



Retail X12 856 Glossary

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Terminology Glossary

FTL: FTL stands for “Full Truck Load” as in a standard shipment that has a full trailer load. This is a non-small parcel shipment.

LTL: LTL stands for “Less Than Truck Load” which means a standards shipment that has less than a full trailer load. This is a non-small parcel shipment.

SP: SP is a short term for Small Parcel. Small parcels are shipments that have certain carriers that ship your items by individual cartons. These cartons will have SSCCs and have individual tracking IDs.

WePay: WePay is synonymous with Collect or Amazon-Pays and is a freight term available to Retail vendors. If a vendor opts into the WePay program, Amazon will coordinate inbound freight on behalf of the vendor in exchange for a Freight Allowance* that covers the costs of shipping products to our warehouse. This allows a vendor to take advantage of Amazon's shipping rates and network to optimize lower vendor lead time.

TheyPay: These are prepaid shipments. Transportation costs are paid by Vendor. TheyPay Shipments do not have ARN (Amazon Reference number).

DI: DI stands for Direct Import. There are certain requirements that must be met within the EDI file for direct import vendors.

SCAC: The SCAC is a specific code assigned to a shipping company/carrier. The [National Motor Freight Traffic Association, Inc.](#) (NMFTA) assigns SCAC codes for all companies except those codes used for identification of freight containers not operating exclusively in North America, intermodal chassis and trailers, non-railroad owned rail cars, and railroads.

Vendor Central under Support > Help > Shipping > Required Shipping Information > Carrier Tracking number.

SOPI: SOPI stands for “Shipment (S), Order (O), Package (P), Item (I)” which is a format you can use in the ASN file. This structure is commonly used for standard shipments where the ASN lists only package level information. SOPI format can be used for both regular FTL/LTL shipments and small parcel shipments. Reference our examples and the EDI X12 ASN File Format Examples File for further detail.

SOTI: SOTI stands for “Shipment (S), Order (O), Pallet (T), Item (I)”. This structure is commonly used for standard shipments (FTL/LTL) where the ASN does not list carton level information. The ASN only lists pallet information and the item on it. This structure can be used for pallets with SSCCs on the pallet and approved non LP labels (GTIN14s, 2D-BPS, etc.) on the individual packages.

Reference our examples and the Retail X12 ASN File Structure Guidance file for further detail.

Reference the [North America Vendor Manual](#) for labeling questions.

SOTPI: SOTPI stands for “Shipment (S), Order (O), Pallet (T), Package (P), Item (I)”. This structure is commonly used for standard shipments (FTL/LTL) where the ASN lists both Pallet and Package information. The pallet will always have a pallet SSCC listed. The carton level will list a package SSCC or

approved non-LP label. Format and information from Package to Item level will depend on label type used on the packages.

Reference our examples and the EDI X12 ASN File Format Examples File for further detail.

Reference the [North America Vendor Manual](#) for labeling questions.

Blended Formats:

Formats that combine different shipment structures in the same ASN file. These are divided by two categories – Pallet Blended Format and container type blended formats.

Pallet Blended format: SOTI-TPI / SOTPI-TI:

Pallet blended format structure where all pallets are labeled with pallet SSCCs. For the cartons/outer containers on their pallets, some have SSCCs and some have non-SSCC labels.

Container Type / Blended formats: These are blended formats where there is pallet information and then only carton label information.

This format is used when:

- Palletized and partially floor-loaded
 - Palletized with not all pallets labeled with a pallet SSCC
- a. **SOTI-PI / SOPI-TI:** Blended format the pallet listed using “Pallet (T), Item (I)” format have cartons on them with non-SSCC labels. For the cartons listed with “Package (P), Item (I)” format and no pallet parent container, the cartons have SSCCs. If a carton is floor loaded or on a pallet with no pallet SSCC label, it must be labeled with a carton SSCC label.
- Reference the Vendor Manual for further questions and labeling guidelines at Vendor Central > Help > Shipments.
- b. **SOTPI-PI / SOPI-TPI:** Blended format the pallet listed using “Pallet (T), Package (P), Item (I)” format have cartons on them with SSCC labels. For the cartons listed with only “Package (P), Item (I)” format and no pallet parent container, the cartons have SSCCs. If a carton is floor loaded or on a pallet with no pallet SSCC label, it must be labeled with a carton SSCC label.

Reference the Vendor Manual for further questions and labeling guidelines at Vendor Central > Help > Shipments.

MultiPO: MultiPO stands for “Multiple POs” which is when a shipment has multiple purchase orders on it. If a shipment has multiple purchase orders on it, all purchase orders should be consolidated to one ASN for that shipment.

ExpDate: ExpDate stands for Expiry Date. This is only relevant for consumables or items that are required to have an expiration date listed. This is initially set up in the catalog. If an item requires an expiration date, that item must have an expiry date listing on the ASN. Please note for items that require a lot code, these examples will have information on how to list it. Reference our mapping guide as an addition resource for more information on lot codes and additional expiration date information.

NoExpDate: NoExpDate stands for “No Expiration Date” where a shipment has items that do not require expiration dates.

SSCC: SSCC means Serial Shipping Container Code. This is a 20-digit number that is set up to GS1 standards and assigned to a company. SSCCs are used on all pallets to pallet receive and can be used on cartons. Reference the [North America Vendor Manual](#) and Vendor Central Shipping Help Pages for more information on label types.

Vendor Central Help pages: Vendor Central > Help > Help: Shipping

GTIN: GTIN stands for Global Trade Item Number. We use GTIN14s (EAN14s) and in some special cases GTIN13s (EAN13s) for books. When listing GTIN for the sample files these formats are specific to GTIN usage and how best to list a pallet with GTINs on the ASN. For more questions on GTINs, please reference the [North America Vendor Manual](#).

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