

## Conversion from HIBC to GS1 Standard

As of **01 April 2017** product identification and designation within the KLS Martin Group will be converted. As part of the continuous improvement of processes and meeting customer requirements, we will be labelling our products and their packaging with the DataMatrix barcode system (2D) of the GS1 Organization.

This conversion is integrated into the label harmonization project within the KLS Martin Group and at the same time we have taken advantage of realizing the FDA's UDI requirements to benefit from possible synergies. As soon as the new Medical Device Directive for Europe becomes effective, this will also require the introduction of a UDI labelling system in terms of traceability.

This joint standard will increase patient safety as well as giving leverage to possible rationalization potential across the entire supply chain. Please note that products in stock already labeled may temporarily still be marked with the old code.

We will support you in the conversion to the GS1 standard, please contact us:

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