

Middle East & Africa · Medicines, tobacco, alcohol

United Arab Emirates

All conventional medicines are serialised and reported to Tatmeen, including aggregation into cases and pallets. Tobacco carries digital tax stamps.

THE REGIME

SYSTEM	Tatmeen (medicines); digital tax stamps (tobacco)
CODE ON THE PRODUCT	GS1 DataMatrix (GTIN, serial, batch, expiry); SSCC on cases and pallets
AGGREGATION	Medicines: yes, SSCC up to the pallet.

STEPS FOR A SUPPLIER

- ☐ Register your products and GTINs in the national system: Tatmeen.
- ☐ Print a unique serialised code on every saleable pack.
- ☐ Verify every code on the line; aggregate into cases and pallets where required.
- ☐ Report production and shipments to the national system.

ON THE LINE, BEFORE THE FIRST SHIPMENT

- ☐ The data in the code is agreed: GTIN, serial number, batch, expiry date or crypto tail, as the rules for your product group require.
- ☐ A verifier has graded printed samples (ISO/IEC 15415 for 2D codes) before the first shipment.
- ☐ A camera after the printer reads every code at line speed, and packs with an unreadable code are rejected.
- ☐ Records show which code went on which pack, case and pallet, ready for the report to the system.

DATES AHEAD

No announced dates.

SOURCES

1. Al Tamimi: UAE pharmaceutical traceability: <https://www.tamimi.com/news/uae-pharmaceutical-products-traceability/>
2. UAE FTA: digital tax stamps: <https://tax.gov.ae/en/taxes/genericcontent/digital.tax.stamps.aspx>

Current version and all sources:
2dtracker.com/country/uae.html

Typical steps. This is not legal advice: check the regulation itself.