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Division of Dockets Management (HFAC-100)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Joint FDA-CBP Plan for Increasing Integration and Assessing the Coordination of
Prior Notice Timeframes; [Docket No. 2002N-0278]

To Whom It May Concern:

The National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones (NAFTZ) supports efforts by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to reduce advance notice timeframes for prior notice of food imported under the Bioterrorism Act in conjunction with certain timeframes adopted by U. S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) under advance electronic information requirements.

The proposed change to reduce the timeframe for prior notice for arrivals by land via road or rail, or arrival via air that are currently in the advance electronic information rule adopted by CBP provides uniformity in government reporting and facilitation of legitimate merchandise into the United States without compromising cargo safety and security.

We commend FDA for its efforts to achieve a uniform integrated system of reporting in coordination with CBP.

Respectfully submitted,

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