

DATASHIP FIELD GUIDE

Apparel Systems Readiness Checklist

Review style-color-size identity, seasons, wholesale allocation, retailer data, 3PL reconciliation and returns.

Variant master

- ☐ Create only valid style, color and size combinations.
- ☐ Assign one unique internal SKU and UPC/GTIN where applicable.
- ☐ Separate durable product identity from season and lifecycle status.
- ☐ Prevent duplicate, inactive and legacy product references.

Demand and allocation

- ☐ Represent wholesale preorders and retailer commitments at variant level.
- ☐ Define channel priority, holds, safety stock and approved substitutions.
- ☐ Validate prepack ratios against actual size inventory.
- ☐ Track partial receipts and incomplete size runs against commitments.

3PL and returns

- ☐ Reconcile by SKU, unit, location, status, owner and timestamp.
- ☐ Classify timing and mapping differences before physical adjustment.
- ☐ Capture exact variant, channel, reason, condition and disposition on returns.
- ☐ Require evidence and approval for inventory corrections.

Architecture and ownership

- ☐ Name the system of record for product, inventory, order, fulfillment, quality and finance data.
- ☐ Label every connection as documented, partner-supported or designed after discovery.
- ☐ Document field-level ownership for identifiers, status, quantity, dates and prices.
- ☐ Assign a business owner and technical owner to every interface.

Validation and support

- ☐ Define valid, warning and rejected transaction states.
- ☐ Make failed handoffs visible before a customer or partner reports them.
- ☐ Test with controlled non-production data and reconcile expected results.
- ☐ Document cutover, monitoring, issue response, change control and rollback.

IMPORTANT BOUNDARY

Use this worksheet during discovery. It is not legal, regulatory or quality advice.