

FDA Food Traceability Rule 204

Key Terms in the Rule

Critical Tracking Event (CTE)	Key Data Elements (KDE)	Traceability Lot Code Source	Traceability Lot Code	Transformed
Key points in the food supply chain where data needs to be recorded (e.g. shipping and receiving)	Specific pieces of information that must be recorded for each CTE (e.g. traceability lot code, product description, etc.)	Refers to the physical location where a food was assigned a traceability lot code	Descriptor used to uniquely identify a traceability lot which is assigned only when the food is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Initially packed (for raw agricultural commodities) ▪ Received by the first land-based receiver (from a fishing vessel), or transformed 	Manufacturing / processing or changing a food or its packaging (e.g. for sale at retail or food-service level)

All products shipped to an Americold warehouse must include the required Key Data Elements (KDEs). This information is required from our customers accurately and timely at or before time of receipt to be able to ultimately communicate the same required KDEs to ship-to locations:

- Item shipped (product description) – ideally this will be in the 12-digit Global Trade Item Number (GTIN) format (see below)
- Quantity shipped (including unit of measure)
- Traceability Lot Code (TLC) – ideally in GS1-128 format (48 characters maximum)
- Location shipped from
- Traceability Lot Code Source – we are expecting this to be a 13-digit Global Location Number (GLN)

GTIN-12



GS1-128 BARCODE

