



Dear Rite Aid Supplier Partner:

This purpose of this letter is to inform you of a new compliance initiative that requires action by you. Rite Aid has been challenged with the growing pressures of compliance caused by an ever increasing number of federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Additionally, Rite Aid is committed to make every effort to protect its brand, associates, customers, and the communities we serve.

Over the past few years Rite Aid has gone to extraordinary lengths and invested millions of dollars studying, implementing, and maintaining compliance programs. In order to properly utilize these programs and maximize our investment, Rite Aid requires detailed regulatory data for each and every UPC which contains chemicals and is in our stores. To that end, Rite Aid has selected a widely used industry program named "WERCSmart" to manage the hazardous product identification data component of our regulatory compliance program.

Policy Scope of WERCSmart Program:

- Chemical Containing Product – A product that contains a powder, gel, paste or liquid that is not intended for human consumption.
- Pesticide Containing Product – A product containing chemicals that is advertised or labeled to kill, repel or prevent the growth of any living organism.
- OTC Products – All over the counter medications.
- Aerosol – An item that contains a compressed gas or propellant.
- Batteries or Battery Containing – Any product that contains batteries.
- Electrical Component Containing – Any product that contains electrical components.
- Products that meet the Federal/State Corrosive, Flammable, Oxidizer or Toxic Criteria

Action Required for New Item Setup Procedure:

Beginning on **July 23, 2012**, in order to "on-board" defined products placed in our stores, suppliers will have to go to www.supplierwercs.com and follow the steps required to have your product assessed by The WerCS. The WERCSmart program maintains absolute confidentiality of all supplier proprietary formulation and product ingredients information. Should you require additional information regarding confidentiality and how it is maintained, The WerCS shall provide it to you. Examples of products that would be included in this process would be as follows:

Action Required for Existing Items sold to Rite Aid:

Starting **September 12 23, 2012 and to be completed by November 28, 2012**, all existing products that fall into the above categories need to be submitted to the WERCSmart program at www.supplierwercs.com. Due to pre-existing relationships with other retailers, most of our suppliers may already have provided product information to the WERCSmart program. Those products can simply be re-submitted by checking the Rite Aid box at the www.supplierswercs.com website and selecting all products sold to Rite Aid.

A nominal fee is assessed by The WerCS to register a new product formulation or to extend a registered product formulation to Rite Aid. The fee schedule is available on the WERCSmart web site. There will be a training session on September 25 for new users who would like to learn more about how to register items on the website. Click on this link to register for the training. 3:00 PM EST on September 25 - <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/290774961>

Questions regarding the website or supplier participation in this initiative should be sent to werCS@riteaid.com.

We greatly appreciate your continuing cooperation and partnership with our continued commitment to enhance compliance with local, state, and federal regulations, as well as lessen product impact on the environment within the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

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Category Manager



WERCSmart Administrator and User Training

Free webinars are available during the following dates for WERCSmart training. These webinars are helpful to understand the data required and overall functionality of product registration for new and experienced users.

Space is limited for each webinar, so be sure to make your reservation for the convenient date below. All webinars begin at 3:00pm Eastern. Webinars are less than one hour in duration.

- October 2 - <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/705401825>
- October 16 - <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/846262785>
- October 30 - <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/967890169>
- November 6 - <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/478236240>
- November 20 - <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/911604305>
- December 4 - <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/974033664>
- December 18 - <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/205190760>

Each webinar covers the following topics, which are helpful to all users and Administrators of the WERCSmart system:

- My Home Page
- Activating a New Retailer
- Registering a new product in WERCSmart
- Registering a battery-containing product in WERCSmart
- Creating and Registering a Kit in WERCSmart

- Enterprise Licensing



System Requirements:

PC-based Attendees: Windows®7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server
Macintosh®-Based Attendees: Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer

Additional dates and information will be announced in the future. We look forward to your attendance at the webinar of your choice.