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Dear Sirs,

Registration of Food Facilities – Docket No 2002N-0276

The Scotch Whisky Association welcomes the opportunity that FDA is providing for further comments on the Interim final rule concerning the Registration of Food Facilities under the Bioterrorism Act 2002. It is noted that the deadline for their submission is 14 May 2004.

Given the particular economic data that the FDA is seeking, the Association respectfully asks whether the FDA would consider extending the comment period for a further term in order to allow its member companies adequate time to assimilate the company data and extrapolate the information, some of which may be sensitive, that the FDA has specifically requested.

It is also relevant that, on 14 April, FDA published two other Notices requesting comments relating to particular aspects of the Bioterrorism legislation, all of which it requires by 14 May. The Association believes that it is not realistic to expect that proper consideration can be given and considered responses provided on these three particular comment requests by this deadline.

Accordingly, the Association would be grateful if the FDA would agree to its request for an extension of the comment period.

Yours faithfully,

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