

## **Inspection Authorization Extended**

The Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act, FD&CA, authorizes FDA to inspect establishments. The language is part of 21 USC §374(g)(1), which includes, “For purposes of enforcement of this chapter, officers or employees duly designated by the Secretary, upon presenting appropriate credentials and a written notice to the owner, operator, or agent in charge, are authorized (A) to enter, at reasonable times, any factory, warehouse, or establishment in which food, drugs, devices, tobacco products, or cosmetics are manufactured, processed, packed, or held, for introduction into interstate commerce or after such introduction, or to enter any vehicle being used to transport or hold such food, drugs, devices, tobacco products, or cosmetics in interstate commerce; and (B) to inspect, at reasonable times and within reasonable limits and in a reasonable manner, such factory, warehouse, establishment, or vehicle and all pertinent equipment, finished and unfinished materials, containers, and labeling therein.”

FADARA section 703, 21 USC §374(g)(11), extends the authority from October 1, 2017 to October 1, 2022.