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China eCode or GS1 Encoding? Weighing the Benefits and Risks



China eCode or GS1 Coding?

Example: China Drug Electronic Administration Code (DEA code)
示例：中国药品电子监管码

The DEA code is one-dimensional bar code.
A DEA code is a 20-digit number.

8 123456 123456789 1234

Category: drug
代表药品

9-digit, Serial No. for single items
单品序列号

Encryption code
加密码

8-digit, information about manufacturers, drug names, specifications, formulations and approval No.
8位：代表企业简称、药品名称、规格、剂型、批准文号

Randomly generated, one code designated to one item, no pattern to follow, anti-counterfeit.
随机生成，一药一码，不可规律，防伪

(01)10222222333334 17 (09)1231 10 A1345B 21 1234

Item identifier
产品标识

Expiry date
效期

Batch number
批号

Serial number
序列号

- Law now provides an option
 - Traceability/report structure supports both formats
- Global harmonisation
- Line/hardware readiness?
- Downstream readiness?
- Traceability provider support?
- Lock-in?

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Since 2015, China's track and trace regulations have specified that products be identified using the 20-character Chinese eCode standard. In 2019, the guidelines were

amended to include a second encoding option that conforms to the GS1 coding standard used by manufacturers to meet traceability regulations in markets around the world.

Which one is right for you? Watch this short excerpt from our recent webinar, **China's Technical Requirements and Compliance Deadlines: What You Need to Know Now**, to learn more and to understand key considerations for making the right choices.

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