



FSVP Tips and Pointers for Pet Food Importers

Traits of a Successful FSVP Plan

- Qualified individual on your team
- Hazard analysis – your own analysis
- Supplier compliance history
- Written verification – GFSI/BRC/PCs
- Corrective Actions – document, document, document
- Reevaluation and recordkeeping – have a plan and do it.

ENFORCEMENT

Under FSVP, food importers must have a program in place to verify that both the imported food and the foreign supplier comply with U.S. law. In the near future, when FDA finds any evidence that indicates an importer's FSVP plan is inadequate, FDA can stop the importation of that importer's shipments, even if the food is safe and the imported food and the foreign supplier are both in compliance.

FSVP IMPORTER

Food importers are required to submit (usually through their customs brokers) the person designated as the "FSVP importer." The FSVP Importer is not always the same as the Importer of Record for Customs. There could be several entities in any given food shipment who might serve as the FSVP Importer, therefore, FDA and Customs require the importer of record to supply the designated FSVP Importer at the time of entry. Being designated a FSVP Importer will put your company on the list for FDA inspection under the new rule.

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Pet Food Registration	FSMA Compliance & Inspections
FDA Facility Registration	FSVP
U.S. Agency Services	Preventive Control Rules
State Feed Registrations	GMPs
State Tonnage Reporting	
Pet Food Labeling	USDA Permits
FDA Requirements	Veterinary Services
AFFCO/State Requirements	Plant Protection & Quarantine Permits

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