In early February, 2014, Toys”R”Us Canada re-iterated our commitment to improve Supply Chain Visibility by announcing the introduction of several initiatives. One of those initiatives involves the use of Advanced Shipment Notifications (ASN’s or EDI 856 documents) to support the inbound delivery process. This supporting document is to address Frequently Asked Questions regarding the use of ASN’s.

**Why is Toys”R”Us Canada introducing this ASN requirement?**
The Advance Shipping Notice ("ASN") plays a critical role in the timely, accurate receipt of the shipment at our DC or store. The availability of a valid ASN enables recognition of expected receipts, supports pre-allocation of product, and reduces cycle processing time. Leveraging this information ensures that goods flow to market as quickly as possible and all partners are expected to support this activity.

**Are ASNs necessary to complete the PrePlan process within Lean? When do ASNs need to be transmitted?**
ASNs are not necessary to complete the pre-plan process. From a timing standpoint, we expect that ASN to be transmitted at a minimum of 48 hours and as early as possible so that we can ensure acceptance and leverage the document to support the inbound receiving process.

**What happens if errors are found within the ASN document? Will our company be notified of the errors?**
As EDI documents are received by TRU Canada, they will be validated to ensure that certain conditions are met in both the format and data transmitted. If discrepancies are found, then our partners will be notified of the issue and need to re-transmit.

**If our Company needs to re-transmit an ASN, what are the steps that should be followed?**
ASN’s identified for re-transmission must be re-sent, in their entirety, under the original ASN ID (BSN-02). The new document received will completely overlay the original transmission and replace the previous values.

The Toys”R”Us Canada EDI specifications specify a 4030 version of the ASN. Would Toys”R”Us accept a 4010 version of the ASN?
No. Only 4030 EDI versions will be supported and accepted by TRU Canada.

**TRU EDI Specifications asked for Invoice # to be identified at the time of ASN transmission. What happens if we do not yet have Invoice #?**
TRU Canada does ask for the Invoice # to be identified in the REF(IV) position of the ASN. If the invoice number is not known at the time of ASN generation, then please insert the TRU Order Number in the REF(IV) position.

**Does Toys”R”Us have EDI invoice (810) capability?**
Yes, the EDI invoice is still an active transaction at Toys”R”Us Canada and is traded in version 4010.
Are GS1-128 Labels required for both the ASN transmissions & cartons?
The EDI maps were constructed to accommodate future functionality which may include the use of these carton IDs. However, currently, Toys”R”Us Canada does NOT require the use of GS1-128 carton IDs. As such, vendors will NOT be required to populate the MAN-04 & MAN-05 positions with serialized carton ID information nor would vendors be required to produce GS1-128 specific labels.

Does Toys”R”Us Canada intend to implement compliance for ASN transmissions?
Not immediately. Our intentions are to partner with our vendors to support the introduction of these documents and improve supply chain visibility. However, as mentioned previously, these documents are critical to driving our inbound supply chain processes. As such, should we identify that our partners are not supporting this initiative then TRU Canada will introduce performance management activities to drive behaviour.

We are currently trading EDI documents with you via E-COM, will this change?
The VAN provider for the 850, 860 & 856 will be GXS. This conversion is only for domestic PO’s. After you have converted, your transactions will look like the below.

- **Lean Logistics**
  12 / 9056602000
  Receiving from TRU Canada 850 (4030) and 860 (4030)
  Sending to TRU Canada 856 (4030)
- **Invoicing**
  12 / 4166602000
  Sending to TRU Canada 810 (4010)
  Receiving from TRU Canada 864 (4010)

The following is a summary of the enhancements you can expect:
- Upgrade from 4010 to version 4030 for both the EDI850 and EDI860 purchase order documents.
- ISA-06 and GS-02 segments: TRU will send a new id code 9056602000
- MTX segment: text messages will appear here instead of an MSG segment which was phased out as a result of v4030 upgrade
- N1-03 segment: TRU will send “92” when N1-01 is either “ST” or “VN” (no longer send a value of “94”)
- DTM –Date/time reference: Ship window and ETA dates will now be included in the Item loop (no longer at the Header level)