

FOREIGN SUPPLIER VERIFICATION

what you NEED to know

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Who Is Subject to FSVP?

FSVP applies to all U.S. importers of food and beverages except those importing food that are exempt. Modified requirements exist for very small suppliers or importers with less than \$500K annual food sales.

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How May Importers Verify The Compliance of Foreign Suppliers?

Activities to verify that the food being imported is safe and that it meets the statutory food safety outcomes outlined in the FSMA include: monitoring shipment records, conducting annual on-site inspections, audits of the foreign supplier, utilization of Eurofins global food safety experts to conduct food safety assessments and reviewing a copy of foreign suppliers' HARPC plan or records. Supplier verification programs must be created, maintained and implemented by a "qualified individual".

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Are Any Companies Exempt From The FSVP Rule?

The FSVP provision does not apply to an importer that is in compliance with FDA's seafood, juice or low-acid canned food products requirements. These exemptions are limited to the food safety hazards covered by each respective program. ATTB retains jurisdiction for alcoholic beverages. Additional exemptions include; foods under the exclusive jurisdiction of USDA, foods for Research Use Only and foods for Personal Consumption Only. A list of FDA approved countries is expected from the FDA and food from these countries may be subject to modified requirements.

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What Products Are Subject to FSVP?

FSVP applies to all imported food, beverages, and dietary supplement ingredients unless the importer or foreign supplier is exempted by FSMA. Modified requirements exist for finished product dietary supplements.

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Which Controls Must Importers Verify?

The importer must complete the verification activities for the company that was the last in the supply chain to grow, raise or manufacture/produce the food. If food is purchased through a broker, the food safety practices at the manufacturer of the food are to be verified, not the broker's. Typically brokers, packing houses, traders and distributors will not be the companies requiring verification.

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When Is the Deadline?

Supplier verification for Preventive Controls goes into place May 30th 2017 (if over 500 employees), and March 19, 2018 for smaller companies.

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