



Dear Foreign Supplier Verification Program (FSVP) Importer,

We are sending you this communication because the code "UNK" was used in the FSVP unique facility identifier field in Customs and Border Patrol's (CBP) Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) for a food product you recently imported into the US.

The FSVP regulation (21 CFR 1.500-1.514) requires that FSVP Importers provide their name, email address, and a Unique Facility Identifier (UFI) for shipments of food covered by the FSVP Rule. FDA recognizes the DUNS (Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System) number as an acceptable UFI for the purpose of compliance with the FSVP regulation. Please note that the DUNS number, being facility specific, must correspond to the US location of the FSVP importer.

As a courtesy for FSVP importers who have not yet obtained their DUNS number, FDA is allowing the use of "UNK" for entry filing for a limited time. Once this courtesy period is expired, the FSVP importer's DUNS number must be transmitted or the entry line will be rejected in the ACE system. For further information on the use of the "UNK" code, please review the information found at: <https://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm556661.htm>

Because the use of the "UNK" code will be allowed for a limited time, we urge you to apply for your DUNS number as soon as possible to assure that your import shipment will not be held up because it lacks one. For additional information regarding FDA's identification of the DUNS number as an acceptable UFI, and how to obtain a DUNS number, please review: <https://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/ucm549623.htm>

If you have a DUNS number, and you believe your entry filer has used the "UNK" code in error, please contact your entry filer to ensure your firm's DUNS number is provided for future shipments that are subject to the FSVP regulation.

For information on determining the identity of the FSVP importer, please refer to the information accessible from this link: <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/UCM472461.pdf>