



MARKET ACCESS ADVICE

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United States – Registration updates for establishments exporting food and beverage products

Attention	Industries	All food commodity groups
	Department of Agriculture	Central and Regional offices ATMs and FOMs OPVs and Meat inspection staff
Affected Markets		United States
Further Information		Please contact exports@agriculture.gov.au if you have any queries.

This Market Access Advice (MAA) replaces the following MAA's:
Meat MAA1262 and MAA1265, Fish MAA1220 and MAA1223, Dairy MAA1205 and MAA1206.

Action required

Food and beverage facilities that require registration with the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are required to renew their food facility registrations during the period beginning 1 October 2014 and ending 31 December 2014.

FDA encourages facilities to renew their registrations early on in the three-month renewal period.

Note: Re-registration is required every second year (even numbered years) between 1 October and 31 December.

Food facility registrations can be made on the FDA website here: [Registration of Food Facilities](#)

Additional information can be found on the FDA website here: [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

FDA also has three guidance documents available to provide assistance to registrants with the registration process, including information on biennial registration renewal. These guidance documents are listed below.

[The Guidance for Industry: What You Need to Know About the Registration of Food Facilities – Small Entity Compliance Guide](#): Updated in 2012 to reflect FSMA amendments to the FD&C Act, and contains information regarding: who is required to register and who may be exempt; how often facilities must register and renew registrations; when FDA may suspend a registration; and how facilities may submit their registrations and registration renewals to FDA.

[The Guidance for Industry: Questions and Answers Regarding Food Facility Registration \(Fifth Edition\)](#): Updated in 2012 and contains helpful questions and answers regarding food facility registration. Updates to questions in this edition are based on FSMA amendments.

The Guidance for Industry: Necessity of the Use of Food Product Categories in Food Facility Registration: Contains information regarding food-product categories included in the food facility registration form.

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