

Compliance Dates for the Final Rule on Foreign Supplier Verification Programs (FSVP) for Importers of Food for Humans and Animals

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For more information, see [Compliance Date Extensions and Clarifications for FSMA Final Rules \(/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm517545.htm\)](#).

The compliance dates for importers subject to the [Foreign Supplier Verification Programs \(FSVP\) rule \(/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm361902.htm\)](#) differ according to a number of considerations, including:

- the size of the foreign supplier,
- the nature of the importer,
- and whether the foreign supplier must meet the requirements of the final rules for
 - [Current Good Manufacturing Practice and Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food \(/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm334115.htm\)](#),
 - [Current Good Manufacturing Practice and Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Food for Animals \(collectively, “PC rules”\) \(/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm366510.htm\)](#), or
 - [Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption \(“produce safety rule”\) \(/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm334114.htm\)](#).

The following compliance dates are grouped according to the category of FSVP importer. **This list does not include importers that are themselves a manufacturer or processor subject to the supply-chain program provisions in the PC rules.** If importers are subject to the supply-chain program requirements in those rules, the compliance date for FSVP is the later of the applicable date in the below list or the date by which the importer is required to comply with the PC supply-chain program provisions.

1. **FSVP importer whose foreign supplier is not subject to the PC or produce safety rules: May 30, 2017**
2. **FSVP importer whose foreign supplier is required to comply with the PC rule for human food.** Compliance dates when foreign suppliers are in these categories:
 - Small businesses as defined in 21 CFR 117.3: **March 19, 2018**
 - Qualified Facilities (including Very Small Businesses) as defined in 21 CFR 117.3: **March 18, 2019**
 - Suppliers subject to the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance: **March 18, 2019**
 - “All Other” Businesses Suppliers: **May 30, 2017**
3. **FSVP importer of animal food whose foreign supplier is subject to the current good manufacturing practices (“CGMP”) requirements in subpart B of 21 CFR part 507 in the PC rule for animal food.** Compliance dates when foreign suppliers are in these categories:

4. **FSVP importer whose foreign supplier is required to comply with the animal food preventive controls requirements in subpart C of part 507 of the PC rule for animal food, but that is not required to comply with the CGMP requirements in subpart B of 21 CFR part 507.** Compliance dates when foreign suppliers are in these categories:
 - Small Businesses as defined in 21 CFR 507: **March 18, 2019**
 - Qualified Facilities (including Very Small Businesses) as defined in 21 CFR 507.3: **March 17, 2020**
 - “All Other” Businesses: **March 19, 2018**
5. **FSVP importer whose foreign supplier is required to comply with the produce safety rule**, except for the requirements applicable to sprouts in subpart M of 21 CFR part 112. Compliance dates when foreign suppliers are in these categories:
 - Small Businesses as defined in 21 CFR 112.3: **July 29, 2019**
 - Very Small Businesses as defined in as defined in 21 CFR 112.3: **July 27, 2020**
 - “All Other” Businesses: **July 26, 2018**
6. **FSVP importer whose foreign supplier is required to comply with the requirements in the produce safety rule applicable to sprouts in subpart M of 21 CFR part 112.** Compliance dates when foreign suppliers are in these categories:
 - Small Businesses as defined in 21 CFR 112.3: **July 26, 2018**
 - Very Small Businesses as defined in 21 CFR 112.3: **July 29, 2019**
 - “All Other” Businesses: **July 26, 2017**
7. **FSVP importer whose foreign supplier is subject to the produce safety rule and eligible for a qualified exemption** (other than when the foreign supplier is a farm producing sprouts). Compliance dates when foreign suppliers are in these categories:
 - Small Businesses as defined in 21 CFR 112.3: **July 29, 2019**
 - Very Small Businesses as defined in 21 CFR 112.3: **July 27, 2020**
8. **FSVP importer whose foreign supplier is a farm producing sprouts that is eligible for a qualified exemption under the produce safety rule.** Compliance dates when foreign suppliers are in these categories:
 - Small Businesses as defined in 21 CFR 112.3: **July 26, 2018**
 - Very Small Businesses as defined in 21 CFR 112.3: **July 29, 2019**

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[The Law, Rules & Guidance \(/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm359436.htm\)](#)

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