Voluntary Qualified Importer Program (VQIP)

The Voluntary Qualified Importer Program (VQIP) is a voluntary fee-based program that provides expedited review and import entry of human and animal foods into the United States for participating importers. Both consumers and importers will benefit from this program.

Participating importers will be able to import their products to the U.S. with greater speed and predictability, avoiding unexpected delays at the point of import entry. Consumers will also benefit from the importer's robust management of the safety and security of their supply chains.

To participate, importers must meet eligibility criteria and pay a user fee that covers cost associated with the FDA's administration of the program.

Importers interested in applying can start their application by submitting a notice of intent to participate by setting up an account via the FDA Industry Systems website. Once you have an account, selecting VQIP under the FSMA Program options will take you to the VQIP Application Page with an option for submitting a Notice of Intent to Participate. Importers applying for the next benefit period may wish to refer to the VQIP Portal User Guide as they prepare their applications.

Begin the VQIP Application Process

Public List of Approved VQIP Importers

OMB Burden Statement FDA Form 4041

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Prior Notice of Imported Foods

Filing Prior Notice of Imported Foods

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Accredited Third-Party Certification Program

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Accredited Third-Party Certification Program: Public Registry of Recognized Accreditation Bodies

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