### THE FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT (FSMA) FINAL RULES & USEFUL GUIDANCE

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Information Required in Prior Notice of Imported Food 78 Fed. Reg. 32359	May 30, 2013	May 30, 2013					
Establishment, Maintenance, and Availability of Records: Amendment to Record Availability Requirements <u>79 Fed. Reg. 18799</u>	April 4, 2014	April 4, 201	14				
Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Food for <b>Human</b> Food (HARPC) <u>80 Fed. Reg. 55908</u>	September 17, 2015	Business Size         All other business         Small business         Very small business         Businesses subject to the         Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO)         Supply Chain Program         Receiving facility is a small business its supplier will not be subject to the human HARPC or the produce safety         Receiving facility is a small business its supplier will be subject to the hur HARPC or the produce safety rule         Receiving facility is not a small or v small business and its supplier will not subject to the human HARPC or the produce safety rule         Receiving facility is not a small or v small business and its supplier will not subject to the human HARPC or the produce safety rule	ne rule and 2 years or 6 months after the supplier is required to comply, whichever is later rery 18 months ot be ne rery 3 years	All other businesses Small business Very small business	Definitions         Businesses other than small and very small businesses         A business with fewer than 500 full-time equivalent employees.         A business averaging less than \$1 million per year in both annual sales of human food plus the market value of human food manufactured, processed, packed, or held without sale.	customer assurances – and (4)(ii). <u>81 Fed. Reg</u> Written "customer assu when food safety contra and certain conditions a customer provisions ma processor that does not preventive control to re the hazard. The manufa disclose in documents a it is not processed to co obtain a written assuran the customer will manu accordance with applica	accompanying the food that ontrol the hazard and must ince from the customer that facture the food in able food safety by to someone that agrees to



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Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Food for <b>Animals</b> (HARPC) <u>80 Fed. Reg. 56170</u>	September 17, 2015	Business Size All other business Small business Very small business	cGMP compliance date         1 year         2 years         3 years	PC compliance date 2 years 3 years 4 years	All other businesses Small business Very small business	Definitions         Businesses other than small and very small businesses         A business employing fewer than 500 full-time equivalent employees         A business averaging less than         \$2,500,000 per year, during the 3- year period preceding the applicable calendar year in sales of animal food plus the market value of animal food manufactured, processed, packed, or held without sale.

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• Clarification of compliance date for certain food establishments. <u>80 Fed. Reg. 71934 (Nov. 18, 2015)</u>.

The compliance date for grade A milk and milk products covered by National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS) under the PMO is September 17, 2018.

- Extension for facilities that only pack and/or hold raw agricultural commodities that are produce and/or nut hulls and shells. The earliest compliance date is January 26, 2018.
- Extension for facilities that color raw agricultural commodities for an additional 16 months to align with the Produce Safety rule. The earliest compliance date is January 26, 2018.

Extensions:

 Extension for certain provisions concerning written customer assurances – §§ 507.36(a)(2)(ii), (3)(ii), and (4)(ii). <u>81 Fed. Reg. 57784 (Aug. 24,</u> 2016).

Business Size	PC compliance date
All other business	Sept. 18, 2019
Small business	Sept. 17, 2020

- Extension for facilities that only pack and/or hold raw agricultural commodities that are produce and/or nut hulls and shells. The earliest compliance date is January 26, 2018.
- Extension for off-farm facilities solely engaged in cotton ginning that provide products (for example, cotton seed and lint) without further processing for use as animal food now have an additional 16 months to comply with applicable requirements in the CGMP and Preventive Controls for Animal Food rule. The earliest compliance date is January 28, 2019.

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Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Halding of Produce for Human					
Holding of Produce for Human Consumption (Produce Safety		Business Size	Compliance date		
Rule)		All other farms	2 year		
Kule)		Small business	3 years		
80 Fed. Reg. 74354		Very small business	4 years		Definitions
	November 27, 2015	The compliance dates for certain aspects of the water quality standards, and related testing and recordkeeping provisions, Modified requirements for farms eligible for exemption Labeling (if applicable) Retention of records supporting eligibility for qualified exemptions Other modified requirements for small business Other modified requirements for very small business	Additional 2 years from applicable date above Compliance date January 1, 2020 January 26, 2016 January 26, 2019 January 26, 2020	All other farms Small business Very small business	All other farms         Businesses with more than \$250,000         but no more than \$500,000 in         average annual produce sales during         the previous 3 year period         Businesses with more than \$25,000         but no more than \$250,000 in         average annual produce sales during         the previous 3 year period         but no more than \$250,000 in         average annual produce sales during         the previous 3 year period
		Business Size         All other farms         Small business         Very small business	Compliance date for sprouts 1 year 2 years 3 years		



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#### Exemptions:

- Produce that is not a raw agricultural commodity (RAC)
- Produce commodities identified as rarely consumed raw: asparagus; black beans, great Northern beans, kidney beans, lima beans, navy beans, and pinto beans; garden beets and sugar beets; cashews; sour cherries; chickpeas; cocoa beans; coffee beans; collards; sweet corn; cranberries; dates; dill (seeds and weed); eggplants; figs; horseradish; hazelnuts; lentils; okra; peanuts; pecans; peppermint; potatoes; pumpkins; winter squash; sweet potatoes; and water chestnuts
- Food grains, including barley, dent- or flint-corn, sorghum, oats, rice, rye, wheat, amaranth, quinoa, buckwheat, and oilseeds (e.g. cotton seed, flax seed, rapeseed, soybean, and sunflower seed)
- Produce used for personal or on-farm consumption
- Farms that have an average annual value of produce sold during the previous three-year period of \$25,000 or less
- Produce that receives commercial processing that adequately reduces the presence of microorganisms of public health significance, under certain conditions
- Qualified exemption and modified requirements for certain farms

Extensions:

• Extension for operations that would be secondary activities farms except that they do not meet the ownership criterion in the definition of a secondary activities farm. The extension is applicable only to operations satisfying all of the following requirements: (1) the operation is not located on a primary production farm; (2) the

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Foreign Supplier Verification Programs for Importers of Food for Humans and Animals (FSVP) <u>80 Fed. Reg. 74226</u>	November 27, 2015	<ul> <li>The date by which importers must comply with the FSVP regulations is the latest of the following dates:</li> <li>18 months after publication of the final rule;</li> <li>For the importation of food from a supplier that is subject to the HARPC or produce safety rules, 6 months after the foreign supplier is required to meet the relevant regulations;</li> <li>For an importer that is itself a manufacturer or processor subject to the supply-chain program provisions in the HARPC regulations, the date by which it has to comply with those provisions.</li> </ul>	Additional information regarding compliance dates: • Compliance Dates for the Final Rule on Foreign Supplier Verification Programs (FSVP) for Importers of Food for Humans and Animals (August 23, 2016)
Accreditation of Third-Party Certification Bodies To Conduct Food Safety Audits	November 27, 2015	FDA intends to implement this program as soon as possible after publication of the final Model Accreditation Standards guidance, and the final user fee rule, both of which will be published separately.	

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operation is devoted to harvesting, packing, and/or holding of raw agricultural commodities; and (3) the operation is under common ownership with the primary production farm(s) that grows, harvests, and/or raises the majority of the RACs harvested packed, and/or held by the operation. The earliest compliance date is January 26, 2018.

 Extension for certain provisions concerning written customer assurances – §§ 112.2(b)(3). <u>81 Fed. Reg.</u> <u>57784 (Aug. 24, 2016)</u>.

<b>Business Size</b>	PC compliance date
All other business	Jan. 28, 2019
Small business	Jan. 27, 2020
Very small business	Jan. 26, 2021

Extensions:

• Extension for Importers Subject to FSVP for Food Contact Substances. <u>81 Fed. Reg. 57784 (Aug. 24, 2016)</u>.

Importers subject to the FSVP rule have an additional 2 years to meet the requirements for the importation of **food contact substances (FCS)**. The earliest compliance date is May 28, 2019

 Extension for certain provisions concerning written customer assurances – § 1.507(a)(2)(ii), (3)(ii), and (4)(ii)). <u>81 Fed. Reg. 57784 (Aug. 24, 2016)</u>.

The compliance dates for these requirements for FSVP are May 28, 2019 or 30 months after previously announced compliance date for the relevant regulations, whichever is later.

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and To Issue Certifications 80 Fed. Reg. 74570		Accreditation bodies could begin to apply for recognition when the program goes into effect, and third-party certification bodies could seek accreditation after one or more FDA-recognized accreditation bodies begin accepting applications	
Sanitary Transportation of Human and Animal Food			
<u>81 Fed. Reg. 20092</u>	April 6, 2016	Business Size         Compliance date           All other businesses         April 6, 2017           Small business         April 6, 2018	DefinitionsAll other businessesAll other businessesSmall businessBusinesses other than motor carriers who are not also shippers and/or receivers employing fewer than 500 persons and motor carriers having less than \$27.5 million in annual receipts
Mitigation Strategies To Protect Food Against Intentional Adulteration <u>81 Fed. Reg. 34166</u>	May 27, 2016	Business SizeCompliance dateAll other businesses3 yearsSmall business4 yearsVery small business5 years	Definitions           All other businesses         All other businesses           Small business         A business employing fewer than 500 persons           Very small business         A business (including any subsidiaries and affiliates) averaging less than \$10,000,000, per year, during the 3-year period preceding the applicable calendar year in sales of human food plus the market value

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#### Exemptions:

- Shippers, receivers, or carriers engaged in food transportation operations that have less than \$500,000 in average annual revenue
- Transportation activities performed by a farm
- Transportation of food that is transshipped through the U.S. to another country
- Transportation of food that is imported for future export and that is neither consumed or distributed in the U.S.
- Transportation of compressed food gases (*e.g.*, carbon dioxide, nitrogen or oxygen authorized for use in food and beverage products), and FCS
- Transportation of human food byproducts transported for use as animal food without further processing
- Transportation of food that is completely enclosed by a container except a food that requires temperature control for safety
- Transportation of live food animals, except molluscan shellfish

#### Exemptions:

- A very small business while exempt, the business would be required to provide to FDA, upon request, documentation to demonstrate that the business is very small
- The holding of food, except the holding of food in liquid storage tanks
- The packing, re-packing, labeling or re-labeling of food where the container that directly contacts the food remains intact
- Activities that fall within the definition of "farm"
- Manufacturing, processing, packing, or holding of food for animals
- Alcoholic beverages under certain conditions

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			of human food manufactured, processed, packed, or held without sale ( <i>e.g.</i> , held for a fee).
Amendments to Registration of Food Facilities <u>81 Fed. Reg. 45912</u>	July 14, 2016	January 4, 2020	

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• On-farm manufacturing, processing, packing, or holding by a small or very small business of certain foods identified as having low-risk production practices. The exemption applies if such activities are the only activities conducted by the business subject to the rule. These foods include certain types of eggs, and certain types of game meats