Multi-SKU Outdoor Packaging and Barcode Handoff

Control outdoor SKU packaging, sales units, barcode responsibility and artwork versions with a practical handoff matrix before approving a release.

AI-generated editorial cover; generic packages do not represent approved Seawing packaging or a barcode service.

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TL;DR

Create one packaging handoff record for each exact outdoor SKU, option and proposed sales unit. Separate the product's published contents from the retail pack, inner pack and shipping case you intend to order. Name who supplies and validates identification data, who approves market copy and which artwork revision may be released. Keep changed quantities, assortment contents and versions under review before copying a code or approving print.

Define what the customer will buy

A range of outdoor products is not automatically one retail bundle. Start with the exact SKU and option, then describe whether it will be sold individually, as a defined assortment or through another proposed pack. Record contents separately from packaging material and from the shipping case. A carrying sack is not automatically a retail box, and a carton photograph does not establish an agreed case quantity.

Seawing SKU 18 records a mattress, colour box, repair patch and manual. SKU 25 records a sleeping bag and compression storage sack. Those contents provide separate starting points. They do not prove a shared kit, a common label, an assigned GTIN, a master-carton count or a packaging customization service. If both products are proposed for one offer, record that as a new proposal with a complete contents decision.

Give each product option and intended market its own controlled row. Shared artwork can provide a layout reference, but product identity, contents, code data and approval must still be checked per row. Where a buyer has not chosen a packaging level or responsible party, hold the related artwork decision open instead of filling the blank with an assumed code.

> A Seawing catalogue SKU is not itself evidence of a GS1-assigned identifier.
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> Product contents, a retail sales unit and a shipping case are distinct records.
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> Artwork approval does not establish product compliance or barcode print quality.

A packaging handoff matrix for each SKU

Copy the controls below, with one row set per exact option. Add the actual document owner and evidence location in your working file; the examples do not assign real barcodes or packing quantities.

A packaging handoff matrix for each SKU

Control	Buyer decision	Evidence to retain	Hold when
Sales unit	Individual item or defined assortment	SKU, option and complete contents list	The proposed contents remain ambiguous.
Packaging hierarchy	Retail unit, inner pack and shipping case	Quantity and identity at each applicable level	A case quantity is only inferred.
Identification	Responsible identifier owner and scanning context	Authoritative data and the applicable code decision	A copied code cannot be traced.
Artwork	Market, language and exact revision	Approved master, proof and named approver	Similar files have competing approvals.
Change	Which contents, quantity or version changed	Change log and identifier review	An old code is reused without review.

Separate the item, the code and the artwork

Product record

Identifies the exact option and its own contents.

Trade-item data

Identifies the intended sales unit and applicable packaging hierarchy.

Artwork release

Connects approved data to one controlled file and proof.

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Packaging decisions around separate products

The cover is a generic AI editorial packaging arrangement. The two product references illustrate separate contents records, rather than an approved combined pack, barcode service or actual shipping specification.



Mattress catalogue reference; its listed colour box does not establish a master-carton quantity.



Sleeping-bag catalogue reference; the storage sack is separate from any proposed retail packaging.

A worked handoff without fictional codes

Keep SKU 18 and SKU 25 on separate product lines. For SKU 18 select the exact mattress option first, then attach the recorded contents. For SKU 25 retain its bag and storage-sack contents. Ask the buyer to identify the intended sales units and markets. Any combined assortment remains proposed until its complete contents, packaging and identification decisions have been agreed. No example GTIN is needed to demonstrate this process.

A worked handoff without fictional codes

Record	Starting point	Next decision
SKU 18 option	Mattress, colour box, patch and manual	Confirm the exact model and proposed sales unit.
SKU 25	Sleeping bag and compression storage sack	Confirm any separately requested retail presentation.
Proposed assortment	Two independent catalogue records	Define every included item before code review.
Market artwork	Buyer-supplied market and language brief	Assign copy review and approval responsibility.
Release packet	One data sheet and one artwork revision	Retain approval date, proof and change history.

Five gates before packaging release

1. Select the exact SKU and option
2. Define contents and each packaging level
3. Confirm identifier responsibility and code data
4. Review market copy and the exact proof
5. Approve one revision and record later changes

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Use identification rules within their scope

GS1 guidance distinguishes packaging levels and the party responsible for assigning trade-item identifiers. The GTIN Management Standard addresses changes such as pack quantity and predefined assortment composition. Route such changes to the responsible party for review; do not assume that every graphic change requires a new identifier or that one existing code can cover every changed offer.

A barcode is not a customs classification, a certification or proof of a legal product label. Destination-market and product-specific requirements need their own review. This article does not promise barcode allocation, packaging manufacture, printing, compliance approval or a particular carton specification from Seawing. Sources and catalogue examples were reviewed on 2 November 2026.

Primary identification references

- GS1: responsibility for numbering trade items
- GS1 US: packaging levels
- GS1: GTIN change-management standard
- GS1 UK: barcode verification

Discuss your SKU and packaging brief

Send the wholesale page your exact SKU and option list, destination market, quantity by version and packaging, identification and artwork questions. Keep proposed services subject to written confirmation.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Is the catalogue SKU a GTIN?

Do not assume so. Keep the catalogue reference separate from an identifier assigned under the applicable identification system.

Can one barcode cover a changed assortment?

A changed predefined assortment requires review under the applicable GTIN rules by the responsible party before the old identifier is carried forward.

Does a colour box prove the shipping case quantity?

No. Retail packaging and shipping-case configuration need separate records and confirmed quantities.

Who should approve the artwork?

Name an authorized approver for the exact revision, with separate responsibility for supplied product copy, market requirements and identification data.

Does a successful scan approve the label?

No. Identification data, print-quality verification and product or market label requirements are separate checks.

What belongs in the release packet?

Retain the exact SKU and option, contents and packaging hierarchy, authoritative code data, approved artwork and proof, approver, date and change log.