

Impacts of U.S. Bioterrorism Act of 2002 on Samples of Food and Feed Exported to OMIC USA Inc., Effective December 12, 2003

As a result of the events of September 11, 2001, the Bioterrorism Act of 2002 was enacted to better protect the U.S. food supply. Two elements of this legislation, effective December 12, 2003, that affect companies who import food or feed into the U.S. are:

- 1) Mandatory registration of food facilities located outside the U.S. who are directly involved with the import of food or feed products into the U.S., and;
- 2) Prior notification to the FDA of shipments entering the U.S.

Details can be found at: <http://www.fda.gov/oc/bioterrorism/furls/>

Registration of Food Facilities

Registration can be done over the Internet at the following URL:
<http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~furls/ovffreg.html>

The FDA recommends reading the following information before registering:

Fact Sheet: <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/fsbtac12.html>
Summary of Fields in Food Facility Registration:
<http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~furls/ffrmsum.html>

Note: You may list OMIC USA Inc. as your U.S. agent when registering as a foreign food facility, as follows:

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Portland, OR 97210
Phone: 503.223.1497
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Prior Notice to US FDA of Shipments bound for US import.

Detailed information is available at <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/fsbtac13.html>

Prior notice will need to be supplied to the FDA, via their web site, for all food or feed shipments to the U.S. originating overseas. This must be done no earlier than 5 days before arrival and no less than 4 hours before arrival for airfreight.

At this time the FDA has not supplied detailed information about their Internet-based Prior Notice system. According to the FDA, implementation may be delayed from the current December 12, 2003 implementation date until December 20, 2003 or so.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,
OMIC Portland Branch / OMIC USA Inc.
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