

## TRANSLATION FROM SWEDISH ORIGINAL.

Purpose of translation is to give non-Swedish readers a general idea of the content of the decision. This document should always be used in connection with the Swedish original.

**To meet future needs for sustainable buildings, traceability, and an efficient digitalised construction process, a common identification is required that follows the entire product life cycle of the construction product.**

**We are a collaborative group that calls upon the construction industry to demand the introduction of the Global Trade Item Number (GTIN) as the common standardized identification for all construction products.**



**Background.** There is currently no joint decision on a standardized method for identifying products in the construction process. A joint decision is necessary in order to be able to systematically identify products and information, and to follow them throughout the construction and management process.



**The Global Trade Item Number (GTIN)** is a standardized unique global identification number and is widely used by companies to create and assign unique identification numbers to their products. GTIN makes it possible to label a product with a unique barcode that allows identification in, for example, logistics and management.

GTIN still allows manufacturers and suppliers to maintain necessary codes and numbers for sales and internal registers etc. But for digital systems to correctly find and identify individual products in various registers and databases, the products must have been assigned a unique identification number - a GTIN.

For the Swedish market, GS1 Sweden manages and provides a so-called company prefix. With the company prefix, companies can create their own unique GTIN.



**Industry-wide decision.** We are nationwide construction entrepreneurs and, together with the interest organizations in the construction trade, construction material manufacturers and civil infrastructure sector and, have made a joint decision to require GTIN from manufacturers and suppliers. This means that manufacturers and suppliers must assign unique identification numbers to their construction products. GTIN is conveyed as digital information and/or physical markings on construction products. We also urge certification companies, as well as product information database owners, to require this information.

The following companies and organizations support the decision that GTIN will be the common standardized identification and that all manufacturers and suppliers must use it on all construction products.

With this decision, we enable traceability and share responsibility for a more efficient and smarter construction industry and a sustainable civil infrastructure environment.

For more information about GTIN, and how to order and create unique identification numbers, contact GS1 ([www.GS1.Se](http://www.GS1.Se)).

\* Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2011 laying down harmonized conditions for the marketing of construction products and repealing Council Directive 89/106/EEC Text with EEA relevance