



# Inner Pack Guidelines

## CVS Prefers **NO** inner packs

- Distribution Centers must have easy access to the selling units within the master case

## Suppliers must consult with the CM team and obtain approval prior to setting up Inner Packs in STIBO.

- ✓ **Pre-approved Inner packs will ensure** unobstructed access to individual SKUs
- ✓ Any other type of Inner Packaging (sealed boxes or plastic bags/wraps, etc.) **must receive CVS Buyer approval as an exception**

## **Pre-Approved Acceptable Inner Pack applies to:**

- ✓ Multiple SKUs within the same CVS category can be placed in an enclosed inner pack
- ✓ The entire Inner Pack will be **picked as a single SKU** for store distribution and sold as a single retail SKU

## **Acceptable Example:**

- ✓ ) 3 different flavors of a SKU type to be **picked, distributed to stores, and sold as a single SKU**
- ✓ The Case Pack would be set up based on **the number of Inner Packs** and not the total SKUs contained in the master carton
- ✓ **A Case Pack of 6 equals 6 Inner Packs** (each containing 3 SKUs)

## **Unacceptable Inner Pack applies to:**

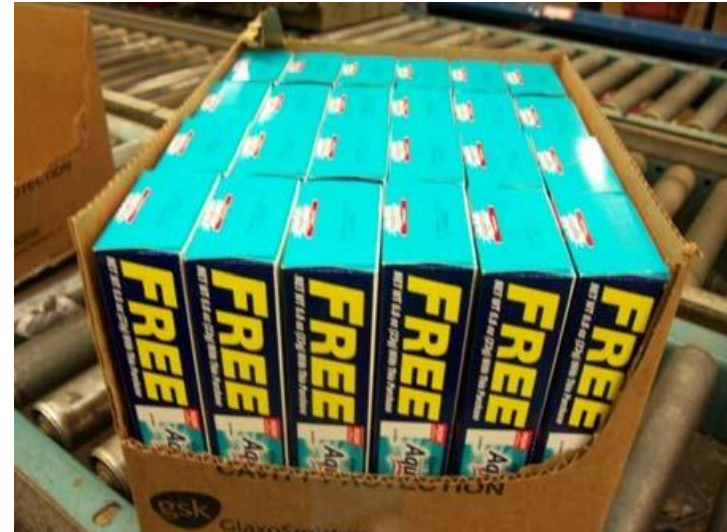
- ☒ A single SKU, set up for individual store distribution and sold individually, is consolidated into an enclosed and sealed inner pack.  
Example : a multiple of 4 of the same item to be distributed to stores and sold separately, are consolidated and placed in an enclosed or sealed box, bag, wrapping, etc. The DC store fulfillment personnel will need to break/tear the box/bag to access the individual SKUs.

## **Inefficiencies of Unacceptable Inner Packs:**

- ✓ Risk for injuries – sealed/enclosed inner packs must be cut, ripped, or broken open to retrieve individual SKUs for store orders.
- ✓ Delays store order fulfillment – breaking up inner packs requires *unproductive* time and effort
- ✓ Additional, discarded packaging clutters pick lines adding potential risk for injuries
- ✓ Waste disposal – various area within the DC will need to clean and dispose of the discarded packaging

# ■ No Inner Pack Example

Product is secure within the master case  
Easily accessible without any prep work  
Can be shipped in eaches or 6's and placed in a tote



# Inner Pack Preferred Styles

Product is secure within the master case and is easily accessible without any prep work  
Product is easily picked as an entire inner pack or ripping the band to pick in “eaches”



# Cardboard Dividers & Four / Five Sided Inner PK Example

Product is exposed by using dividers and is secure within the master case  
Great for glass or porcelain products.



# Unacceptable - Cardboard Box Inner Pack

Product is in a cardboard box within the Master Case  
DC would need to open the inner box to pick an each





# Unacceptable Plastic/Shrink Wrap Inner Packs

Product is wrapped in plastic  
DCs would have to cut open the master case  
Cutting through the plastic increases the risk of scoring the product

