

UNFI 2021 New Item Creation Update

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Hello! We have some important updates to share about our upcoming eNewItem portal update, and the changes it will make to our new item creation/submission process.

When are these changes taking place?

- The new system is scheduled to go live at the end of August, after a transition period of system downtime:
 - Thu 8/26 – *Deadline to create new items through the current process*
 - Fri 8/27 to Mon 8/30 – *Application unavailable/scheduled maintenance*
 - Tue 8/31 – *Application back up, updated Submit Item Proposal process live*
- Specific impacts for GDSN suppliers:
 - The deadline to publish new items for creation via the current process will be Thursday 8/26 at 4pm CDT.
 - Any NEW publications we receive after this deadline will wait in our system to be submitted via the new process when the updated eNewItem application goes live on Tuesday 8/31.

What's changing?

- The Submit Item Proposal process will now be integrated with the Create Item process.
 - New items can be submitted in our portal immediately after they're published to us as NEW. (No more need to wait 3-4 days after publishing before submitting.)
- Published items which omit mandatory attributes will need to have those attributes "topped off" in eNewItem, as part of the item creation process.
 - Please be sure you're coordinating your new item creation efforts with the people who submit new items in our portal on behalf of your company - they will need your input to fill in those missing attribute values!
- The "CREATED" emails you receive today will be replaced with "RECEIVED" emails.
 - Corp codes will no longer be provided in these emails, since they can only be obtained after the item creation process is completed in our portal.
- Your new item will not be processed in any way until an Item Proposal is submitted!

What's NOT changing?

- If you don't currently log into our eNewItem portal, you don't need to request that access.
 - Someone on your company's behalf is already submitting your items to us there today - that will continue to be true after this release goes live.
- Our system will continue processing all Initial Load, Modify, Correction, Delete, and Hierarchy Withdrawal publications just as it does today.
- Our system will continue receiving and processing incoming New publications before, during, and after this transition.
 - Only the processes for submitting those new items to us afterwards will be changing.
- Continue publishing to all UNFI / SUPERVALU GLNs you're publishing to today.
 - We're still on track to move to one GLN before the end of 2021, but that transition isn't taking place yet.

Where can I learn more?

- On our Landing Page (<https://1worldsync.com/unfi>), under the "Education" section, we've posted a slide deck from a recent presentation on the upcoming changes.
 - It goes thru the details of what's changing for our supplier portal users, and also includes some details related to Data Sync.
 - We will share additional documentation there as it becomes available.
- 1WorldSync suppliers can visit our Community post (<https://community.1worldsync.com/t5/Knowledge-Articles/UNFI-2021-New-Item-Creation-Update/ta-p/1692>) to share feedback.
 - We encourage you to ask your questions there, so others can also benefit from the discussion and the answers to those questions.
 - Currently, you need first log into your 1WorldSync account before clicking on this link, otherwise it won't take you directly to the Community post.