

including harvested or collected and readied for shipment, in a Territory, the FDA Country of Production is the United States.

(ii) For an article of food that is no longer in its natural state, the country where the article was made; except that, if an article of food is made from wild fish, including seafood, aboard a vessel, the FDA Country of Production is the country in which the vessel is registered. If an article of food that is no longer in its natural state was made in a Territory, the FDA Country of Production is the United States.

(5) *Food* has the meaning given in section 201(f) of the act,

(i) Except for purposes of this subpart, it does not include:

(A) Food contact substances as defined in section 409(h)(6) of the act (21 U.S.C. 348(h)(6)); or

(B) Pesticides as defined in 7 U.S.C. 136(u).

(ii) Examples of food include fruits, vegetables, fish, including seafood, dairy products, eggs, raw agricultural commodities for use as food or as components of food, animal feed (including pet food), food and feed ingredients, food and feed additives, dietary supplements and dietary ingredients, infant formula, beverages (including alcoholic beverages and bottled water), live food animals, bakery goods, snack foods, candy, and canned foods.

(6) *Grower* means a person who engages in growing and harvesting or collecting crops (including botanicals), raising animals (including fish, which includes seafood), or both.

(7) *International mail* means foreign national mail services. International mail does not include express carriers, express consignment operators, or other private delivery services.

(8) *No longer in its natural state* means that an article of food has been made from one or more ingredients or synthesized, prepared, treated, modified, or manipulated. Examples of activities that render food no longer in its natural state are cutting, peeling, trimming, washing, waxing, eviscerating, rendering, cooking, baking, freezing, cooling, pasteurizing, homogenizing, mixing, formulating, bottling, milling, grinding, extracting juice, distilling, labeling, or packaging. Crops that have been cleaned (*e.g.*, dusted, washed), trimmed, or cooled attendant to harvest or collection or treated against pests, waxed, or polished are still in their natural state for purposes of this subpart. Whole fish headed, eviscerated, or frozen attendant to harvest are still in their natural state for purposes of this subpart.

(9) *Port of arrival* means the water, air, or land port at which the article of food is imported or offered for import into the United States, *i.e.*, the port where the article of food first arrives in the United States. This port may be different than the port where consumption or warehouse entry or foreign trade zone admission documentation is presented to the United States Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

(10) *Port of entry*, in sections 801(m) and 801(l) of the act, means the port of entry as defined in 19 CFR 101.1.

(11) *Registration number* refers to the registration number assigned by FDA under section 415 of the act (21 U.S.C. 350d) and 21 CFR part 1, subpart H.

(12) *Shipper* means the owner or exporter of the article of food who consigns and ships the article from a foreign country or the person who sends an article of food by international mail to the United States.

(13) *United States* means the Customs territory of the United States (*i.e.*, the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico), but not the Territories.

(14) *You* means the person submitting the prior notice, *i.e.*, the submitter, or the person transmitting prior notice information on behalf of the submitter, *i.e.*, the transmitter.

#### § 1.277 What is the scope of this subpart?

(a) This subpart applies to all food for humans and other animals that is imported or offered for import into the United States for use, storage, or distribution in the United States, including food for gifts and trade and quality assurance/quality control samples, food for transshipment through the United States to another country, food for future export, and food for use in a U.S. Foreign Trade Zone.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), this subpart does not apply to:

(1) Food for an individual's personal use when it is carried by or otherwise accompanies the individual when arriving in the United States;

(2) Food that was made by an individual in his/her personal residence and sent by that individual as a personal gift (*i.e.*, for non-business reasons) to an individual in the United States;

(3) Food that is imported then exported without leaving the port of arrival until export;

(4) Meat food products that at the time of importation are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*);

(5) Poultry products that at the time of importation are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of USDA under the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*); and

(6) Egg products that at the time of importation are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of USDA under the Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1031 *et seq.*).

#### Requirements To Submit Prior Notice of Imported Food

##### § 1.278 Who is authorized to submit prior notice?

A prior notice for an article of food may be submitted by any person with knowledge of the required information. This person is the submitter. The submitter also may use another person to transmit the required information on his/her behalf. The person who transmits the information is the transmitter. The submitter and transmitter may be the same person.

##### § 1.279 When must prior notice be submitted to FDA?

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, you must submit the prior notice to FDA and the prior notice submission must be confirmed by FDA for review as follows:

(1) If the article of food is arriving by land by road, no less than 2 hours before arriving at the port of arrival;

(2) If the article of food is arriving by land by rail, no less than 4 hours before arriving at the port of arrival;

(3) If the article of food is arriving by air, no less than 4 hours before arriving at the port of arrival; or

(4) If the article of food is arriving by water, no less than 8 hours before arriving at the port of arrival.

(b) Except in the case of an article of food imported or offered for import by international mail, you may not submit prior notice more than 5 calendar days before the anticipated date of arrival of the food at the anticipated port of arrival.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, if the article of food is arriving by international mail, you must submit the prior notice before the article of food is sent to the United States.

(d) FDA will notify you that your prior notice has been confirmed for review with a reply message that contains a Prior Notice (PN) Confirmation Number. Your prior notice will be considered submitted and the prior notice time will start when FDA has confirmed your prior notice for review.

(e) The PN Confirmation Number must accompany any article of food

arriving by international mail. The PN Confirmation Number must appear on the Customs Declaration that accompanies the package.

(f) A copy of the confirmation including the PN Confirmation Number, must accompany any article of food that is subject to this subpart when it is carried by or otherwise accompanies an individual when arriving in the United States. The copy of the confirmation must be provided to CBP or FDA upon arrival.

(g) The PN Confirmation Number must accompany any article of food for which the prior notice was submitted through the FDA Prior Notice System Interface (FDA PN System Interface) when the article arrives in the United States and must be provided to CBP or FDA upon arrival.

#### **§ 1.280 How must you submit prior notice?**

(a) You must submit the prior notice electronically to FDA. You must submit all prior notice information in the English language, except that an individual's name, the name of a company, and the name of a street may be submitted in a foreign language. All information, including these items, must be submitted using the Latin (Roman) alphabet. Unless paragraph (d) of this section applies, you must submit prior notice through:

(1) The CBP Automated Broker Interface of the Automated Commercial System (ABI/ACS); or

(2) The FDA PN System Interface at <http://www.access.fda.gov>. You must submit prior notice through the FDA PN System Interface for articles of food imported or offered for import by international mail, other transaction types that cannot be made through ABI/ACS, and articles of food that have been refused under section 801(m)(1) of the act and this subpart.

(b) If a custom broker's or self-filer's system is not working or if the ABI/ACS interface is not working, prior notice must be submitted through the FDA PN System Interface.

(c) If FDA determines that FDA PN System Interface is not working, FDA will issue notification at <http://www.access.fda.gov> and FDA Web site at <http://www.fda.gov>—see Prior Notice. Once FDA issues this notification, if you intended to use the FDA PN System Interface to submit a prior notice, you must submit prior notice information by e-mail or by fax to FDA. The location for receipt of submission by e-mail or fax is listed at <http://www.fda.gov>—see Prior Notice—PN System Interface.

(d) If FDA determines that the Operational and Administration System

for Import Support (OASIS) is not working, FDA will issue notification at <http://www.access.fda.gov>, on the FDA Web site at <http://www.fda.gov>, and through messages in ABI/ACS. Once FDA issues this notification, all prior notices must be submitted to FDA by e-mail or by fax. The location for receipt of submission by e-mail or fax is listed at <http://www.fda.gov>—see Prior Notice.

(e) Prior notice information will only be accepted at the listed e-mail or fax locations if FDA determines that the FDA PN System Interface or OASIS is not working.

#### **§ 1.281 What information must be in a prior notice?**

(a) *General.* For each article of food that is imported or offered for import into the United States, except by international mail, you must submit the information for the article that is required in this paragraph.

(1) The name of the individual submitting the prior notice and his/her business address, and phone number, fax number, and e-mail address, and the name and address of the submitting firm, if applicable. If a registration number is provided, city and country may be provided instead of the full address;

(2) If different from the submitter, the name of the individual and firm, if applicable, transmitting the prior notice on behalf of the submitter and his/her business address, and phone number, fax number, and e-mail address. If a registration number is provided, city and country may be provided instead of the full address;

(3) The entry type;

(4) The CBP entry identifier (*e.g.*, CBP entry number or in-bond number), if available;

(5) The identity of the article of food being imported or offered for import, as follows:

(i) The complete FDA product code;

(ii) The common or usual name or market name;

(iii) The estimated quantity of food that will be shipped, described from largest container to smallest package size; and

(iv) The lot or code numbers or other identifier of the food if required by the act or FDA regulations, *e.g.*, low acid canned foods, by 21 CFR 113.60(c); acidified foods, by 21 CFR 114.80(b); and infant formula, by 21 CFR 106.90;

(6) For an article of food that is no longer in its natural state, the name and address of the manufacturer and the registration number assigned to the facility that is associated with the article of food. A registration number is not required for a facility associated with an

article of food if the article is imported or offered for import for transshipment, storage, and export, or further manipulation and export. If the article of food is sent by an individual as a personal gift (*i.e.*, for nonbusiness reasons) to an individual in the United States, you may provide the name and address of the firm that appears on the label under 21 CFR 101.5 instead of the name, address, and registration number of the manufacturer. If a registration number is provided, city and country may be provided instead of the full address;

(7) For an article of food that is in its natural state, the name and growing location address of the grower, if known. If the submitter does not know the identity of the grower or, if the article has been consolidated, the identity of any of the growers, you may provide the name and address of the firm that has consolidated the articles of food from different growers or different growing locations;

(8) The FDA Country of Production;

(9) The name and address of the shipper and, if the shipper is required to register under 21 CFR part 1, subpart H, the registration number assigned to the shipper's facility that is associated with the article of food. A registration number is not required for a facility associated with an article of food if the article is imported or offered for import for transshipment, storage, and export, or further manipulation and export. If a registration number is provided, city and country may be provided instead of the full address;

(10) The country from which the article is shipped;

(11) Anticipated arrival information about the article of food being imported or offered for import, as follows:

(i) The anticipated port of arrival and, if the anticipated port of arrival has more than one border crossing, the specific anticipated border crossing where the food will be brought into the United States;

(ii) The anticipated date on which the article of food will arrive at the anticipated port of arrival; and

(iii) The anticipated time of that arrival;

(12) The name and address of the importer. If a registration number is provided, city and country may be provided instead of the full address. The identity of the owner is not required for an article of food that is imported or offered for import for transshipment through the United States under a Transportation and Exportation entry;

(13) The name and address of the owner if different from the importer or ultimate consignee. If a registration

number is provided, city and country may be provided instead of the full address. The identity of the importer is not required for an article of food that is imported or offered for import for transshipment through the United States under a Transportation and Exportation entry;

(14) The name and address of the ultimate consignee. If a registration number is provided, city and country may be provided instead of the full address. The identity of the ultimate consignee is not required for an article of food that is imported or offered for import for transshipment through the United States under a Transportation and Exportation entry;

(15) The mode of transportation;

(16) The Standard Carrier Abbreviation Code (SCAC) or International Air Transportation Association (IATA) code of the carrier which is, or will be, carrying the article of food from the country from which the article is shipped to the United States, or if codes are not applicable, then the name and country of the carrier;

(17) Planned shipment information, as applicable:

(i) The Airway Bill number(s) or Bill of Lading number(s). This information is not required for an article of food when carried by or otherwise accompanying an individual when entering the United States;

(ii) For food arriving by ocean vessel, the vessel name and voyage number;

(iii) For food arriving by air carrier, the flight number;

(iv) For food arriving by truck, bus, or rail, the trip number;

(v) For food arriving as containerized cargo by water, air, or land, the container number(s). This information is not required for an article of food when carried by or otherwise accompanying an individual when entering the United States;

(vi) For food arriving by rail, the car number. This information is not required for an article of food when carried by or otherwise accompanying an individual;

(vii) For food arriving by privately owned vehicle, the license plate number and State or province; and

(viii) The 6-digit Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) code.

(b) Articles arriving by international mail. For each article of food that is imported or offered for import into the United States by international mail, you must submit the information for the article that is required in this paragraph.

(1) The name of the individual submitting the prior notice and his/her business address, and phone number, fax number, and e-mail address, and the

name and address of the submitting firm, if applicable. If a registration number is provided, city and country may be provided instead of the full address;

(2) If different from the submitter, the name of the individual and firm, if applicable, transmitting the prior notice on behalf of the submitter and his/her business address and phone number, fax number, and e-mail address. If a registration number is provided, city and country may be provided instead of the full address;

(3) The entry type (which will be a mail entry);

(4) The identity of the article of food being imported or offered for import, as follows:

(i) The complete FDA product code;

(ii) The common or usual name or market name;

(iii) The estimated quantity of food that will be shipped, described from largest container to smallest package size; and

(iv) The lot or code numbers or other identifier of the food if required by the act or FDA regulations, *e.g.*, low acid canned foods, by 21 CFR 113.60(c); acidified foods, by 21 CFR 114.80(b); and infant formula, 21 CFR 106.90;

(5) For an article of food that is no longer in its natural state, the name and address of the manufacturer and the registration number assigned to the facility that is associated with the article of food. A registration number is not required for a facility associated with an article of food if the article is imported or offered for import for transshipment, storage and export, or further manipulation and export. If the article of food is sent by an individual as a personal gift (*i.e.*, for non-business reasons) to an individual in the United States, you may provide the name and address of the firm that appears on the label under 21 CFR 101.5 instead of the name, address, and registration number of the manufacturer. If a registration number is provided, city and country may be provided instead of the full address;

(6) For an article of food that is in its natural state, the name and growing location address of the grower, if known. If the submitter does not know the identity of the grower or, if the article has been consolidated, the identity of any of the growers, you may provide the name and address of the firm that has consolidated the articles of food from different growers or different growing locations;

(7) The FDA Country of Production;

(8) The name and address of the shipper and, if the shipper is required to register under 21 CFR part 1, subpart

H, the registration number assigned to the shipper's facility that is associated with the article of food. A registration number is not required for a facility associated with an article of food if the article is imported or offered for import for transshipment, storage and export, or further manipulation and export. If a registration number is provided, city and country may be provided instead of the full address;

(9) The country from which the article is shipped (*i.e.*, mailed);

(10) The anticipated date of mailing; and

(11) The name and address of the U.S. recipient.

(c) *Refused articles.* If the article of food has been refused under section 801(m)(1) of the act and this subpart, you must submit the information for the article that is required in this paragraph. However, if the refusal is based on § 1.283(a)(1)(iii) (Untimely Prior Notice), you do not have to re-submit any information previously submitted unless it has changed or the article has been exported and the original prior notice was submitted through ABI/ACS. If the refusal is based on § 1.283(a)(ii), you should cancel the previous submission per § 1.282(b) and (c).

(1) The name of the individual submitting the prior notice and his/her business address, and phone number, fax number, and e-mail address, and the name and address of the submitting firm, if applicable. If a registration number is provided, city and country may be provided instead of the full address;

(2) If different from the submitter, the name of the individual and firm, if applicable, transmitting the prior notice on behalf of the submitter and his/her business address, and phone number, fax number, and e-mail address. If the registration number is provided, city and country may be provided instead of the full address;

(3) The entry type;

(4) The CBP entry identifier (*e.g.*, CBP entry number or in-bond number), if available;

(5) The identity of the article of food being imported or offered for import, as follows:

(i) The complete FDA product code;

(ii) The common or usual name or market name;

(iii) The quantity of food that was shipped, described from largest container to smallest package size; and

(iv) The lot or code numbers or other identifier of the food if required by the act or FDA regulations, *e.g.*, low acid canned foods, by 21 CFR 113.60(c); acidified foods, by 21 CFR 114.80(b); and infant formula, by 21 CFR 106.90;

(6) For an article of food that is no longer in its natural state, the name and address of the manufacturer and the registration number assigned to the facility that is associated with the article of food. A registration number is not required for a facility associated with an article of food if the article is imported or offered for import for transshipment, storage and export, or further manipulation and export. If the article of food is sent by an individual as a personal gift (*i.e.*, for non-business reasons) to an individual in the United States, you may provide the name and address of the firm that appears on the label under 21 CFR 101.5 instead of the name, address, and registration number of the manufacturer. If a registration number is provided, city and country may be provided instead of the full address;

(7) For an article of food that is in its natural state, the name and growing location address of the grower, if known. If the submitter does not know the identity of the grower or, if the article has been consolidated, any of the growers, you may provide the name and address of the firm that has consolidated the articles of food from different growers or different growing locations;

(8) The FDA Country of Production;

(9) The name and address of the shipper and, if the shipper is required to register under 21 CFR part 1, subpart H, the registration number assigned to the shipper's facility that is associated with the article of food. A registration number is not required for a facility associated with an article of food if the article is imported or offered for import for transshipment, storage and export, or further manipulation and export. If a registration number is provided, city and country may be provided instead of the full address;

(10) The country from which the article is shipped;

(11) The port of arrival;

(12) The name and address of the importer. If a registration number is provided, city and country may be provided instead of the full address. The identity of the importer is not required for an article of food that is imported or offered for import for transshipment through the United States under a Transportation and Exportation entry;

(13) The name and address of the owner, if different from the owner or ultimate consignee. If a registration number is provided, city and country may be provided instead of the full address. The identity of the owner is not required for an article of food that is imported or offered for import for transshipment through the United States

under a Transportation and Exportation entry;

(14) The name and address of the ultimate consignee. If a registration number is provided, city and country may be provided instead of the full address. The identity of the ultimate consignee is not required for an article of food that is imported or offered for import for transshipment through the United States under a Transportation and Exportation entry;

(15) The mode of transportation;

(16) The Standard Carrier Abbreviation Code (SCAC) or International Air Transportation Association (IATA) code of the carrier which carried the article of food from the country from which the article is shipped to the United States, or if codes are not applicable, then the name and country of the carrier;

(17) Shipment information, as applicable:

(i) The Airway Bill number(s) or Bill of Lading number(s); however, this information is not required for an article of food when carried by or otherwise accompanying an individual when entering the United States;

(ii) For food that arrived by ocean vessel, the vessel name and voyage number;

(iii) For food that arrived by air carrier, the flight number;

(iv) For food that arrived by truck, bus, or rail, the trip number;

(v) For food that arrived as containerized cargo by water, air, or land, the container number(s); however, this information is not required for an article of food when carried by or otherwise accompanying an individual when entering the United States;

(vi) For food that arrived by rail, the car number; however, this information is not required for an article of food when carried by or otherwise accompanying an individual;

(vii) For food that arrived by privately owned vehicle, the license plate number and State or province;

(viii) The 6-digit HTS code; and

(18) The location and address where the article of refused food will be or is being held, the date the article has arrived or will arrive at that location, and identification of a contact at that location.

**§ 1.282 What must you do if information changes after you have received confirmation of a prior notice from FDA?**

(a)(1) If any of the information required in § 1.281(a) except the information required in:

(i) § 1.281(a)(5)(iii) (quantity),

(ii) § 1.281(a)(11) (anticipated arrival information), or

(iii) § 1.281(a)(17) (planned shipment information) changes after you receive notice that FDA has confirmed your prior notice submission for review, you must resubmit prior notice in accordance with this subpart unless the article of food will not be offered for import or imported into the United States.

(2) If any of the information required in § 1.281(b), except the information required in § 1.281(b)(10) (the anticipated date of mailing), changes after you receive notice that FDA has confirmed your prior notice submission for review, you must resubmit prior notice in accordance with this subpart, unless the article of food will not be offered for import or imported into the United States.

(b) If you submitted the prior notice via the FDA PN System Interface, you should cancel the prior notice via the FDA PN System Interface.

(c) If you submitted the prior notice via ABI/ACS, you should cancel the prior notice via ACS by requesting that CBP delete the entry.

**Consequences**

**§ 1.283 What happens to food that is imported or offered for import without adequate prior notice?**

(a) For each article of food that is imported or offered for import into the United States, except for food arriving by international mail or food carried by or otherwise accompanying an individual, the consequences are:

(1) *Inadequate prior notice*—(i) *No prior notice*. If an article of food arrives at the port of arrival and no prior notice has been submitted and confirmed by FDA for review, the food is subject to refusal of admission under section 801(m)(1) of the act (21 U.S.C. 381(m)(1)). If an article of food is refused for lack of prior notice, unless CBP concurrence is obtained for export and the article is immediately exported from the port of arrival under CBP supervision, it must be held within the port of entry for the article unless directed by CBP or FDA.

(ii) *Inaccurate prior notice*. If prior notice has been submitted and confirmed by FDA for review, but upon review of the notice or examination of the article of food, the notice is determined to be inaccurate, the food is subject to refusal of admission under section 801(m)(1) of the act (21 U.S.C. 381(m)(1)). If the article of food is refused due to inaccurate prior notice, unless CBP concurrence is obtained for export and the article is immediately exported from the port of arrival under CBP supervision, it must be held within

the port entry for the article unless directed by CBP or FDA.

(iii) *Untimely prior notice.* If prior notice has been submitted and confirmed by FDA for review, but the full time that applies under § 1.279 of this subpart for prior notice has not elapsed when the article of food arrives, the food is subject to refusal of admission under section 801(m)(1) of the act (21 U.S.C. 381(m)(1)), unless FDA has already reviewed the prior notice, determined its response to the prior notice, and advised CBP of that response. If the article of food is refused due to untimely prior notice, unless CBP concurrence is obtained for export and the article is immediately exported from the port of arrival under CBP supervision, it must be held within the port of entry for the article unless directed by CBP or FDA.

(2) *Status and movement of refused food.* (i) An article of food that has been refused under section 801(m)(1) of the act and paragraph (a) of this section shall be considered general order merchandise as described in section 490 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1490.

(ii) Refused food must be moved under appropriate custodial bond. FDA must be notified of the location where the food has been or will be moved, within 24 hours of refusal. The refused food shall not be entered and shall not be delivered to any importer, owner, or ultimate consignee. The food must be taken directly to the designated location.

(3) *Segregation of refused foods.* If an article of food that is refused is part of a shipment that contains articles of food that have not been placed underhold, the refused article of food may be segregated from the rest of the shipment. This segregation must take place within the port, of arrival or where the article is held, if different. FDA or CBP may supervise segregation. If FDA or CBP determines that supervision is necessary, segregation must not take place without supervision.

(4) *Costs.* Neither FDA nor CBP are liable for transportation, storage, or other expenses resulting from refusal.

(5) *Export after refusal.* An article of food that has been refused under § 1.283(a) may be exported with CBP concurrence and under CBP supervision unless it is seized or administratively detained by FDA or CBP under other authority. If an article of food that has been refused admission under § 1.283(a) is exported, the prior notice should be cancelled within 5 business days of exportation.

(6) *No post-refusal submission or request for review.* If an article of food

is refused under section 801(m)(1) and no prior notice is submitted or resubmitted, no request for FDA review is submitted in a timely fashion, or export has not occurred in accordance with paragraph (a)(7) of this section, the article of food shall be dealt with as set forth in CBP regulations relating to general order merchandise (19 CFR part 127), except that the article may only be sold for export or destroyed as agreed to by CBP and FDA.

(b) *Food carried by or otherwise accompanying an individual.* If food carried by or otherwise accompanying an individual arriving in the United States is not for personal use and does not have adequate prior notice or the individual cannot provide FDA or CBP with a copy of the PN confirmation, the food is subject to refusal of admission under section 801(m)(1) of the act. If before leaving the port, the individual arrange to have the food held at the port or exported, the article of food shall be destroyed.

(c) *Post-Refusal Prior Notice Submissions.*

(1) If an article of food is refused under § 1.283(a)(1)(i) (no prior notice) and the food is not exported, prior notice must be submitted in accordance with §§ 1.280 and 1.281(c) of this subpart.

(2) If an article of food is refused under § 1.283(a)(1)(ii) (inaccurate prior notice) and the food is not exported, you should cancel the prior notice in accordance with § 1.282 and must resubmit prior notice in accordance with §§ 1.280 and 1.281(c).

(3) Once the prior notice has been submitted or resubmitted and confirmed by FDA for review, FDA will endeavor to review and respond to the prior notice submission within the timeframes set out in § 1.279.

(d) *FDA Review After Refusal.*

(1) If an article of food has been refused admission under section 801(m)(1) of the act, a request may be submitted asking FDA to review whether the article is subject to the requirements of this subpart under § 1.276(b)(4) or § 1.277, or whether the information submitted in a prior notice is accurate. A request for review may not be used to submit prior notice or to resubmit an inaccurate prior notice.

(2) A request may be submitted only by the submitter, importer, owner, or ultimate consignee. A request must identify which one the requester is.

(3) A request must be submitted in writing to FDA and delivered by mail, express courier, fax, or e-mail. The location for receipt of a request is listed at <http://www.fda.gov>—see Prior Notice. A request must include all factual and

legal information necessary for FDA to conduct its review. Only one request for review may be submitted for each refused article.

(4) The request must be submitted within 5 calendar days of the refusal. FDA will review and respond within 5 calendar days of receiving the request.

(5) If FDA determines that the article is not subject to the requirements of this subpart under § 1.276(b)(5) or § 1.277 or that the prior notice submission is accurate, it will notify the requester, the transmitter, and CBP that the food is no longer subject to refusal under section 801(m)(1) of the act.

(e) *International Mail.* If an article of food arrives by international mail with inadequate prior notice or the PN confirmation number is not affixed as required, the parcel will be held by CBP for 72 hours for FDA inspection and disposition. If FDA refuses the article under section 801(m) of the act and there is a return address, the parcel may be returned to sender stamped "No Prior Notice—FDA Refused." If the article is refused and there is no return address or FDA determines that the article of food in the parcel appears to present a hazard, FDA may dispose of or destroy the parcel at its expense. If FDA does not respond within 72 hours of the CBP hold, CBP may return the parcel to the sender or, if there is no return address, destroy the parcel, at FDA expense.

(f) *Prohibitions on delivery and transfer.*

(1) Notwithstanding section 801(b) of the act, an article of food refused under section 801(m)(1) of the act may not be delivered to the importer, owner, or ultimate consignee until prior notice is submitted to FDA in accordance with this subpart, FDA has examined the prior notice, FDA has determined that the prior notice is adequate, and FDA has notified CBP and the transmitter that the article of food is no longer refused admission under section 801(m)(1).

(2) During the time an article of food that has been refused under section 801(m)(1) of the act is held, the article may not be transferred by any person from the port or the secure facility until prior notice is submitted to FDA in accordance with this subpart, FDA has examined the prior notice, FDA has determined that the prior notice is adequate, and FDA has notified CBP and the transmitter that the article of food no longer is refused admission under section 801(m)(1). After this notification by FDA to CBP and transmitter, entry may be made in accordance with law and regulation.

(g) *Relationship to other admissibility decisions.* A determination that an

article of food is no longer refused under section 801(m)(1) of the act is different than, and may come before, determinations of admissibility under other provisions of the act or other U.S. laws. A determination that an article of food is no longer refused under section 801(m)(1) does not mean that it will be granted admission under other provisions of the act or other U.S. laws.

**§ 1.284 What are the other consequences of failing to submit adequate prior notice or otherwise failing to comply with this subpart?**

(a) The importing or offering for import into the United States of an article of food in violation of the requirements of section 801(m), including the requirements of this subpart, is a prohibited act under section 301(ee) of the act (21 U.S.C. 331(ee)).

(b) Section 301 of the act (21 U.S.C. 331) prohibits the doing of certain acts or causing such acts to be done.

(1) Under section 302 of the act (21 U.S.C. 332), the United States can bring a civil action in federal court to enjoin persons who commit a prohibited act.

(2) Under section 303 of the act (21 U.S.C. 333), the United States can bring a criminal action in Federal court to prosecute persons who are responsible for the commission of a prohibited act.

(c) Under section 306 of the act (21 U.S.C. 335a), FDA can seek debarment of any person who has been convicted of a felony relating to importation of food into the United States or any person who has engaged in a pattern of importing or offering adulterated food that presents a threat of serious adverse health consequences or death to humans or animals.

**§ 1.285 What happens to food that is imported or offered for import from unregistered facilities that are required to register under 21 CFR part 1, subpart H?**

(a) If an article of food from a foreign manufacturer that is not registered as required under section 415 of the act (21 U.S.C. 350d) and subpart H is imported or offered for import into the United States, the food is subject to refusal of admission under section 801(m)(1) of the act and § 1.283 for failure to provide adequate prior notice. The failure to provide the correct registration number of the foreign manufacturer, if registration is required under section 415 of the act and 21 CFR part 1, subpart H, renders the identity of that facility incomplete for purposes of prior notice.

(b) Unless CBP concurrence is obtained for export and the article is immediately exported from the port of arrival, if an article of food is imported

or offered for import from a foreign facility that is not registered as required under section 415 of the act and is placed under hold, it must be held within the port of entry for the article unless directed by CBP or FDA.

(c) *Status and movement of held food.* (1) An article of food that has been placed under hold under section 801(l) of the act shall be considered general order merchandise as described in section 490 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1490).

(2) Food under hold under section 801(l) must be moved under appropriate custodial bond. FDA must be notified of the location where the food has been or will be moved, within 24 hours of the hold. The food subject to hold shall not be entered and shall not be delivered to any importer, owner, or ultimate consignee. The food must be taken directly to the designated facility.

(d) *Segregation of refused foods.* If an article of food that has been placed under hold under section 801(l) is part of a shipment that contains articles that have not been placed under hold of the act, the food under hold may be segregated from the rest of the shipment. This segregation must take place within the port of arrival where the article is held, if different. FDA or CBP may supervise segregation. If FDA or CBP determine that supervision is necessary, segregation must not take place without supervision.

(e) *Costs.* Neither FDA nor CBP will be liable for transportation, storage, or other expenses resulting from any hold.

(f) *Export after refusal.* An article of food that has been placed under hold under section 801(l) of the act may be exported with CBP concurrence and under CBP supervision unless it is seized or administratively detained by FDA or CBP under other authority.

(g) *No Registration or Request for Review.* If an article of food is placed under hold under section 801(l) of the act and no registration or request for FDA review is submitted in a timely fashion or export has not occurred in accordance with subsection (g), the food shall be dealt with as set forth in CBP regulations relating to general order merchandise, except that the article may only be sold for export or destroyed as agreed to by CBP and FDA.

(h) *Food carried by or otherwise accompanying an individual.* If an article of food carried by or otherwise accompanying an individual arriving in the United States is placed under hold under section 801(l) of the act because it is from a foreign facility that is not registered as required under section 415 of the act, 21 U.S.C. 350d, and subpart H, the individual may arrange to have

the food held at the port or exported. If such arrangements cannot be made, the article of food may be destroyed.

(i) *Post-refusal and post-hold submissions.* (1) Post-refusal. To resolve the refusal if an article of food is refused under § 1.283(a) because the facility is not registered, the facility must be registered and a registration number has been obtained, you should cancel the prior notice and must resubmit the prior notice in accordance with § 1.283(c).

(2) Post-hold. To resolve a hold, if an article of food is held under § 1.285(b) because it is from a foreign facility that is not registered, the facility must be registered and a registration number must be obtained.

(i) FDA must be notified of the applicable registration number in writing. The notification must provide the name and contact information for the person submitting the information. The notification may be delivered to FDA by mail, express courier, fax, or e-mail. The location for receipt of a notification of registration number associated with an article of food under hold is listed at <http://www.fda.gov>—see Food Facility Registration. The notification should include the applicable CBP identifier.

(ii) If FDA determines that the article is no longer subject to hold, it will notify the person who provided the registration information and CBP that the food is no longer subject to hold under section 801(l) of the act.

(j) *FDA review after hold.* (1) If an article of food has been placed under hold under section 801(l), a request may be submitted asking FDA to review whether the facility associated with the article is subject to the requirements of section 415 of the act. A request for review may not be submitted to obtain a registration number.

(2) A request may be submitted only by the prior notice submitter, importer, owner, or ultimate consignee of the article. A request must identify which one the requestor is.

(3) A request must be submitted in writing to FDA and delivered by mail, express courier, fax or e-mail. The location for receipt of a request is listed at <http://www.fda.gov>—see Prior Notice. A request must include all factual and legal information necessary for FDA to conduct its review. Only one request for review may be submitted for each article under hold.

(4) The request must be submitted within 5 calendar days of the hold. FDA will review and respond within 5 calendar days of receiving the request.

(5) If FDA determines that the article is not from a facility subject to the requirements of section 415, it will

notify the requestor and CBP that the food is no longer subject to hold under section 801(l) of the act.

(k) *International mail.* If an article of food is that arrives by international mail is from a foreign facility that is not registered as required under section 415 of the act (21 U.S.C. 350d) and subpart H, the parcel will be held by CBP for 72 hours for FDA inspection and disposition. If the article is held under section 801(1) of the act and there is a return address, the parcel may be returned to sender stamped "No Registration—No Admission Permitted." If the article is under hold and there is no return address or FDA determines that the article of food is in the parcel appears to present a hazard, FDA may dispose of or destroy the parcel at its expense. If FDA does not respond within 72 hours of the CBP hold, CBP may return the parcel to the sender stamped "No Registration—No Admission Permitted" or, if there is no return address, destroy the parcel, at FDA expense.

(l) *Prohibitions on delivery and transfer.* (1) Notwithstanding section 801(b) of the act (21 U.S.C. 381(b)), an article of food that has been refused under section 801(m)(1) of the act may not be delivered to the importer, owner, or ultimate consignee until prior notice is submitted to FDA in accordance with this subpart, FDA has examined the prior notice, FDA has determined that the prior notice is adequate, and FDA has notified CBP and the transmitter that the article of food is no longer refused admission under section 801(m)(1) of the act.

(2) During the time an article of food that has been refused under section 801(m)(1) of the act is held, the article may not be transferred by any person from the port or the secure facility location until prior notice is submitted to FDA in accordance with this subpart, FDA has examined the prior notice, FDA has determined that the prior notice is adequate, and FDA has notified CBP and the transmitter that the article of food is no longer refused admission

under section 801(m)(1) of the act. After this notification by FDA to CBP and transmitter, entry may be made in accordance with law and regulation.

(m) *Relationship to other admissibility provisions.* A determination that an article of food is no longer subject to hold under section 801(l) of the act is different than, and may come before, determinations of admissibility under other provisions of the act or other U.S. laws. A determination that an article of food is no longer under hold under section 801(l) does not mean that it will be granted admission under other provisions of the act or other U.S. laws.

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