTrace, their end-to-end traceability solution. The data was then mapped onto GDST's basic universal list of Key Data Events (KDEs) to confirm utility of proposed interoperability framework.

The advantages of EPCIS are that it is designed to be used to represent visibility data within the supply chain and is well-suited for housing traceability data through its Critical Tracking Events (CTEs). Many supply chain partners, especially processors, distributors, and retailers used GS1 standards of identification and data sharing, including EPCIS. The file was developed through the collection of historical traceability data, translation to EPCIS, and testing with retail partners and their respective solution providers.



Critical Tracking Events

Feedmill Hatchery Farm Processor Pack/Unpack Ship/Receive (Transform) (Hatch)	Feedmill (Transform)	Hatchery (Hatch)	Farm	Processor	Pack/Unpack	Ship/Receive
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Supply Chain



Catch Method



Geographic region

Aquaculture in Norway, processing in Germany, retail in Europe

Commodity

Farm-raised Atlantic Salmon



Participants



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The Global Dialogue on Seafood Traceability (GDST) (also referred to as the Dialogue) is an international, business-to-business platform established to advance a unified framework for interoperable seafood traceability practices. The Dialogue brings together a broad spectrum of seafood industry stakeholders from across different parts of the supply chain, as well as relevant civil society experts from diverse regions.

The Dialogue is catalyzing the development of interoperable practices that will:

- Improve the reliability of seafood information
- Reduce the cost of seafood traceability
- Contribute to supply chain risk reduction
- Contribute to securing the long-term social and environmental sustainability of the sector.

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Is your company involved commercially in the seafood supply chain?

Would you like to participate in the Dialogue?

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