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TO : THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT : INTERIM MEASURES ON THE RELEASE OF FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) AUTHORIZATIONS FOR NEW APPLICATIONS

The FDA, in its continuous effort to increase the agency's efficiency, will be upgrading the agency's system to be able to meet the needs of the General Public. To address the concerns of our clients brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDA will now be sending digital copies of Authorizations ready for releasing to the Email Address indicated in the application. This, notwithstanding, the FDA shall continue to send through Registered Mail the printed copy of the Authorization. The applicant shall be sent a link, along with a Reference Number, where they may check the status of the mailed Authorization.

Also, the FDA shall now permit applicants to contract their own private couriers as an *Interim Alternate Mode of Releasing* to claim their FDA Authorizations. This option maybe availed at the cost of, and pre-arranged by, the applicant.

In this regard, applicants who intend opt to arrange for a prepaid postage independent courier to claim the Authorizations shall notify the FDA upon the submission of their applications. Otherwise, such Authorizations shall be mailed to the applicant by the FDA through Registered Mail.

The FDA, however, would like to clarify that in-person pick up of Authorizations shall still be prohibited in observance of health protocols in place to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 Virus.

Specific guidelines on the release of FDA Authorizations through Interim Alternate Mode of Releasing shall be covered by a different issuance to be released later.


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