



## From the Food Safety Committee

### FDA Registration of Food and Brewing Facilities

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All domestic and foreign facilities that manufacture, process, pack, or hold food for human or animal consumption in the United States are required to register with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This includes all brewing facilities that sell their products in the United States, including facilities that copack, and applies whether the facility is owned or leased. These facilities must renew their registration every two years before December 31. The latest biennial renewal period ended on December 31, 2020. The next deadline for FDA registration renewal is December 31, 2022 (1).

Each facility must obtain and submit a unique facility identifier (UFI) with its registration submission. The requirement to include a UFI was introduced with the 2016 rule implementing food facility registration provisions in the Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act. This requirement went into effect during the 2020 biennial registration renewal period. The FDA has extended the time period to obtain and submit a UFI until the December 31, 2022, renewal deadline. The requirement applies to new facilities registering for the first time and to those submitting a registration renewal (2).

At this time the FDA recognizes the DUNS number as an acceptable UFI for food facility registration. The nine-digit DUNS number is

assigned and managed by Dun & Bradstreet (D&B). DUNS numbers can be obtained or confirmed by visiting the [D&B website](#) (3).

Failure to obtain and submit a valid DUNS number by the December 31, 2022, renewal deadline could result in cancellation of the registration for failure to renew in accordance with 21 CFR 1.230(b) (2).

Detailed step-by-step instructions for registering your facility can be found on the [FDA website](#) (4).

#### References

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