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AIB International Delivers FDA Compliance Answers for Exporters to the US

Manhattan, Kansas – The United States’ regulatory changes are fast approaching, and drastically impact all food companies exporting to the US. Companies exporting to the US must comply with provisions in the Food and Drug Administration’s Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), as well as its updated nutrition facts panel.

Among FSMA’s new regulations, exporters to the United States are required to comply with preventive controls for food, produce safety, food defense, facility registration, and sanitary food transportation. The preventive controls for human foods rule takes effect September 19, 2016, with others following. Preventive controls compliance from exporters will be mandatory in 2016.

“FSMA is a game changer for all food related companies exporting to the United States”, said Maureen Olewnik, Principal, Innovation & Industry Affairs, AIB International. "New requirements for production and handling of ingredients and finished products entering the United States will require manufacturers worldwide to assess their processes, adjust and improve record keeping, and maintain appropriate training for production personnel.”

AIB International’s global team of FSMA experts is ready to assist with bringing your food safety program into compliance with the many changes mandated by the FDA.

FDA’s recently updated nutrition facts panel will also be mandatory for all exporters selling products in the United States. AIB’s food labeling compliance team is one of the only industry partners that can provide:

- **Allergen Disclosure Statement** - All food labels on products sold in the United States must explicitly disclose in plain English the presence of any included major food allergen or their derivatives.
- **Food Label Compliance Review** - Ensures that the mandatory US food labeling requirements have been properly interpreted and applied in the design of the food package.
- **Ingredient Statement Listing** - The listing of each ingredient in descending order of predominance.
- **Nutrition Facts Report** - Consists of nutritional values and percent daily values per serving, all of which have been rounded in compliance with government regulations.
- **Camera Ready Nutrition Format** - Features the Nutrition Facts Report information placed into the proper format, making it ready for placement on the label.
- **100g Nutrition Report** - a basic nutritional analysis of your product.

The challenge for exporters has been connecting their regulation-specific needs with their processes,” said Valerie Olson, Director, Food Technical Services, AIB International. “AIB is helping those exporters
reach compliant solutions through our network of experts, webinars, and easy-to-use checklists. Exporters can use our services and robust curriculum to build their program documentation.”

AIB’s experts explain the changes so that you can make the transition to using the updated label and bring your nutrition label into compliance with US regulations in their free webinar.

To learn more about all of changes in full detail, visit AIB’s FDA Compliance for Exporters to the United States page.

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