

The FDA and Customs Revise Requirements for Prior Notice of Food Importations

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On October 31, 2008, the FDA and Customs and Border Protection announced revisions to a 2003 interim rule requiring food importers to provide “prior notice” to the FDA when importing into the United States. The FDA and Customs simultaneously published a draft “Compliance Policy Guide” to help importers interpret these updates.

The Kelley Drye [Food and Drug Law](#) and [International Trade](#) Practice Groups prepared this Client Advisory describing changes to the rule, including revised definitions, the new submission requirement, and its implementation.