

GSMP Global Product Classification (GPC) Standards Maintenance Group (SMG)

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Business purpose

This group maintains the GS1 Global Product Classification system. This work group acts as a pool of experts for all GPC work groups and coordinates with associated Mission Specific work groups.

2025 year in review

- GPC Standard May 2026 Publication published.
- An initiative is underway to expand GPC Standard publication options through the introduction of a JSON-LD format.
- Continued collaboration with Sodexo, one of the world's largest food services and facilities management companies, to enrich the GPC schema particularly in service sectors, where current GPC coverage is limited. To date, Sodexo has submitted approximately 20 work requests.

Risks

- None

Stakeholders

SDL	Eileen Harpell
CE/Sol Liaison	Elsa Braz
SME	Elsa Braz
AG Liaison	Natalia Casas
Chair	Anne Sophie Huygens

Next 6 months

- Continued weekly working sessions with Sodexo to enrich the GPC schema particularly in service sectors.
- Continued processing of GPC maintenance requests and preparation for the November 2026 Publication.

Risks

- None

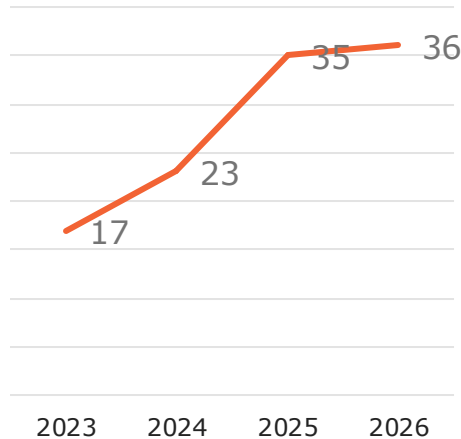


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Publication deliverables

1	GPC May 2026 Release	
2	GPC November 2026 Release	

Work Request activity for the first half of 2026 by year



Top work request submitters for the first half of 2026

Submitter	Number of WR
Sodexo	22
GS1 Belgium & Lux	5
GS1 Netherlands	2

New risks (scope and resources) identified

No

Change request included

No



Legend

Complete

Not Started

On Time

Risk of being late

Change needed
(not recoverable)