

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING BIOTERRORISM COMPLIANCE AT SAFEWAY

Q: Which items are covered by the Bioterrorism Act?

A: The definition of "covered items", along with other detailed information about the act -- including the language of the Act and regulations -- can be found at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration website, http://www.fda.gov/oc/bioterrorism/bioact.html.

You can also find a list of affected Safeway item groups on the Safeway SupplierCentral website at http://suppliers.safeway.com/

Q: We are a DSD vendor, do we need to send the requested documentation?

A: Vendors that ONLY supply items direct to stores are not required to provide this documentation. However, if at any time product is delivered to any warehouse, even as a drop shipment, this documentation must be provided.

Q: Our company supplies Safeway with products under the sole jurisdiction of the USDA - are we required to provide the requested documentation?

A: Only companies providing products under the jurisdiction of the FDA's Bioterrorism Act are required to provide the requested documentation.

Q: What should an affirmative statement of registration compliance look like?

A: An example of an affirmative statement can be found on the Safeway SupplierCentral site at http://suppliers.safeway.com/. An affirmative statement must acknowledge the registration compliance requirement and confirm your company's compliance with this portion of the Bioterrorism Act.

Q: Safeway requested a completed bill of lading sample from each shipping location. What is meant by each shipping location?

A: Each distribution center or warehouse facility that ships product to Safeway must be able to provide a bill of lading with the requested level of detail as outlined by the Bioterrorism Act. While some company's provide a standard bill of lading from each of their facilities, there are some instances where different locations provide different details. For example, some divisions may receive product from a regional distribution center, others from a manufacturing plant. Submitting examples of each location's bill of lading will help alleviate delays in receiving at Safeway's warehouses.