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FDA Increases Enforcement Efforts on FSVP Violations

Dear Valued Customer,

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has increased enforcement efforts for violations of the Foreign Supplier Verification Program (FSVP). FSVP requires that all importers who import food products into the United States must perform risk-based assessments on their foreign suppliers to ensure the food meets all applicable safety standards. This rule went into full enforcement on May 30, 2017.

Importers of food products should review their FSVP programs to ensure that all obligations under the program are being met with the fullest compliance measures.

FDA has increased the number of on-site and remote inspections and has issued numerous warning letters for possible violations. Additionally, FDA can detain and refuse the violative entries and/or place the imported food products on an import alert, allowing FDA to detain and refuse future shipments without a physical examination.

FDA has recently issued FSVP violations for:

- Not having and/or conducting hazard analysis required for each type of imported food
- Failure to develop, maintain and follow an FSVP for each type of imported food and supplier
- Failure to produce documented evaluations of the foreign supplier's performance and risk posed by the food
- Not verifying or documenting that the food was produced according to the specific food regulations

A link to the FDA's FSVP resources for importers can be found [here](#).

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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