



Guide to the GDST 1.0 Materials

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In February 2020, the Secretariat of the Global Dialogue on Seafood Traceability (GDST) released the *GDST Standards and Guidelines for Interoperable Seafood Traceability Systems, Version 1.0*. The GDST 1.0 materials consist of four separate documents (plus this guide) and an Excel spreadsheet, all being released together as a set, as follows:

Document Title	Document Date	Version	Contents
<i>Guide to the GDST 1.0 Materials (this doc.)</i>	February 2020	v1.0	Overview of GDST 1.0 packet contents and “How to Use These Documents”
<i>Executive Summary</i>	February 2020	v1.0	Two-page description of GDST 1.0
<i>Core Normative Standards</i>	February 2020	v1.0	The GDST 1.0 standards themselves
<i>Basic Universal List of KDEs (spreadsheet)</i>	February 2020	v1.0	E-spreadsheet of appendices to <i>Core Normative Standards</i> – part of GDST 1.0 core standards
<i>Explanatory Materials</i>	February 2020	v1.0	Nontechnical background and introductory materials
<i>Technical Implementation Guidance</i>	February 2020	v1.0	Additional technical materials to facilitate implementation

Apart from the KDE spreadsheet, the materials are being distributed in PDF format. While suitable for printing, they have been prepared for on-screen viewing, with internal hyperlinks to assist document navigation. All are available at <http://traceability-dialogue.org/core-documents/gdst-1-0-materials/>.

The materials are presented in separate documents for two reasons: (i) to distinguish clearly between GDST 1.0 normative standards (drafted through the GDST dialogue process) and their explanatory/supportive materials (drafted by the GDST Secretariat, in consultation with GDST members and external experts); and (ii) because the documents address **both technical and nontechnical audiences**, as follows:

- The **Core Normative Standards** begin with a narrative section suitable and **important for all readers**; most of this document, however, is highly technical.
- The **Executive Summary** and **Explanatory Materials** offer a **nontechnical** presentation of the GDST standards, their context, and some of the underlying questions confronted. The *Explanatory Materials* document is long – making good use of its Table of Contents for selective reading is advised!
- The **Technical Implementation Guidance** is for **technically expert readers** familiar with EPCIS. Like the *Explanatory Materials*, it contains references and links both to additional educational materials and to the GDST GitHub for continuous, community-based learning and tool development for implementation of the GDST standards.