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Interoperable Verification
PDG Blueprint

Key Terminology

Interoperable Verification the DSCSA 2023 requirement that trading partners be able to verify a product identifier on a package or sealed homogenous case in a secure, electronic, interoperable manner.

Direct-to-Source Verification is the process by which a product identifier is verified against commissioning-level data generated and maintained by the manufacturer or repackager.

Direct-to-Replicate Verification is the process by which a product identifier is verified against a replicate of the commissioning-level data generated by and received from the manufacturer or repackager of the product.

VRS is the verification router service, an existing method of performing direct-to-source verification developed by an industry work group facilitated by the Healthcare Distribution Alliance (HDA).

Verification of the product identifier is largely accomplished through existing systems and processes documented and enhanced in the *Blueprint*.

Why It Matters: Efficient interoperable systems enable the prompt verification of large volumes of product identifiers to (i) support efficient investigations and (ii) comply with saleable return requirements while keeping good product moving.

Five Things to Know

1 The *Blueprint* endorses and incorporates by reference the verification router service (VRS) requirements and design specifications.

2 Direct-to-replicate is an appropriate method of verification when the product was purchased directly from the manufacturer/repackager and other conditions defined in the *Blueprint* are met.

3 A verification response must incorporate and reflect the *known* current status of the product identifier being verified (*e.g.*, if the product is known to be recalled).

4 While *known* statuses must be incorporated, there is no obligation for trading partners to proactively exchange status changes (beyond than those required by law).

5 Verification requests should include contract information to enable the parties to communicate outside of synchronous systems.