



INFORMATION

USA AGENT FOR RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION OF FOOD FACILITY

Further to our previous newsletter, some of you may have received the attached notice in above-mentioned regard.

Kindly note that you are NOT obliged to make use of the services of Registrar Corp or any other third party registrar to renew your facility or to serve as your US agent. Registrar Corp will charge you an annual fee of US\$ 495.00 for re-registration plus US\$ 89.00 for their Certificate of Registration. Such a certificate is neither required nor recognised by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Your current registration already lists your US agent, which could well be your importer, broker or distributor. As we understand, the renewal will only require some additional information such as an email address for your agent (previously an optional item). In fact, when you log in to re-register/renew all your existing information will be displayed for review and can be edited (if necessary) and you need only to add the additional information required. Online renewal will be free, quick and efficient.

The re-registration/renewal form is still not available. We will let you know as soon as it is available online at www.fda.gov/furls.


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U.S. FDA REQUIRES RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION AND CONSENT TO INSPECTION

The new U.S. FDA Food Safety Modernization Act ("FSMA") imposes new requirements on companies that supply food, beverages and dietary supplements to the United States. Now, food facilities must:

- Renew their FDA Food Facility Registration between October 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012 and biennially thereafter.
- Consent to FDA inspections (increasing from 600 in 2011 to 19,200 by 2016).

Shipments to the United States may be refused entry if a company's food facility registration is not renewed properly under FSMA or if the company refuses to consent to FDA inspection.

All registered facilities outside the United States must appoint a U.S. Agent for FDA communications. The U.S. Agent for FDA communications serves a different function than an importer, customs broker or commercial distributor. FDA sends communications to the designated U.S. Agent, including information regarding inspections, often requiring an immediate response. Due to FSMA's new inspection schedule, it is now critical to have a professional U.S. Agent handle FDA communications

Registrar Corp's Regulatory Specialists can renew a facility's registration properly, and handle their FDA communications professionally as their U.S.

Agent. In addition, as part of our U.S. Agent service, Registrar Corp will dispatch a food safety expert trained in FDA inspections to the facility to help the facility prepare if they receive a notice of FDA inspection after October 1, 2012. This assistance is included at no additional charge other than travel and lodging expenses. If you are a food facility and have not yet renewed your registration, remember to renew your food facility registration between October 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012.

Renew your Food Facility Registration now

As a food facility's U.S. Agent, Registrar Corp's multilingual Regulatory Specialists are available 24/7 to help and can be contacted by phone, email, or by using our "[Live Help](#)". Our nineteen [offices worldwide](#) are also available to assist food and beverage companies.

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