

DSCSA
The Time is Now!

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How fast is
the earth
moving?



A history of my journey

Training

Preparing

- Understanding the law
- Setting goals and timelines
- Networking
- Writing SOPs
- Defining systems, processes, hardware and software requirements
- Defining the internal team

Finding a Service Provider

- RFP process
- Reporting and support needs

Tracking and encouraging participation from upstream trading partners

Why DSCSA?



Traceability



Focused on transfer of ownership



Counterfeit and suspect products



Recalls



Unified Federal vs. State Regulations



Benefits

Recalls- lot number tracking
Expiration dates tracking and visibility
2D bar codes and EPCIS provide more product data

FDA Established Timeline

The goal for the Drug Supply Chain Security Act

- Interoperable electronic unit-level traceability (serialization) of every regulated drug in the United States
- Key dates of the DSCSA timeline include the following:
 - **November 27, 2013:** DSCSA enacted
 - **November 27, 2014:** Third-party logistics providers (3PLs) must report licensure information to FDA annually
 - **November 27, 2015:** Manufacturers must print lot numbers on packaging
 - **November 27, 2017:** Manufacturers must serialize and verify products
 - **November 27, 2018:** Re-packagers must serialize products
 - **September 23, 2019:** FDA delays enforcement of saleable returns requirement for wholesalers
 - **November 27, 2019:** Wholesalers/distributors can only receive and distribute serialized products
 - **August 25, 2023:** FDA announces extended stabilization period, postponing enforcement for one year
 - **November 27, 2024:** Full interoperable electronic unit-level traceability for all stakeholders

Drug Supply Chain Security Act

Dispenser Requirements

2015 - 2017

- Purchase products from licensed trade partners
- Receive & retain lot traceability (TI, TH, TS) from suppliers
- Provide TI, TH, TS if selling or loaning product
- MAH must send TI, TH, TS in electronic form only (2017)

2020

- Only transact in serialized product (i.e., receive & ship)
- Verify product identifier, including serial and lot number, for suspect product investigation

2023

- Receive and Store serialized TI and TS in an electronic database
- Transaction History (TH) is no longer required
- Fully electronic, interoperable, system
- Unit level traceability
- EPCIS replacing ASN

Drug Supply Chain Security Act

Manufacturers and Distributor Requirements

2015

- Federal licensure standards for Wholesalers
- Transaction Information, History & Statement (T3) for each shipment provided by Manufacturers and Wholesalers

2017 - 2018

- Manufacturers serialized product with 2D barcode¹
 - GTIN
 - Serial Number
 - Lot Number
 - Expiration Date

2019 - 2020

- Wholesaler can only accept and sell serialized product
- Wholesalers verify product identifier for salable returns
- MAH responds to product identifier verification²

2023

- Exchange serialized Transaction Information and Statement
- Product identifier verification for suspect product investigation
- “Product Tracing”
- Authorized Trade Partner credentialing

EXEMPTIONS UNDER DSCSA



Intracompany
distributions



Distribution of
product samples



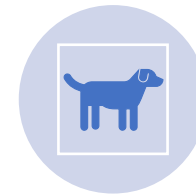
Distribution of over-
the-counter drugs



Medical convenience
kits



Anesthetics, Anti-
coagulants,
Vasopressor, IV
solutions,
Sympathomimetics



Approved animal
drugs



Medical gas
distribution



Blood and blood
components for
transfusion

Implementation Time

Upstream

- Suppliers
- Wholesalers

Downstream

- Dispensers

Finding resources

- HDA
- NACDS
- PDG
- FDA

What do you need for your Pharmacy in November '24?



Have a system to receive and transmit transaction information as product changes ownership



24-hour time limit for notification to trading partners of Illegitimate product



GLNs-unique identifiers that define the parties in the change of ownership

(Transaction)

Purchased from GS1

Assigned by location

Considerations unique to your business

- Number of direct suppliers vs. wholesale only model
- Store vs. warehouse receiving
- Training and SOPs
- Data flow
 - Receive and set up EPCIS internally vs. using a third-party provider
- Service provider selection and management
- Who will enforce and audit?
 - State boards
 - FDA

Caution

“If a wholesale distributor, dispenser, or re-packager purchases product and identifies a potential clerical error or other discrepancy in the product tracing information it received, that trading partner should resolve the error or discrepancy within 10 business days.”

Carefully inspect when receiving

- Broken seals
- Altered tape or wrap

Handle clerical errors

- Trading partners should work together to resolve
- No further distribution of the product
- Document

“If either trading partner determines the product is suspect or illegitimate, the trading partners must follow applicable verification requirements, including quarantine, investigation, and proper disposition.”

DELAYS and Surprises

- Enforcement discretion
- Stabilization period now until 11/27/24
- Lack of an “interoperable system”
- 2D bar code reader shortages
- Cloud server connections
- Aggregation issues at manufacturers
- Each vs. Case invoicing issues
- What to do with EDI
- 10 days to clear a suspect product
- Space for the 2D bar code on the bottle

What do you do?

KEEP MOVING FORWARD!
THE WORLD WILL KEEP TURNING

SOPS

TRAINING

ENCOURAGE SUPPLIERS AND WHOLESALERS WHO ARE UPSTREAM