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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 7 June 2024, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States of America.

Laboratory Accreditation for Analyses of Foods; Program Implementation; Determination of Sufficient Laboratory Capacity for Import-Related Food Testing Covered by the Regulation; Notification

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) has determined that there is sufficient laboratory capacity in the Laboratory Accreditation for Analyses of Foods (LAAF) program for the import-related food testing covered by the LAAF regulation for mycotoxins. As sufficient capacity is reached for additional analytes covered under the import- related food testing provisions of the LAAF regulation, those specific analytes and compliance dates will be posted on the LAAF Dashboard. Owners and consignees of imported food subject to the LAAF regulation must use a LAAF- accredited laboratory to conduct covered import-related food testing starting on the applicable compliance date, which is six months from the date a specific analyte is listed on a public registry, based on FDA's determination that sufficient laboratory capacity has been achieved for such analyte. FDA has not yet made a capacity determination for the other food testing circumstances covered by the LAAF regulation.

Compliance dates: A LAAF- accredited laboratory must conduct certain import-related food testing covered by the LAAF regulation (21 CFR 1.1107(a)(4), (5)) beginning six months from the date a specific analyte is posted on the LAAF Dashboard at https://datadashboard.fda.gov/ora/fd/laaf.htm.

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/06/03/2024-12027/laboratory-accreditation-foranalyses-of-foods-program-implementation-determination-of-sufficient https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/USA/24 03655 00 e.pdf

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