

TBT&SPS notification issued by USA on registration of food facilities

Refer:- (1) to the SPS notification no. G/SPS/N/USA/691/Add.15 dated 18th July 2016
(2) to the TBT Notification no.GTBT/N/USA/992/Add.1 dated 19th July 2016 on food facilities.
Draft TITLE: Amendments to Registration of Food Facilities

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS

ACTION: Final Regulation under USFDA

DATES: This rule is effective 12 September 2016.

The following communication, received on 15 July 2016, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States of America.

Introduction:-

As a part of implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)the US FDA has issued a new provision to the registration of food facilities that require domestic and foreign facilities (manufacture/process, pack, or hold food for human or animal consumption) in the United States to register with FDA. These amendments will further enhance FDA's capabilities with respect to responding to food safety issues, and in addition, provide FDA with information that it can use to focus and better utilize its limited inspection resources.

Summary:-

Based on the circulated Federal Register Vol 81/No 135 dated 14/7/16 Part VI from the Dept. of Health &Human services under FDA,21 CFR Part-1,the 44 paged documents in details explain the procedures for Registration and Renewal of Registration norms as per Section 415 (under section 102(a)(1)(A) of FSMA Amendment. One of the major amendments is that the Registration for domestic and foreign food facilities are required to contain the e-mail address of the US agent for the facility and the same is applicable to the owner,operator or agent in charge of the facility. The renewal of the facility,as per FDA ,is every 2 year ,between 1st October to 31st December,in each even numbered year. FDA recommends Electronic registration which will be compulsory from 2020.

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