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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Office of Refugee Resettlement

**AGENCY:** Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families.

**ACTION:** Single-Source Program Expansion Supplement.

CFDA#: 93.583.

**Legislative Authority:** The Refugee Act of 1980 as amended, Wilson-Fish Amendment, 8 U.S.C. 1522(e)(7); section 412(e)(7)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

**Amount of Award:** \$1,312,414 supplement for current year.

**Project Period:** 09/30/2005-09/29/2010.

**Justification for the Exception to Competition:** The Wilson-Fish program is an alternative to the traditional State-administered welfare system for providing integrated assistance and services to refugees, asylees, Amerasian Immigrants, Cuban and Haitian Entrants, and Trafficking Victims. San Diego County is one of 12 sites that has chosen this alternative approach.

The supplemental funds will allow the grantee, Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego, to provide refugee cash assistance through the end of this fiscal year to eligible refugees (and others eligible for refugee benefits) under the San Diego Wilson-Fish Program.

The primary reason for the grantee's supplemental request is a higher number of arrivals than anticipated when the grantee's budget was submitted and approved last year. The Refugee Act of 1980 mandates that the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) reimburse States and Wilson-Fish projects for the costs of cash and medical assistance for newly arriving refugees. Since 1991, ORR has reimbursed States and Wilson-Fish agencies for providing cash and medical assistance to eligible individuals during their first eight months in the United States.

Hence, the supplement is consistent with the purposes of the Wilson-Fish Program, the Refugee Act of 1980, and ORR policy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2008-D-0381]

#### Draft Guidance for Industry on Voluntary Third-Party Certification Programs for Foods and Feeds; Availability

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled "Voluntary Third-Party Certification Programs for Foods and Feeds." This draft guidance describes the general attributes FDA believes a voluntary third-party certification program should have in order to help ensure its certification is a reliable reflection that the foods and feeds from certified establishments are safe and meet applicable FDA requirements.

**DATES:** Although you can comment on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)), to ensure that the agency considers your comment on this draft guidance before it begins work on the final version of the guidance, submit written or electronic comments on the draft guidance by September 8, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the draft guidance to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Submit electronic comments to <http://www.regulations.gov>. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access to the draft guidance document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Lindan Mayl, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane (HF-11), Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-3360.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled "Voluntary Third-Party Certification Programs for Foods and Feeds." This draft guidance is issued in response to the recommendations contained in the Action Plan for Import Safety: A Roadmap for Continual Improvement (Action Plan) issued on November 6, 2007, by the Interagency Working Group on Import Safety (Working Group) established by Executive Order 13439, as well as FDA's Food Protection Plan released on the same date. Both those plans emphasize certification as a way to help verify the safety of products from a growing food establishment inventory, both domestic and foreign.

In the **Federal Register** of April 2, 2008 (73 FR 17989), FDA issued a notice requesting comments on the use of third-party certification programs for foods and animal feeds. FDA received approximately 70 comments in response to that notice. The comments were generally supportive of the use of third-party certification programs. Many encouraged FDA to recognize such programs as a way to increase participation and improve the safety and security of foods.

This draft guidance, when finalized, will represent FDA's current thinking on the certification process and will describe the general attributes FDA believes a voluntary third-party certification program should have in order to provide FDA with confidence in that program. If FDA has such confidence, we may choose to recognize the program and provide incentives for establishments to obtain certification by recognized certification programs. Recognition in this context means that FDA has determined that certification may be a reliable reflection that the foods from the certified establishment are safe and meet applicable FDA requirements. Such recognition would be tailored to particular categories of products and would occur in a separate document that builds upon the general attributes set forth in this document. Therefore, this draft guidance is intended as one of the steps in FDA's future recognition of one or more voluntary third-party certification programs for particular product types.

To further that process, FDA is also announcing, in a separate notice issued in this **Federal Register**, a voluntary pilot program for third-party certification bodies that certify foreign processors of aquacultured shrimp. This pilot is intended to gather technical and operational information that will assist