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# China eCode or GS1 Encoding? Weighing the Benefits and Risks



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Since 2015, China's track and trace regulations have specified that products be identified using the 20-character Chinese eCode standard. In 2019, the guidelines were amended to include a second encoding option that conforms to the GS1 coding standard used by manufacturers to meet traceability regulations in markets around the world.

Which one is right for you? Watch this short excerpt from our recent webinar, [China's Technical Requirements and Compliance Deadlines: What You Need to Know Now](#), to learn more and to understand key considerations for making the right choices.

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**▶ REGULATORY TIMELINE**

It is expected that China's regulatory authority, NMPA (National Medical Products Administration) will continue to publish additional intermediate deadlines between December 2020 and when reporting goes into effect for all medicines.

Aug 2018	Dec 2019	Jul 2020	Dec 2020	Dec 31, 2020	2022
<b>Drug Information &amp; Traceability Guidance</b> Draft guidance on identification, traceability, and reporting is published in 2018.	<b>Drug Administration Law (DAL)</b> Established a drug traceability system for medicine supply. National Medical Products Administration (NMPA) responsible for system.	<b>Order 28</b> Last additional regulatory foundation for implementation of the DAL.	<b>Data Records &amp; Management Requirements Trial</b> NMPA issues initiative that governs data management across drug supervision and administration – including supply chain.	<b>Traceability for Key Products (Intermediate Deadline)</b> Traceability achieved for four classes of products (Aug. 28 NMPA announcement).	Traceability of medicines expected to fully go into effect.

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