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**CIAA Bulletin**

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Update**

## **FDA Extends Flexibility for Unique Facility Identifier Requirement for Food Facility Registration through December 2022**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has recognized the continued difficulty some food facilities had in obtaining DUNS numbers when renewing food facility prior to the end of 2020. FDA has [announced](#) that the agency is further extending its enforcement discretion regarding the DUNS number requirement for food facility registration. FDA now intends to allow registrants until the end of the next registration cycle on December 31, 2022 to submit a DUNS number as part of the UFI requirement. During this time, FDA intends to continue to allow registrants to enter "PENDING" in the UFI field of their registration if they have not obtained a DUNS number. FDA also does not intend to cancel any registrations for facilities with UFIs that cannot be verified at this time.

When FDA updated the food facility registration requirements in light of the Food Safety Modernization Act, FDA included a requirement that food facilities include a UFI when registering or renewing its registration. According to [FDA guidance](#), the FDA recognizes the Dun & Bradstreet DUNS Number as the only acceptable type of UFI for food facility registration at this time. Food facilities needing to set up a DUNS number can do so online on the Dun & Bradstreet website for [domestic facilities](#) and for [foreign facilities](#).

Members with questions can contact the Husch Blackwell team at [CIAAGeneralCounsel@huschblackwell.com](mailto:CIAAGeneralCounsel@huschblackwell.com).

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## **INDUSTRY DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **March 31, 2021**

The license fee for each license issued is due and payable in full no later than March 31 of this year. Licenses issued after March 31 of this quota year is payable in full no later than 10 days from the date of issuance. Fee payments are payable to the Treasurer of the United States and shall be made solely utilizing the electronic software designated for the purpose by the Licensing Authority.

### **JULY 1, 2021**

Last day for an exporting country that is not designating importers for calendar year 2021 to notify FAS.

### **AUGUST 31, 2021**

Last day to enter dairy products into U.S. Customs territory that may be used to qualify and establish eligibility for a calendar year 2021 license.

### **SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

First day of license eligibility period for next quota year-plus one. Example: entries made on or after September 1, 2021 can be used to establish eligibility for a license for calendar year 2022.

### **SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

Last date to request globalization of a calendar year 2020 license. First transmission date for applications for reallocated license amounts for calendar year 2020. First transmission date for all applications for calendar year 2021 licenses.

### **SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

(no exceptions!) Last transmission date for licensees applying for reallocated license amounts for calendar year 2021.

### **OCTOBER 1, 2021**

(no exceptions!) Last transmission date for licensees to surrender all or the unused portion of their calendar year 2021 licenses.

### **OCTOBER 15, 2021**

(no exceptions!) Last transmission date for all applications for calendar year 2022 licenses.

### **OCTOBER 31, 2021**

Exporting countries that are designating U.S. importers for calendar year 2022 must submit their designations to FAS by this date.

### **DECEMBER 20, 2021**

(approximately) FAS issues first notice of calendar year 2022 licenses to licensees.

**DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Last day for licensees to make entries to fulfill the requirement to use 85% of their calendar year 2021 license amount. Last day for which calendar year 2021 licenses are valid

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