

December 8, 2020

## 2020 Food Facility Registration/Renewal Process

Dear U.S. Import Customer,

On December 3, 2020, in Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS) # [45058572](#), guidance was issued by U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regarding the process to query and register for a Dun & Bradstreet (DUNS) number.

The notice confirmed “while the FDA expects all registrants to provide their DUNS number with their registration or renewal submission before December 31, 2020, the Agency recognizes that there may be a delay in obtaining a DUNS number. To address stakeholder concerns with obtaining a DUNS number in a timely manner, the FDA has released guidance, Enforcement Policy for Providing an Acceptable Unique Facility Identifier (UFI) for the 2020 Food Facility Registration Biennial Renewal Period. This guidance allows registrants who anticipate that they will be temporarily unable to provide a DUNS number with the registration or renewal to enter “PENDING” for their registration. “Upon submission, the registrant will have 90 calendar days to update their registration with their DUNS number.” Failure to update the DUNS number to FDA, will result in cancellation of the registration for failure to renew in accordance with 21 CFR 1.230(b).

Resources:

Guidance: <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/guidance-industry-enforcement-policy-providing-acceptable-unique-facility-identifier-ufi-2020-food>

Fact Sheet: <https://www.fda.gov/food/registration-food-facilities-and-other-submissions/food-facility-biennial-registration-renewal-fact-sheet>

Constituent Update: <https://www.fda.gov/food/cfsan-constituent-updates/fda-reminds-human-and-animal-food-facilities-about-years-biennial-registration-renewal-period-and>

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your C.H. Robinson commercial representative for further information.

Sincerely,  
C.H. Robinson

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