

FOODSTUFFS SOUTH ISLAND (FSSI)

GENERATING ADVANCE SHIPPING NOTICES (ASNS)

Foodstuffs South Island is modernising and optimising its Transportation Management and Warehouse Management systems, under our Supply Chain Enabling Technologies Project. You may have heard us refer to this as Project Mako.

We went live with our new Transportation Management system in early March 2025. Our new Extended Warehouse Management (EWM) system was implemented in our Dunedin Distribution Centre in late March 2025. We are now planning to put EWM into our two Hornby, Christchurch Distribution Centres – Temperature Controlled and Ambient.

We've already started reaping the benefits from this transformation project, and there are also benefits to you, our suppliers.

1. Your product can progress through our Inbound Goods receipting process faster and into the main warehouse for supply to our stores and ultimately, customers.
2. If you need to recall product, this can be done much faster.

You can gain these benefits if you can meet two requirements in our ways of working:

- Ensure your labels on pallets comply with GS1 standards on Serial Shipping Container Code (SSCC).
- Ensure you provide Advance Shipping Notice (ASN) data and it is accurate.

There are two methods available for generating Advance Shipping Notices (ASNs):

1. Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).
2. Manual entry via the web-based interface.

The web-based solution offers a more cost-effective option for small to medium-sized businesses when compared to an EDI solution. However, it does come with some limitations for Foodstuffs. Notably, the current web solution does not support the submission of Serial Shipping Container Code (SSCC) and pallet information.

Both Foodstuffs South Island (FSSI) and Foodstuffs North Island (FSNI) are actively investigating a viable solution to enable vendors to submit SSCC and pallet data through the same web interface.

In the meantime, we kindly ask that all pallet labels continue to [comply with GS1 standards for SSCC](#), and that vendors/suppliers continue to complete the ASN process via the web portal.

A compliant SSCC barcode paired with electronic ASN data, and with accurate information that does not require manual intervention allows us to process pallets up to three times quicker than non-compliant labelling.

We appreciate you taking the time to make sure both your labels and ASN are compliant so we can all benefit from these system changes.

If you have any questions on the logistics labels or ASNs email: projectmako@foodstuffs-si.co.nz