

Greetings industry!

I just wanted to reach out to you all to let you know that we have decided to extend the temporary grace period policy which allows, wherever possible, continuation of a grace period of up to six months after the inspection expiration date (ending no later than September 30, 2022) to continue VS certificate endorsements and for some facilities to supply materials. This grace period either ends on **September 30, 2022** or **18 months** after the facility's relevant last validated inspection date, whichever comes **first**. As previously requested, we encourage you to use caution in how this information is shared with your members so they do not think it means everyone should wait until September 2022 to request inspections, and we request that you not share it with any foreign importers who might share it with trading partners. We urge everyone to stay on their annual schedule to the extent possible.

This temporary policy does not mean that all facilities are automatically either granted a 6-month extension, or are automatically eligible for certificate endorsement until September 30, 2022.

For specific questions, please encourage your members to reach out to their local Service Center for additional guidance and clarifications.

Warm regards,

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