

GTIN FOR CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS BEFORE 2022-07-01

We, national construction contractors, together with industry organizations in the building trade, building materials manufacturers and civil infrastructure, demand that GTIN*, as a common identifier of construction products, be introduced by the end of the first half of 2022.

With this decision, we enable both traceability in the construction process and that unique data can be linked to each product in the digital information flow.

In order to succeed with the introduction of GTIN, it is important that all stakeholders in the industry help, take initiatives, and work actively so that:

- GTIN will be able to be used operationally in business relations and internal processes
- manufacturers and suppliers always have GTIN on their construction products and follow the GTIN Management Rules, and connect product information and data to the GTIN.
- assessment and certification companies, and other database owners for product information, have GTIN as a mandatory, quality-assured information and identifier
- business and IT systems can handle and communicate GTIN

Background

In 2018, leading stakeholders in the Swedish construction industry (NCC, Peab, Skanska, JM, Veidekke, Byggmaterialindustrierna, Byggmaterialhandlarna and BIM Alliance) made an industry-wide decision in principle to use Global Trade Item Number, GTIN, as the standard identifier for construction products.

Just over three years after the decision in principle, we can state that it is still not possible to obtain traceability in the value chain, due to GTIN not being used to a sufficiently high extent. It is now time for all actors to jointly take responsibility for traceability in the construction industry and for a more efficient, smarter construction industry and a sustainable infrastructure.

More information about GTIN in the construction industry, about how to order and create unique numbers, regulations, etc. can be found at [Construction » GS1 Sweden](#)

* **GTIN** (Global Trade Item Number) is a standardized global unique number created by each company and assigned to each unique product. GTIN enables labeling with unique barcodes that can be used for identifying products and be used for, for example, logistics and in management.

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