

retail outlet and served meals to customers at its cafe. QPS, along with coconspirators, entered into a conspiracy to mislabel foreign seafood and sell it as local varieties of seafood. Through QPS' employees, QPS would purchase frozen seafood from foreign countries, with the intent to advertise and sell the seafood as local premium species of seafood, when in fact the fish was not local and not species they were advertised to be. On at least one occasion, while standing in QPS' large freezer, QPS' sales manager handed to a coconspirator, packages of three different fish suggesting that the coconspirator sample each and decide which would be best to substitute for the local premium species on the conspirator's menu. On a separate occasion QPS sold fish to a customer; QPS represented the fish to be local premium Red Snapper but which genetic analysis determined was not Red Snapper but was instead an imported species of lesser value. Later, one of QPS' seafood purchasing agents notified some of QPS' other employees that due to a shortage on snapper, QPS would be substituting triple tail for all snapper. Triple tail was not a local fish, and QPS had in fact imported it from South America. During a search of QPS facilities in September 2018, two of QPS' employees, its sales manager and business manager, made multiple false statement to FDA investigators, including, that any mislabeling of fish by QPS was inadvertent and that if anyone in QPS' retail market was mislabeling fish with other than its true name, it was happening without approval. Even after the September 2018 search of QPS facilities, QPS continued selling mislabeled seafood to customers in lieu of local varieties of seafood for at least another year.

As a result of this conviction, FDA sent QPS, by certified mail, on February 10, 2025, a notice proposing to debar it for a 5-year period from importing articles of food or offering such articles for import into the United States. The proposal was based on a finding under section 306(b)(1)(C) of the FD&C Act that QPS' felony conviction under Federal law for Conspiracy to Commit Misbranding and Wire Fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. 371, was for conduct relating to the importation into the United States of an article of food because QPS entered into a scheme to purchase foreign seafood which it then would either mislabel itself and sell it directly to its retail customers or would sell it to its retail customers in order for the retail customers to mislabel it and sell it as local varieties of seafood to

consumers. In proposing a debarment period, FDA weighed the considerations set forth in section 306(c)(3) of the FD&C Act that it considered applicable to QPS' offense and concluded that the offense warranted the imposition of a 5-year period of debarment.

The proposal informed QPS of the proposed debarment and offered it an opportunity to request a hearing, providing QPS 30 days from the date of receipt of the letter in which to file the request, and advised it that failure to request a hearing constituted a waiver of the opportunity for a hearing and of any contentions concerning this action. QPS received the proposal and notice of opportunity for a hearing on February 13, 2025. QPS failed to request a hearing within the timeframe prescribed by regulation and has, therefore, waived its opportunity for a hearing and waived any contentions concerning its debarment (21 CFR part 12).

II. Findings and Order

Therefore, the Division of Field Enforcement Director, Office of Inspections and Investigations, under section 306(b)(1)(C) of the FD&C Act, under authority delegated to the Director, Division of Enforcement, finds that QPS has been convicted of a felony under Federal law for conduct relating to the importation into the United States of an article of food and that it is subject to a 5-year period of debarment.

FDA finds that the offense should be accorded a debarment period of 5 years as provided by section 306(c)(2)(A)(iii) of the FD&C Act.

As a result of the foregoing finding, QPS is debarred for a period of 5 years from importing articles of food or offering such articles for import into the United States, effective (See **DATES**). Pursuant to section 301(cc) of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 331(cc)), the importing or offering for import into the United States of an article of food by, with the assistance of, or at the direction of QPS is a prohibited act.

Dated: May 22, 2025.

Grace R. Graham,

Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Legislation, and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2025-D-1082]

Electronic Submission Template for Medical Device Q-Submissions; Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the availability of the draft guidance entitled "Electronic Submission Template for Medical Device Q-Submissions." FDA is issuing this draft guidance to introduce submitters of certain Q-Submissions (Q-Subs), specifically Pre-Submissions (Pre-subs) to the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) and Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), to the current resources and associated content developed and made publicly available to support Pre-Sub electronic submissions to FDA. This draft guidance, when finalized, is intended to represent one of several steps in meeting FDA's commitment to the development of electronic submission templates to serve as guided submission preparation tools for industry to improve submission consistency and enhance efficiency in the review process. This draft guidance is not final nor is it for implementation at this time.

DATES: Submit either electronic or written comments on the draft guidance by July 28, 2025 to ensure that the Agency considers your comment on this draft guidance before it begins work on the final version of the guidance.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on any guidance at any time as follows:

Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else's Social Security number, or confidential business information, such

as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

- If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see “Written/Paper Submissions” and “Instructions”).

Written/Paper Submissions

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions):* Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in “Instructions.”

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2025-D-1082 for “Electronic Submission Template for Medical Device Q-Submissions.” Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as “Confidential Submissions,” publicly viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 240-402-7500.

- *Confidential Submissions—*To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states “THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.” The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit both copies to the Dockets Management Staff. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as “confidential.” Any information marked as “confidential” will not be disclosed

except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA’s posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the “Search” box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, 240-402-7500.

You may submit comments on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)).

An electronic copy of the guidance document is available for download from the internet. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for information on electronic access to the guidance. Submit written requests for a single hard copy of the draft guidance document entitled “Electronic Submission Template for Medical Device Q-Submissions” to the Office of Policy, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. 5441, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erica Takai, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. 5456, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 301-796-6353; or James Myers, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 71, Rm. 7301, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 240-402-7911.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FDA is issuing this draft guidance document to introduce submitters of Pre-Subs to CDRH and CBER to the current resources and associated content developed and made publicly available to support Pre-Sub electronic submissions to FDA. This draft guidance is intended to represent one of several steps in meeting FDA’s commitment to the development of electronic submission templates to serve as guided submission preparation tools for industry to improve submission consistency and enhance efficiency in

the review process. When finalized, this guidance will also facilitate the implementation of the FDA’s mandate under section 745A(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) (21 U.S.C. 379k-1(b)), amended by section 207 of the FDA Reauthorization Act of 2017 (FDARA) (Pub. L. 115-52), to provide further standards for the submission by electronic format, a timetable for establishment of these further standards, and criteria for waivers of and exemptions from the requirements.

FDA’s guidance document “Providing Regulatory Submissions for Medical Devices in Electronic Format—Submissions Under Section 745A(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act” (hereafter referred to as the “745A(b) device parent guidance”) provides a process for the development of templates to facilitate the preparation, submission, and review of regulatory submissions for medical devices solely in electronic format. As described in the 745A(b) device parent guidance, FDA plans to implement the requirements of section 745A(b)(3) of the FD&C Act with individual guidances specifying the formats for specific submissions and corresponding timetables for implementation. When finalized, this guidance will provide such information for Pre-Sub electronic submissions solely in electronic format.

In section 745A(b) of the FD&C Act, Congress granted explicit statutory authorization to FDA to specify in guidance the statutory requirement for electronic submissions solely in electronic format by providing standards, a timetable, and criteria for waivers and exemptions. To the extent that this draft guidance provides such requirements under section 745A(b)(3) of the FD&C Act (*i.e.*, standards, timetable, criteria for waivers of and exemptions), indicated by the use of the mandatory words, such as *must* or *required*, this document is not subject to the usual restrictions in FDA’s good guidance practice regulations, such as the requirement that guidances not establish legally enforceable responsibilities (see § 10.115(d)). To the extent that this draft guidance describes recommendations that are not standards, timetable, criteria for waivers of, or exemptions under section 745A(b)(3) of the FD&C Act, it is being issued consistent with FDA’s good guidance practices regulation (§ 10.115).

The draft guidance, when finalized, will represent the current thinking of FDA on this topic. It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies

the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations. This draft guidance, when finalized, will contain both binding and nonbinding provisions.

As we develop any final guidance on this topic, FDA will consider comments on the applicability of Executive Order 14192, per OMB guidance M–25–20, and in particular, on any costs or cost savings.

II. Electronic Access

Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the draft guidance may do so by downloading an electronic copy from the internet. A search capability for all Center for Devices and Radiological

Health guidance documents is available at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/device-advice-comprehensive-regulatory-assistance/guidance-documents-medical-devices-and-radiation-emitting-products>. This guidance document is also available at <https://www.regulations.gov>, <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents>, or <https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/guidance-compliance-regulatory-information-biologics>. Persons unable to download an electronic copy of “Electronic Submission Template for Medical Device Q-Submissions” may send an email request to [CDRH-Guidance@](mailto:CDRH-Guidance@fda.hhs.gov)

fda.hhs.gov to receive an electronic copy of the document. Please use the document number GUI00007041 and complete title to identify the guidance you are requesting.

III. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

While this guidance contains no new collection of information, it does refer to previously approved FDA collections of information. The previously approved collections of information are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521). The collections of information in the following table have been approved by OMB:

21 CFR part; guidance; or FDA Form	Topic	OMB control No.
“Requests for Feedback and Meetings for Medical Device Submissions: The Q-Submission Program”.	Q-submissions and Early Payor Feedback Request Programs for Medical Devices.	0910–0756

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Grace R. Graham,
Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Legislation, and International Affairs.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Revised Amount of the Average Cost of a Health Insurance Policy

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HRSA is publishing an updated monetary amount of the average cost of a health insurance policy as it relates to the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CAPT George Reed Grimes, Director, Division of Injury Compensation Programs, Health Systems Bureau, HRSA, HHS by mail at 5600 Fishers Lane, 08–W25A, Rockville, Maryland 20857; or call (301) 443–9350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 100.2 of the VICP’s implementing regulation (42 CFR part 100) states that the revised amount of an average cost of a health insurance policy, as determined by the Secretary of HHS (the Secretary), is effective upon its delivery by the

Secretary to the United States Court of Federal Claims (the Court) and will be published periodically in a notice in the **Federal Register**. The Secretary delegated this responsibility to the Director of the Division of Injury Compensation Programs. This figure is calculated using the most recent Medical Expenditure Panel Survey–Insurance Component data available as the baseline for the average monthly cost of a health insurance policy. This baseline is adjusted by the annual percentage increase/decrease obtained from the most recent annual Kaiser Family Foundation Employer Health Benefits Survey.

In 2024, the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey–Insurance Component, available at www.meps.ahrq.gov, published the annual 2023 average total single premium per enrolled employee at private-sector establishments that provide health insurance. The figure published was \$8,182. This figure is divided by 12 to determine the cost per month of \$681.83. The \$681.83 figure is increased or decreased by the percentage change reported by the most recent Kaiser Family Foundation Employer Health Benefits Survey, available at www.kff.org. The increase from 2023 to 2024 was six percent. By adding this percentage increase, the calculated average monthly cost of a health insurance policy for a 12-month period is \$722.74.

Therefore, the Secretary announces that the revised average cost of a health insurance policy under the VICP is \$722.74 per month. In accordance with § 100.2, the revised amount was effective upon its delivery by the

Secretary to the Court. Such notice was delivered to the Court on January 7, 2025.

George Reed Grimes,
Director, Division of Injury Compensation Programs.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Bioengineering, Device Development and Neurosurgery.
Date: June 25–26, 2025.
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.