



Hello,

March rarely stays quiet in the pharma traceability and compliance world, and this year was no different. Regulators moved fast, deadlines announced, and a few conversations that have been brewing for a while finally found their moment.

This edition of **#AltiusEdge** brings you the signals worth paying attention to as the new financial year begins.

## THE COMPLIANCE COMPASS: REGULATORY UPDATES

### Egypt

The Egyptian Drug Authority has officially launched Phase 1 of the Egyptian Pharmaceutical Track & Trace System (EPTTS), with CSV file upload now live as the structured onboarding pathway, covering Commissioning of Serialized Trade Items, Shipping Container Codes, and Packing/Aggregation events.

Alongside this, EDA has released the official EPTTS User Guide, detailing how pharmacies and supply chain participants, from manufacturers and distributors to hospitals and inspectors, can connect through a web portal, mobile app, or Desktop Pharmacy Agent with POS integration.



**For manufacturers supplying into Egypt, the message is clear:**

The system is no longer in planning mode, and the technical bar for submission has been formally defined.



**Oman** 🇴🇲

The Oman Ministry of Health (MoH) has issued a circular directing all local manufacturers of pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and medical supplies to temporarily suspend export activities with immediate effect.

The directive, framed as a precautionary measure to address regional logistical challenges, is being reviewed on a weekly basis, meaning the situation could shift quickly.

**For exporters with active shipments or supply commitments into Oman, this warrants close monitoring. Until the MoH issues further guidance, all exports of medicines and medical supplies from Oman remain on hold.**



**USA** 🇺🇸

After decades of operating with an inconsistent patchwork of 10- and 11-digit formats, the FDA has finalized a uniform 12-digit National Drug Code (NDC) standard, published March 5, 2026, effective March 7, 2033, with a transition window through 2036.

The new format follows a fixed 6-4-2 structure: a 6-digit labeler code, 4-digit product code, and 2-digit package code. While the timeline gives the industry some runway, the implications are more disruptive than they appear.

The NDC is embedded in the GS1 DataMatrix barcodes that underpin

DSCSA serialization, and the expanded labeler code means existing GTIN logic no longer holds.

**For manufacturers supplying the US market, this means barcode redesigns, packaging updates, master data overhauls, and serialization system reconfigurations are all on the horizon.**

## INSIDE ALTIUSHUB: EVENTS

The events calendar is picking up again, and our first stop is Ahmedabad.

We're joining [PharmaPack Connect](#) powered by InnoPack Pharma Confex on 23–24 April at Hyatt Regency Ahmedabad as a 'Bronze Partner', and we'll also be taking the stage for a keynote session.

Whether it's a conversation around traceability readiness, compliance challenges, or simply catching up, we'd love to connect!

**West**  
Presents  
**PharmaPack  
CONNECT**  
Powered by InnoPack Pharma Confex

**23 – 24 April 2026**  
Hyatt Regency, Ahmedabad

**PharmaPack Connect** will be a transformative event for the local pharma industry, offering a unique chance to engage, learn, and innovate. With PharmaPack Connect's expertise, it aims to set a new benchmark for industry collaboration and growth in Gujarat.

Join us in shaping the future of the pharmaceutical industry - see you in Ahmedabad!

SEE YOU AT  
**PharmaPack  
CONNECT**  
Powered by InnoPack Pharma Confex

BRONZE PARTNER  
**ALTIUSHUB**

**CPHI**  
Next-Gen Therapies,  
Smarter Development  
& Reliable Delivery

[Register Now](#)

## INSIDE ALTIUSHUB: PODCAST

**We launched something new, and you're getting access before anyone else!**

Episode 1 of the AltiusHub Podcast goes straight into one of the most fear-inducing conversations in pharma traceability: **L4 Data Migrations**.

Abiram, AltiusHub's co-founder sits down with Scott Pugh (Jennason) and Justin Ahdan (Ankhero), two of the most experienced voices in US DSCSA and EU FMD, to break the myths that keep Manufacturers and CMOs stuck on legacy systems longer than they need to be.

From data ownership and "imprisoned data" to what a migration actually involves versus what people *think* it involves, this is an hour of honest conversation that's long overdue.



[Watch Now](#)

## THE EDITOR'S LENS: SIGNALS & SHIFTS

As pharma supply chains evolve, so do the questions around how effective current traceability systems really are. In this expert conversation, Dr. Avi Chaudhuri and Abiram Vijayakumar explore the gaps between compliance and real-world protection, and why the next phase of drug safety will require a deeper thought on how traceability is designed and implemented.

## RETHINKING DRUG SAFETY & TRACEABILITY IN 2026

Beyond Compliance, Towards Trust



**Dr. Avi Chaudhuri**  
The Kulinda Consortium



**Abiram Vijayakumar**  
AltiusHub

[Read Now](#)

 **Join the conversation!**

If you have insights on serialization, compliance, or pharma supply chain, we'd love to feature you in the next edition of *#AltiusEdge*.

Please write to [vaishnavi.p@altiushub.com](mailto:vaishnavi.p@altiushub.com)