



**FDA Facilities Biennial Re-registration
Due by December 31**

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a reminder to ensure that the food facilities you deal with, and our own, are registered with FDA by October 1, 2016 12:01 a.m. Below is a notice from the FDA :

Section 415 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) [21 U.S.C. § 350d] requires food facilities that are required to register with FDA to renew such registrations during the period beginning on October 1 and ending on December 31 of each even-numbered year.

Please be advised that “updating” your registration is a different function than “renewing” your registration. During the renewal period, you will not see the “Update” button listed on the FFRM main menu, until the registration is renewed. If a registration is not renewed by 11:59 PM on December 31, 2016, the registration is considered expired and will be removed from your account.

If you have any further questions please contact the FURLS Helpdesk: by phone 1-800-216-7331 or 301-575-0156; or by email at FURLS@fda.gov. To see the full instruction, please go to:

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FoodFacilityRegistration/ucm324780.htm>

President Proclaims Burma GSP Eligibility

President Obama issued a Presidential Proclamation on September 14 that will reinstate Generalized Systems of Preferences (GSP) to Burma. Burma is often referred to as Myanmar, but for Customs purposes is listed as Burma. Burma's GSP status will be restored for goods entered for consumption 60 days from reinstatement, making November 13, 2016 the effective date. The restoration of Burma's GSP also includes membership to the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN). A copy of the Presidential Proclamation can be found at:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-09-16/pdf/2016-22507.pdf>

USITC adds MTB Information on Website

The United States International Trade Commission (USITC) has created a page on its website for the process and progress on renewal of the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB). It includes information on the submission of petitions for duty suspensions or reductions. Along with tips on how to submit a classification or product to receive MTB benefits. The page can be found at:

<https://www.usitc.gov/mtbinfo.htm>

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