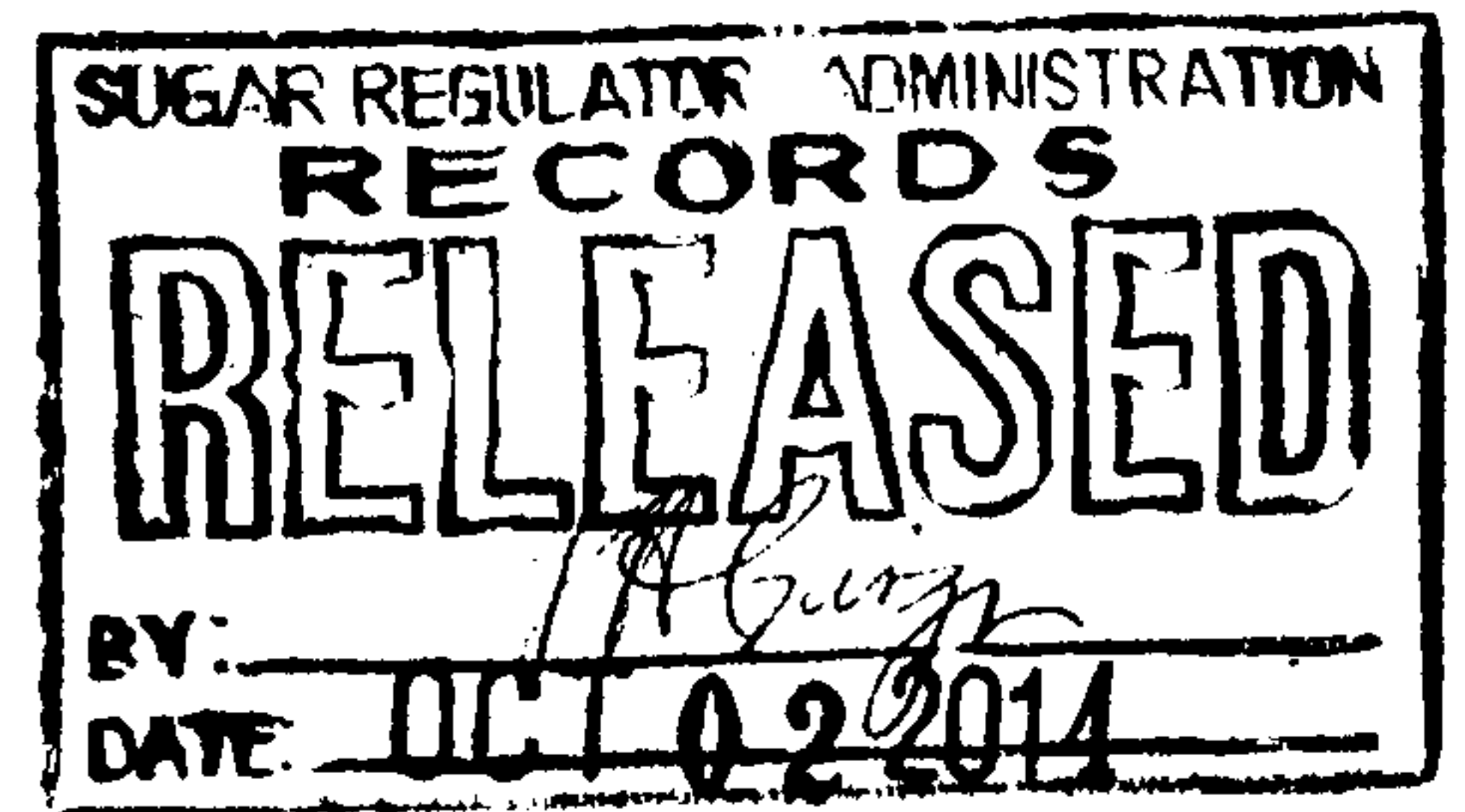




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SUBJECT: USDA FDA 2014 FOOD FACILITY REGISTRATION RENEWAL

For the information of all concerned, the United States Department of Agriculture – Food and Drug Administration is announcing the new Compliance Guide for the food facility registration requirement under the Food Safety Modernization Act. The FDA's Food Safety Modernization Act requires all food facilities, including foreign facilities to register with FDA to renew such registration biennially.

We hereby quote the following from the RMS-FDA:

“Specifically, it requires that, during the period beginning on **October 1 and ending on December 31 of each even-numbered year**, a food facility that has submitted a registration to FDA must submit to FDA a renewal registration even if the registrant has not had any changes to the previously submitted registration information. If there are changes to be made, this information must be supplied to the FDA. A food facility that fails to renew its registration with FDA, has failed to register in accordance with the regulations and thereby has committed a prohibited act. FDA will consider a registration for a food facility to be expired if the registration is not renewed and may result in food from that facility being denied access into the United States. Even if you only recently registered within the last year (or yesterday for that matter), you are still required to complete a registration renewal during the above mentioned period.” End of Quote

For your guidance.


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