

# Imports & Exports Guidance Documents & Regulatory Information

*Guidance documents contain nonbinding recommendations.*

## General

- Guidance: [Temporary Policy Regarding Accredited Third-Party Certification Program Onsite Observation and Certificate Duration Requirements Due to COVID-19](/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/temporary-policy-regarding-accredited-third-party-certification-program-onsite-observation-and-certificate-duration-requirements-due-to-covid-19) (/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/temporary-policy-regarding-accredited-third-party-certification-program-onsite-observation-and) (Updated July 2023)
- Guidance: [Temporary Policy Regarding Preventive Controls and FSVP Food Supplier Verification Onsite Audit Requirements Due to COVID-19](/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/temporary-policy-regarding-preventive-controls-and-fsvp-food-supplier-verification-onsite-audit) (/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/temporary-policy-regarding-preventive-controls-and-fsvp-food-supplier-verification-onsite-audit) (Updated July 2023)
- Guidance: [Foreign Supplier Verification Programs for Importers of Food for Humans and Animals](/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/guidance-industry-foreign-supplier-verification-programs-importers-food-humans-and-animals) (/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/guidance-industry-foreign-supplier-verification-programs-importers-food-humans-and-animals) (January 2023)
- Guidance: [Laboratory Accreditation for Analyses of Foods - What You Need to Know; Small Entity Compliance Guide](/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/small-entity-compliance-guide-laboratory-accreditation-analyses-foods-what-you-need-know) (/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/small-entity-compliance-guide-laboratory-accreditation-analyses-foods-what-you-need-know) (October 2022)
- Guidance: [Infant Formula Transition Plan for Exercise of Enforcement Discretion](/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/guidance-industry-infant-formula-transition-plan-exercise-enforcement-discretion) (/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/guidance-industry-infant-formula-transition-plan-exercise-enforcement-discretion) (September 2022)
- Guidance: [Infant Formula Enforcement Discretion Policy](/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/guidance-industry-infant-formula-enforcement-discretion-policy) (/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/guidance-industry-infant-formula-enforcement-discretion-policy) (May 2022)
- Draft Guidance: [The Accredited Third-Party Certification Program: Questions and Answers](/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/draft-guidance-industry-questions-and-answers-accredited-third-party-certification-program) (/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/draft-guidance-industry-questions-and-answers-accredited-third-party-certification-program) (April 2022)
- Guidance: [Compliance with Providing an Acceptable Unique Facility Identifier for the Foreign Supplier Verification Programs for Food Importers Regulation](/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/guidance-industry-foreign-supplier-verification-programs-for-food-importers-regulation) (/regulatory-

- [information/search-fda-guidance-documents/guidance-industry-compliance-providing-acceptable-unique-facility-identifier-foreign-supplier](#)) (Revised April 2022)
- Guidance: [FDA's Voluntary Qualified Importer Program \(/food/guidance-documents-regulatory-information-topic/guidance-industry-fdas-voluntary-qualified-importer-program\)](#) (Revised March 2022)
  - Guidance: [Third-Party Auditor/Certification Body Accreditation for Food Safety Audits: Model Accreditation Standards \(/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/guidance-industry-and-fda-staff-model-accreditation-standards-third-party-certification-body\)](#) (Revised February 2022)
  - Final Rule: [Laboratory Accreditation for Analyses of Foods \(LAAF\) \(/food/food-safety-modernization-act-fsma/laboratory-accreditation-analyses-foods-laaf-program-final-rule\)](#) (December 2021)
  - Guidance: [Establishing and Maintaining a List of U.S. Milk and Milk Product, Seafood, Infant Formula, and Formula for Young Children Manufacturers/Processors with Interest in Exporting to China \(/food/guidance-documents-regulatory-information-topic/guidance-industry-establishing-and-maintaining-list-us-milk-and-milk-product-seafood-infant-formula\)](#)(November 2018)
  - Guidance: [Establishing and Maintaining a List of U. S. Dairy Product Manufacturers/Processors with Interest in Exporting to Chile \(/food/guidance-documents-regulatory-information-topic/guidance-industry-and-fda-establishing-and-maintaining-list-us-dairy-product-manufacturersprocessors\)](#) (November 2018)
  - Final Rule: [Accreditation of Third-Party Auditors/Certification Bodies to Conduct Food Safety Audits and to Issue Certifications \(/food/food-safety-modernization-act-fsma/fsma-final-rule-accredited-third-party-certification\)](#) (November 2015)
  - Proposed Rule: [User Fee Program to Provide for Accreditation of Third-Party Auditors/Certification Bodies to Conduct Food Safety Audits and to Issue Certifications \(https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/07/24/2015-18141/user-fee-program-to-provide-for-accreditation-of-third-party-auditorscertification-bodies-to-conduct\)](#) (July 2015)
  - Importers and Filers: [Food Security Preventive Measures Guidance \(/food/guidance-documents-regulatory-information-topic/guidance-industry-food-security-preventive-measures-importers-and-filers\)](#) (October 2007)
  - Draft Guidance: [Regulatory Procedures Manual Chapter 9, Subchapter: Guidance Concerning Recommending Customs' Seizure and Destruction of Imported Human and Animal Food That Has Not Been Reconditioned \(/food/guidance-documents-regulatory-information-topic/draft-guidance-industry-regulatory-procedures-manual-chapter-9-subchapter-recommending-customs\)](#) (November 5, 2002)

- Letter to Manufacturers, Importers, and Distributors of Imported Candy and Candy Wrappers (</food/guidance-documents-regulatory-information-topic/guidance-industry-letter-manufacturers-importers-and-distributors-imported-candy-and-candy-wrappers>). (June 13, 1995)

## Prior Notice of Imported Foods

- Proposed Rule: Adding Requirement to Submit Mail Tracking Number for Articles of Food Arriving by International Mail and Timeframe for Post-Refusal and Post-Hold Submissions (<https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2023-24086/prior-notice-adding-requirement-to-submit-mail-tracking-number-for-articles-of-food-arriving-by>). (November 2023)
- Guidance: Prior Notice of Imported Food Contingency Plan for System Outages (</regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/guidance-industry-prior-notice-imported-food-contingency-plan-system-outages>). (November 2020)
- Guidance: Prior Notice of Imported Food Questions and Answers (Edition 3) (</food/guidance-documents-regulatory-information-topic/guidance-industry-prior-notice-imported-food-questions-and-answers-edition-3>). (June 2016)
- Final Rule: Information Required in Prior Notice of Imported Food (<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/05/30/2013-12833/information-required-in-prior-notice-of-imported-food>). (May 2013)
- Small Entity Compliance Guide: What You Need to Know About Prior Notice of Imported Food Shipments (</regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/guidance-industry-what-you-need-know-about-prior-notice-imported-food-shipments>). (August 2011)
- Compliance Policy Guide: Prior Notice of Imported Food (</food/guidance-documents-regulatory-information-topic/compliance-policy-guide-guidance-fda-and-cbp-staff-sec-110310-prior-notice-imported-food-under>). (May 2009)
- Final Rule: Prior Notice of Imported Food Under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2008-11-07/pdf/E8-26282.pdf>). (November 2008)

More on Prior Notice of Imported Foods (</food/importing-food-products-united-states/prior-notice-imported-foods>).

## Resources

- Importing Food Products into the United States (</importing-food-products-united-states>)
- Exporting Food Products from the United States (</exporting-food-products-united-states>)

- Foreign Food Facility Inspection Program (/food/inspections/foreign-food-facility-inspection-program).