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Good Day,

Registrar Corp assists manufacturers and exporters in Greece with U.S. Food and Drug Administration (U.S. FDA) compliance. We write today to remind you of a passed U.S. FDA deadline that may have affected food and beverage companies who seek you out as a resource. The U.S. Food Safety Modernization Act ("FSMA") required food facilities to renew their registrations with FDA between October 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016. In February 2017, FDA cancelled all registrations that were not renewed by that deadline.

There were 1178 food facilities from Greece registered with FDA prior to the registration renewal deadline. That number was reduced to 616 in 2017. It has come to our attention that many facilities that believed they renewed their registrations for 2017 still found their registrations cancelled. This is likely due to new verification requirements implemented during the 2016 renewal period. Food facilities located outside of the United States are required to designate a U.S. Agent for FDA Communications in their registration renewal. Unlike in previous years, FDA did not consider a facility's 2016 renewal confirmed unless the individual or entity listed as the facility's U.S. Agent affirmatively agreed to the designation in writing.

If a facility in Greece submitted its registration renewal but its U.S. Agent did not affirmatively agree, its registration was cancelled. Facilities that are unaware their registrations were cancelled may face unexpected costs and delays, as shipments may be refused entry to the United States. In addition, failure to renew is a "prohibited act" that may subject a firm to criminal or civil penalties under the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act ("FD&C").

Registrar Corp can help food facilities in Greece determine whether or not they properly renewed their FDA registration at no cost. Simply direct facilities to www.registrarcorp.com/fda-verify to verify that their FDA registrations are valid for 2017. If necessary, we can help facilities re-register with FDA as well as function as their statutorily-required U.S. Agent.

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