

14-Digit and RSS Barcodes with ISS45 and Fujitsu Hardware

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As many of you know, the Uniform Code Council has released specifications for the future implementation of Reduced Space Symbologies and 14-digit UPC/EAN formats.

None of these formats are in grocery industry use at this point, and most have been given a 2005 "sunrise" date. This distant time frame has been established by the UCC recognizing that users will have to install new or upgraded scanner hardware and PoS software to support these new symbologies. Also, these new symbologies are specified for a variety of uses, including warehouse/transport coding, and only a subset of the new barcodes will see use at PoS.

Users are obviously interested in the code-reading status of the products they are considering for purchase. Fujitsu makes the following commitments:

- ISS45 will support the relevant new RSS and 14-digit symbologies well in advance of their industry implementation.
- The Fujitsu 9900 Scanner will support the relevant new RSS and 14-digit symbologies well in advance of their industry implementation. New firmware will be downloadable to support the new codes.
- Fujitsu will make best efforts to develop an upgrade for the Orion9500 Scanner to enable use of the new symbologies. Details will be announced.
- There are no plans to support the new symbologies on the Series9000 or older Fujitsu scanners.

Fujitsu plans to announce the timing and details of the upgrades in approximately 30 days at the ICRDA industry conference.

To Your Success,

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