

## ANNOUNCEMENT

## **U.S.FDA** Request for FSVP Records

The Office of Agricultural Affairs, Los Angeles (OAA-LA) has been monitoring the rules and regulations involving importation of Thai agricultural and food products into the United States. Based on this, OAA-LA would like to inform that the U.S.FDA has recently published a list of importers subject to the Foreign Supplier Verification Programs for Food Importers (FSVP) on its *website: https://www.fda.gov/media/119312/download*. The period for U.S.FDA inspection is during December 27, 2021 to March 16, 2022; however, importers can be inspected or requested for FSVP records later despite such indicated timeframe.

In light of facilitating a preparation for such request, OAA-LA would like to advise importers of necessary documents demonstrating activities in compliance with FSVP for the U.S.FDA consideration as following points:

- 1. Determining known or reasonably foreseeable hazards with each food
- 2. Evaluating the risk posed by food, based on the hazard analysis, and the foreign supplier's performance
- 3. Using that evaluation of the risk posed by an imported food and the supplier's performance to approve suppliers and determine appropriate supplier verification activities
  - 4. Conducting supplier verification activities
  - 5. Conducting corrective actions.

Additionally, OAA-LA would like to encourage all importers to participate in any FSVP training courses provided by certified instructors for acquiring better understanding and precise guidance towards FSVP regulation.

In this event, OAA-LA would like to inform that the National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS), under Thailand Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, will host a one-day-webinar on "FSVP: Principles and Implementation" on May 26, 2022 (Thailand time). The sessions with no admission fee will be addressed by a lead instructor certified by FSPCA, an organization established by U.S.FDA providing outreach programs on FSMA related rules. More detailed information of this seminar will be published on OAA-LA website (www.thaiagrila.org) and Facebook (Thailand Office of Agricultural Affairs, Los Angeles) in due course.

Should you require further information, please direct your correspondence by electronic mail to oaala.@thaimoac.org or by telephone at 1 323.468.8034.

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