

09 The EAN system :- The European Article
 10 Numbering Association (EAN)
 11 was established in 1977. ~~as a~~
 12 AS a result of this effort, steadily,
 13 EAN Numbers began to be used outside
 14 of Europe. And as a result EAN became
 15 the International Article Numbering
 16 Association, known as EAN International.
 17 presently, there are nearly one
 18 million number companies in the world
 19 using the EAN system. Numbering
 20 organizations are national associations
 21 that provide Full EAN System support,
 22 to their member companies. Their main
 23 responsibilities are :-

- 24 * allocating numbers
- 25 * providing training on numbering,
 26 bar coding and EDI;
- 27 * supplying information on the
 28 standards and the evolution of the
 29 system.

30 The EAN system consists of the
 31 following elements :-

- Notes
- * a system for numbering items so
 that they may be uniquely identified.
 these include consumer products
 and service, transport units and
 location

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09 * a system for representing supply-
10 mentary information such as
batch number, date and
measurement.

11 * standard bar codes to represent
12 information so that it can be
easily read by computers.

13 * a set of messages for EDI
14 transactions (EANCOM messages)

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