SPECIFICATIONS PUBLISHING

Automated Supplier, Compliance, & Regulatory Document Management for the Food Supply Chain

TraceGains Module: Specifications Management & Publishing

Managing item specifications is critical to your business, but also labor intensive and therefore costly. Because of the many data points required for creating and maintaining specifications—which involve participants from multiple departments—many manufacturers simply use supplier-provided specifications rather than their own. Even if companies have developed their own specifications, often because those are maintained in legacy or static environments such as Word and Excel, they remain difficult to manage and communicate to stakeholders.

TraceGains empowers companies to easily set and maintain their own specifications, and to quickly publish those specifications to their vendors.

Managing and Creating Specifications

If your company is not currently maintaining its own specifications, TraceGains' Specification Assist report provides quick historical data that can be used as guidance and a baseline for creating your own specifications. You can then factor in historical data, customer requirements, your judgment, and the practical limits of your supplier's capabilities to create the best possible specifications.

For customers who are already leveraging the Supplier Compliance module, upon receipt of a Certificate of Analysis (COAs), TraceGains automatically extracts relevant data and compares them to your existing specifications.

Easy Specifications Publishing (New!)

Whether specifications already exist or have been newly created, TraceGains now enables you to automatically publish full specifications to all your suppliers. This assures that vendors are always informed and kept abreast of changes, negating the need for version or revision control.

The Specifications Publishing module allows you to maintain all your specifications in one convenient place, giving you one version of the truth for sharing your specifications internally as well as externally. You can even provide read-only access to certain internal users that need this information but are not permitted to make changes.

To complete the cycle, inbound COAs continue to be processed automatically, monitoring for supplier compliance with the most recent version of all published specifications.

Full Business Compliance

TraceGains additionally offers the capability of automatically comparing lab results against what the supplier stated on the COA, further insuring supplier compliance with regulatory and business needs. All of this data is then available for trending and supplier score-carding.

Companies that leverage TraceGains' Supplier Management module are further empowered to assess a vendor's business-worthiness. Supplier Management automatically assesses if all other required documents—e.g., MSDS, HACCP, insurance, allergen, Kosher, GMO/non-GMO—are on file and current as well, assuring that even if a receipt is in compliance, that the supplier itself is fully compliant with all other business requirements.