

**December 4th 2020****2020 Food Facility Biennial Registration Renewal Reminder**

*Renewal time period: October 1, 2020 12:01AM through December 31, 2020 11:59PM*

Section 415 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) [21 U.S.C. § 350d] requires food facilities that are required to register with FDA to renew such registrations during the period beginning on October 1 and ending on December 31 of each even-numbered year.

Please be advised that “updating” your registration is a different function than “renewing” your registration. During the renewal period, you will not see the “Update” button listed on the FFRM main menu, until the registration is renewed. If a registration is not renewed by 11:59 PM on December 31, 2020, the registration is considered expired and will be removed from your account.

In addition, starting this year all facilities must include a unique facility identifier (UFI) recognized as acceptable to FDA with the registration submission. To date, FDA recognizes the Data Universal Numbering System D-U-N-S (DUNS) number as an acceptable UFI. The DUNS number is assigned and managed by Dun & Bradstreet. DUNS numbers can be obtained or verified visiting D&B’s website at <http://www.dnb.com/duns-number.html> [External Link Disclaimer](#).

While the FDA expects all registrants to provide their DUNS number with their registration or renewal submission before December 31, 2020, the Agency recognizes that there may be a delay in obtaining a DUNS number. To address stakeholder concerns with obtaining a DUNS number in a timely manner, the FDA has released guidance, [Enforcement Policy for Providing an Acceptable Unique Facility Identifier \(UFI\) for the 2020 Food Facility Registration Biennial Renewal Period](#), with information on what facilities should do if they are unable to obtain a DUNS number prior to the end of the renewal period. The guidance explains that the FDA intends to allow registrants to enter “PENDING” in the UFI field of their registration if they anticipate that they will not be able to obtain a DUNS number in time. Users will then have 90 days to obtain and submit a DUNS number and will receive reminders via email. Failure to update the registration with a valid DUNS number will result in cancellation of the registration.

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## **CBP Issues a Withhold Release Order on XPCC Cotton**

In a call with reporters on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, CBP commissioner Mark Morgan announced that a withhold release order was issued on all cotton products made by Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps (XPCC). It will apply to all cotton and cotton products produced by XPCC, and its subordinates and affiliated entities. Included is any product made in whole or in part derived of cotton, such as apparel, garments, and textiles. XPCC is said to produce more than 7% of the worlds cotton.

Our government is still considering a regional WRO for Xinjiang in China, though this WRO is much broader than the previous ones that applied to individual companies only.

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