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Good Day,

Registrar Corp assists manufacturers and exporters in Laos with U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") compliance. Since companies in Laos look to you for assistance regarding FDA requirements, we would like to remind you that there are several upcoming compliance deadlines in 2016 affecting food and beverage exports to the United States.

July 26, 2016: New Labeling Requirements

FDA recently finalized two new rules that mandate significant changes to the Nutrition Facts labels for food, beverages, and dietary supplements. Labeling errors are one of the main causes of import detentions. Companies in Laos should begin examining all their labels now to assess their compliance and develop new labeling, which will require additional technical and other information and must be completed within two years from July 26, 2016.

September 17, 2016: New Regulations for Preventive Controls for Human Food

The 2011 FDA Food Safety Modernization Act ("FSMA") requires most registered food facilities to write and implement a Food Safety Plan by September of this year. Although many facilities have food safety programs such as HACCP, ISO 22000, or BRC, writing and implementing a FDA Food Safety Plan is a new and different requirement.

October 1, 2016: FDA Food Facility Registration Renewal Requirement

FSMA also requires that food facilities renew their registrations with FDA between October 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016. Shipments from Laos may be refused entry to the United States if the associated food facility registration is not renewed properly.

If exporters from Laos have doubts about any of the above requirements, Registrar Corp's team of multilingual Regulatory Specialists can provide support. Registrar Corp can:

- Review and redesign labels in accordance with the new FDA labeling regulations
- Create or review Food Safety Plans and food safety documentation to ensure compliance
- Properly renew a food facility's FDA registration and serve as U.S. Agent for FDA communications

For more information, contact one of our Regulatory Advisors by phone: +1-757-224-0177 or by using "Live Help" at www.registrarcorp.com.

Sincerely,

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Director of Industry and Government Relations

P.S. – Save the date! Washington International Trade Association (WITA) FDA Boot Camp in Washington DC, October 25, 2016. You will receive more details on this informative event soon.