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## Product Range

The aim is to have all items which are defined as healthcare items, as well as items that are not, but are purchased by hospitals and other types of health units in the healthcare sector, to be loaded, validated and published in the NPC.

Below are some explanations of how some types of items and methods of supply should be managed in the NPC:

### Capital and Customisable Items

#### Capital Items

The supplier should allocate a GTIN to the generic capital item and provide a List Price (an indicative price) with a PDF attached detailing the content of the capital item. Should the data recipient decide to source this item, the customisation process will mean that the item in question will develop from the basic capital item.

Once specifications are agreed for sourcing a particular customised capital item and a contract signed, a new GTIN should be allocated for the customised capital item with its own PDF referencing components. If supplier sells any of the components/software individually, these will be listed separately by their own unique GTINs.

#### Customisable Products

Most Customisable Products would be handled the same way as Capital Items. Suppliers should load the generic product and then if a product is customised and repeatedly ordered with those exact customisations this should be considered a standard product, allocated a GTIN and a record should be loaded into the NPC.

If the product is fully customisable (i.e., one-off customisations occur every time) then each individual customisation will not be required to be loaded to the NPC, however the generic product will be required to be loaded. For example, Dentists may require the use of 'Crowns' which are customisable for each patient (one-off). Each unique crown is not required to be added to the NPC. A standard crown before any customisation will need to be assigned a GTIN and included in the NPC."

#### Kits

A medical kit can be defined as any combination of items that form a standard and stable grouping and that can be individually priced or ordered or invoiced; the Brand Owner is responsible for GTIN Allocation.

The kit itself will have its own GTIN. Items within the kit must have their own GTINs and prices if they are priced, ordered or invoiced at any point in the supply chain. (See heading **Consignment items** under Discount structures and the NPC below.). Pricing should follow the pricing logic explained above with regard to contract, invoice or list pricing.

Kits which themselves contain items to which GTINs have been allocated should be entered into the NPC as multipacks (see example in appendix). This means the kit itself is not a base unit but is made up of a number of base items as its Next Lower Level (NLL) GTINs.

Kits which contain items which have no GTINs can be entered into the NPC using the Component and Component Details repeating data structure. The kit itself will be the base unit.

#### Loan Instruments

Often instruments used for implant operations are provided on loan. They are effectively supplied by default with the ordered theatre kits. No item or price data is required for these instruments if they are simply "dropped into surgery" by the supplier or provided free with the kit, without any formal requisition by the jurisdiction. However, if the jurisdiction raises a formal request/requisition/order for these instruments, then they need to be populated into the NPC in their own right, with both item and pricing data.

## **Sample Packs**

Sample packs are typically a smaller version of an existing product pack size, and carry the same ARTG ID. Although sample packs may not be formally ordered or invoiced, there will be a requirement to retrieve predefined information about the sample packs, and so they will need to be uniquely identified within the hospital.

It is recommended that suppliers allocate and populate a GTIN into the NPC for sample packs. Hospitals can then identify them and include them in stock control and availability reporting. Also, the AMT should be populated with all levels of product packaging that is being used within the Healthcare sector.

Having said this, failure to load sample packs to the NPC will not preclude granting of *NPC Populated/NPC Ready* status. If samples are loaded an Invoice price of zero (\$) must be loaded also.

## **Vaccine Products**

Refer Vaccine Products within the **Pricing** section.