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Road to GS1 Rwanda

Requirements for the application process – GS1 Statutes

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GS1 Statutes – Art. 3: Members

Requirements for membership

- Submit formal evidence of legal status (separate legal entity)
- Board of Directors: composed mainly of users
- Be an acknowledged authority ... and be able to assume the position of the sole recognised GS1 Member Organisation for that territory
- Demonstrate that the demand for GS1 services in its territory justifies the creation of a GS1 organisation
- Abide by the Statutes and Internal Regulations of GS1

GS1 Statutes – Art. 4: Admission to Membership

Process Steps

- Step 1: Applications must be made to the Head Office of GS1
- Step 2: Compliance review by GS1 Head Office (under supervision of Internal Compliance Committee)
- Step 3: Examination by the Management Board
- Step 4: Submission to the General Assembly
- Step 5: Voting by General Assembly members
- Step 6: Entrance fee is paid

GS1 Statutes – Art. 5: Rights

- Administer the standards system in its territory and be the sole representative of GS1
- Be granted a license from GS1 to administer an unique number bank
- Provide services in its territory in relation to the use of the standards system
- Appoint representatives for General Assembly
- Attend all meetings called by GS1
- Make nominations to GS1 Management Board
- Receive publications and information that may be distributed by GS1
- Distribute GS1 standards and publications
- Request and obtain advice and assistance (e.g. training)
- Usage rights of trademarks of GS1

GS1 Statutes – Art. 6: Obligations

- Promote the object of GS1
- Comply with GS1 Statutes, Internal Regulations and the decisions
- Promptly release all standards approved by GS1
- Provide implementation support to users of the standards
- Maintain support of trade and industry in its territory
- Pay annual fees and dues as agreed by the General Assembly
- Operate on a not-for-profit basis (all revenues only be used to further aims/objects of GS1)
- Have Board of directors consisting of users of the standards
- Acquire necessary technical competence to effectively carry out its role
- Do all within its power to prevent members from introducing rules or practices non-conformant with the standards
- Ensure translated copies of standards are accurate and original text available

Summary:

What Demonstrations needed for Application

Community

Broad Support from Trade and Industry

Demand for GS1 Standards and Services

Recognised Authority for GS1 matters

Composition Management Board

Finance & Technical

Business Plan

Financial Resources

Technical Competence running GS1 Rwanda

Legal

Establishing Legal Entity (not-for-profit)

Draft Timeline for Application Process

