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Regulatory Alert: FDA DUNS Lookup Portal No Longer Available

June 1, 2021

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued guidance in March 2017 that recognized the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number as an acceptable Unique Facility Identifier (UFI) for the Foreign Supplier Verification Programs (FSVP) rule. The DUNS number was provided free of charge to U.S. importers by Dun & Bradstreet (D&B). The DUNS numbers are identifiers used by various businesses and business systems globally.

Effective May 24, 2021, DUNS numbers can be requested directly through D&B's web platform.

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

The FDA partnership with D&B that established a dedicated FDA portal where industry partners could request a DUNS number ended on May 24, 2021. The FDA portal should not be utilized effective May 24, 2021.

The two CBP Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS) links in the REFERENCES section address the specifics of the DUNS number issue.

Q & A

Q 1 - How can customers obtain a DUNS number after May 24, 2021?

A 1- Customers will need to request a DUNS number through the D&B website, which is in the REFERENCES section.

Q 2 - Is there a fee for requesting a DUNS number through D&B?

A 2 - Our understanding is D&B can still provide the DUNS number free of charge, but it could take 45 business days or longer. It is possible D&B can offer a faster service for a basic fee.

REFERENCES

CBP CSMS # 47738574 (May 21, 2021):

https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/USDHSCBP-2d86ece?wgt_ref=USDHSCBP_WIDGET_2

CBP CSMS # 47964001 (May 24, 2021):

https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/USDHSCBP-2dbdf61?wgt_ref=USDHSCBP_WIDGET_2

DUNS website:

<https://www.dnb.com/duns-number.html>

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