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**Introducing a New Program to Improve the Exchange of
Product Information with AAFES**

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As we strive to improve supplier relations and remove inefficiencies from our supply chain, AAFES has embarked on an important new initiative called item data synchronization. Item data synchronization is the automated exchange of product information between buyers and sellers.

By having accurate, synchronized data in both the AAFES and vendors' databases, all parties achieve economic benefits resulting from fewer invoice and purchase order errors, reduced manual data entry, and faster delivery of new items to our stores. AAFES has contracted with GXS and their preferred solution provider UCCnet Onboard Support to implement the data synchronization program. The purpose of this communication is to provide you an overview of AAFES' new initiative and step-by-step instructions on how to comply. **You are required to be in compliance with this program within the next 45 days.**

Step 1: Select a Solution to Comply with AAFES Program

The first step to participate in AAFES' new initiative is to determine what kind of solution your business needs. If you are currently a Global Product Catalogue customer or subscribe to a GDSN-certified data pool solution, please skip to "**Step 2: Get Started Once You Have a Solution.**"

If you do not have a solution, **please call GXS/UCCnet Onboard Support at 800.698.3266, option 3 to find the right solution for your business needs.**

Step 2: Get Started Once You Have a Solution

Once you have a solution in place, follow our step-by-step instructions on how to comply with AAFES' new program. For your convenience, these instructions are available online so you can easily access and reference them. Since the instructions vary by the solution your business uses, please be sure to choose the right link.

- o If your business has a GDSN-certified data pool solution including UCCnet Onboard Support, please visit www.gxs.com/aafes/gdsn.
- o If your business is a GXS Global Product Catalogue client, please visit www.gxs.com/aafes/gpc.

It is imperative that each and every supplier completes the steps above of this mandate as your current and future business with AAFES may be impacted. You may receive future communications and program updates from GXS. If you have any questions about AAFES' initiative or for questions related to AAFES' required attributes, please contact AAFES Data Synchronization Group at any of the following phone numbers: 214.312.6513; or the following extensions 4552; 4009; 2269 and 3506.

Thank you for your support and participation.

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