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**FDA Reminder about the Compliance Date for the FSMA Laboratory
Accreditation for Analyses of Foods Program**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is reminding owners and consignees of certain imported foods that they will be required to use accredited laboratories under the Laboratory Accreditation for Analysis of Foods (LAAF) program when conducting mycotoxins analyses beginning December 1, 2024.

The FDA established the LAAF program to improve the accuracy and reliability of certain food testing through the uniformity of standards and enhanced FDA oversight of participating laboratories. Under the program, owners and consignees of certain foods are required to use LAAF- accredited laboratories for certain testing covered by the final rule, such as to support removal of a food from import alert, or to address other specific food safety issues, among other uses. The list of foods can be found at [21CFR § 1.1107](#).

More information on the [LAAF final rule](#) and the LAAF Dashboard can be found on the FDA website.

Laboratory Accreditation for Analyses of Foods (LAAF) Program & Final Rule: <https://www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-modernization-act-fsma/laboratory-accreditation-analyses-foods-laaf-program-final-rule>

With market volatility and unforeseen developments, we remind our community to plan in advance, anticipate delays, and be prepared for disruptions. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please contact your account manager or local handling office for assistance.

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