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**Communications from the National Coffee Association of USA, Inc. (NCA) regarding FDA bioterrorism regulations**

The Executive Director presents his compliments and, for the information of Members, attaches a message from the National Coffee Association of USA, Inc. (NCA) regarding FDA interim final regulations for registration of food facilities and prior notice of imported food shipments, together with a conference call option for a NCA seminar on this issue on 17 October 2003. Details of how to register for the conference call option are available on the NCA website [www.ncausa.org](http://www.ncausa.org).



### **NCA Message Regarding FDA Bioterrorism Interim Final Regulations**

The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) interim final regulations for Registration of Food Facilities and Prior Notice of Imported Food Shipments are available for viewing at <http://www.fda.gov/oc/bioterrorism/furls/>. It is expected that the regulations will be published in the Federal Register next week.

Regarding the registration of food facilities, FDA will accept food facilities registration through the Internet, by surface mail (paper or CD-ROM), or by fax beginning October 16, 2003. (Internet registration will be available starting at 6 p.m. EDT on that date.) Affected food facilities must register with FDA by December 12, 2003.

National Coffee Association will be providing members and other interested parties that have requested information on the regulations with a synopsis of the regulations within the next two weeks. In the meantime, NCA wanted you to have access to the complete final interim regulations notice that will be published next week.

As announced previously, the National Coffee Association will provide a service to its United States and Foreign members that permits members to arrange to name the NCA as their "United States Agent" when registering foreign food facilities with the FDA. Specific information will be forthcoming.



ATTN: CONFERENCE CALL OPTION  
NOW AVAILABLE FOR  
THE NCA SEMINAR :

*"New FDA Bioterrorism Regulations and  
The Implications for the Coffee Trade"*

October 17, 2003  
Metropolitan Hotel, New York, NY  
1:30 pm to 4:15 pm

If you cannot physically make it to the Metropolitan Hotel for the NCA seminar on bioterrorism, arrangements are being made to allow people to conference call directly into the seminar and not miss a minute of briefing. Call-in registrants will also be able to ask questions of the panel. A \$45 fee will apply for this option.

[Click Here for Details and Registration!](#)

- Receive must-know information about new bioterrorism regulations, including a legal analysis by an attorney specializing in food and drug law
- Find out how the regulations will impact your business
- Learn what you need to do to comply with the new regulations

The FDA has announced that on October 12 it will publish final regulations in compliance with the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness Act (Bioterrorism Act). This Seminar is essential for coffee importers, exporters and manufacturers.

Details will be provided on the new regulations, including:

- Prior Notice of Imported Food
- Registration of Food Facilities

Ted Ogdahl of the FDA will explain the details of the new regulations. Steven Steinborn of Hogan & Hartson, LLC, a leading Washington law firm, will give a Legal analysis. Matthew Brauner of Brauner International, a leading customs broker, will cover the practical impact and compliance considerations. **This timely discussion on the new regulations will provide critical insight that will allow companies to properly adjust their practices in compliance with the new law.**

This important seminar will be held in conjunction with the NCA Fall Educational Conference, and is **FREE to NCA Members, Green Coffee Association Members and Conference attendees.** For all others there is a \$45 registration fee for this special program. For call-in participants, there is a flat fee of \$45 for members and non-members.

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| 1:30 | <b>Welcome and Overview</b>  |
| 1:35 | <b>FDA Presentation on the Bioterrorism Regulation</b><br>Ted Ogdahl, U.S. Food and Drug Administration      |
| 2:25 | <b>Practical Guidance from a Legal Perspective</b><br>Steven Steinborn, the law firm of Hogan & Hartson, LLC |
| 3:00 | <b>Break</b>   |
| 3:15 | <b>A View from the Industry</b><br>Matthew Brauner, Brauner International                                    |
| 3:50 | <b>Q&amp;A</b>   |
| 4:15 | <b>Conclusion</b>  |

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