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# **Medical Device User Fee Small Business Qualification and Certification**

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## **Guidance for Industry, Food and Drug Administration Staff and Foreign Governments**

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### I. Introduction

The Medical Device User Fee Amendments (MDUFA) require the payment of a user fee for most types of medical device applications. A business that is qualified and certified as a “small business” is eligible for a substantial reduction in most of these user fees. Application types eligible for reduced small business fee are: Premarket Notification (510(k)), De Novo request, Premarket Applications (Premarket Approval Application [PMA], Biologics License Application [BLA], Product Development Protocol [PDP]), Premarket Report (PMR), PMA/BLA Supplements and PMA Annual Reports, and 513(g) request for classification information. See the full list of eligible application types at the [MDUFA User Fees](#) website.<sup>1</sup> This guidance describes the process for how a business may request qualification and certification as a small business.

For purposes of this guidance, note, there should be a National Taxing Authority within the Foreign Government who will be responsible for completion of the appropriate sections of the Form FDA 3602A. In this guidance, we will refer to “Foreign Government” and “National Taxing Authority” interchangeably.

The contents of this document do not have the force and effect of law and are not meant to bind the public in any way, unless specifically incorporated into a contract. This document is intended only to provide clarity to the public regarding existing requirements under the law.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fda.gov/industry/fda-user-fee-programs/medical-device-user-fee-amendments-mdufa>

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## **II. Overview**

Information about the process based on your role is described in the following sections of this guidance:

- **for a U.S. Business:**
  - see Section II(B) and Section IV
  - use **Form FDA 3602** MDUFA Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered in the United States
  - if you have foreign affiliates, use **Form FDA 3602A**, MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered Outside the United States **for each foreign affiliate**
- **for a Foreign Business:**
  - see Section II(C) and Section V
  - use **Form FDA 3602A** MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered Outside the United States
- **for a National Taxing Authority:**
  - see Section II(D) and Section VI
  - work with your Foreign Business/Affiliate to complete **Form FDA 3602A** MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered Outside the United States

As you review this guidance, please follow the instructions and complete the form(s) appropriate for your business.

For additional information about medical device user fees, see FDA's Medical Device User Fees web site at:

<https://www.fda.gov/industry/fda-user-fee-programs/medical-device-user-fee-amendments-mdufa>

This site provides an overview of the laws establishing medical device user fees, links to additional guidance documents, answers to frequently-asked questions, and more.

### ***A. Eligibility***

To be eligible for a reduced small business fee, you must qualify as a “small business.” This is defined as having gross receipts or sales of no more than \$100 million for the most recent tax year. If you have any affiliates, you must add their gross receipts or sales to yours, and the total must be no more than \$100 million.<sup>2</sup> More information about the general

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<sup>2</sup> See Sections 738(d)(2)(A) and 738(e)(2)(A) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act).

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applicability may be found in **Section III** (Small Business Fees: Fee Schedule, Benefits and “First Premarket Application” Fee Waiver) and **Section VII** (Frequently-Asked Questions) of this guidance.

The establishment registration fee is not eligible for a reduced small business fee. If the only user fee you expect to pay in the Fiscal Year (FY) is the establishment registration fee (i.e., you do not plan to submit an application requiring a user fee), you receive no benefit from submitting a Small Business Certification Request. Please do not submit such requests.

A Small Business Certification is granted for a FY and expires at the end of that FY. A FY runs from October 1 through September 30 of the following year. A sponsor who wishes to apply any applicable reduction in user fee for a submission must apply and be granted the Small Business Certification for each FY in which they plan to submit a medical device application that requires a user fee.<sup>3</sup>

The FDA accepts Small Business Certification Request beginning August 1 prior to next FY starting on October 1. For example, requests for FY 2019 status (which runs from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019) will be accepted from August 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. Small Business Certification Request for the next FY received before August 1 will not be accepted. Please plan your request strategy accordingly.

#### ***B. U.S. Businesses***

If your business is headquartered in the United States, you should follow the guidance in **Section IV** (Guidance for U.S. Businesses). To qualify as a small business, please complete Form FDA 3602 (MDUFA Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered in the United States), and submit the completed form to FDA. Appendix 1 of this guidance contains instructions for accessing Form FDA 3602 and Appendix 2 of this guidance contains instructions for how to complete the Form FDA 3602.

If you have any foreign affiliates, please complete Form FDA 3602A for each foreign affiliate (see Appendix 3 for instructions for completing Form FDA 3602A).

#### ***C. Foreign Businesses***

If your business is a foreign business headquartered outside the United States and does not file a Federal (U.S.) income tax return, you should follow the guidance in **Section V** (Guidance for Foreign Businesses). To qualify as a small business, please follow these sequential steps:

1. Reference Appendix 1 of this guidance for instructions for accessing Form FDA 3602A.

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<sup>3</sup> See Section 738(a)(2)(C) of the FD&C Act.

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2. Reference Appendix 3 of this guidance for instructions on how to complete Form FDA 3602A (MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered Outside the United States).
3. Complete Sections I and II of Form FDA 3602A.
4. Submit Form FDA 3602A to your National Taxing Authority (the equivalent of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service), who then completes Section III of that form (i.e., National Taxing Authority Certification).
5. The National Taxing Authority should return the completed Form FDA 3602A to you.
6. Submit the completed Form FDA 3602A, with Sections I, II, and III fully completed, to FDA for review. In addition, if your business has any foreign affiliates, you must send a separate certified Section III of Form FDA 3602A for each foreign affiliate. If your business has any U.S. affiliates, you must send a Federal U.S. income tax return for each U.S. affiliate.

We recommend that you review **Section VI** (Guidance for Foreign Governments - How to Prepare a National Taxing Authority Certification) to understand the responsibility of your National Taxing Authority and, specifically, Section III of the Form FDA 3602A.

#### ***D. National Taxing Authority***

If you are a National Taxing Authority, you should review **Section VI** (Guidance for Foreign Governments – How to Prepare a National Taxing Authority Certification) for instructions on your responsibilities. Complete Section III for the Form FDA 3602A (National Taxing Authority Certification) submitted to you by a business headquartered in your nation and return the completed form back to the business that sent you the form.

#### ***E. Important Note for Submitters of Pre-FY2019 Small Business Certification Requests***

The process and principles described in this guidance are substantially similar to the FY 2018 guidance. Please be advised that the FDA continues to make quality improvements in the program, in areas such as administrative completeness and consistency of documentation. These updates assist the applicant in developing and submitting the Small Business Certification Request and the FDA in reviewing the request in a consistent, timely manner. As a result, it is important for current applicants to understand and follow the instructions described in this guidance document.

Note: The FDA Forms 3602 and 3602A are not printed for a specific FY. Instead, businesses should indicate the FY for which the Small Business Certification Request is prepared in the upper right section of the header of the form.

### **III. Small Business Fees: MDUFA User Fee Schedule, Benefits, and “First Premarket Application” Fee Waiver**

This section identifies the MDUFA User Fee schedule, explains the benefits of qualifying as a small business and defines the “first premarket application/report” fee waiver.

#### ***A. MDUFA User Fee Schedule***

The standard MDUFA User Fee must be paid for the identified applications in order for FDA to begin its review, unless the applicant is eligible for a waiver or exemption. The current user fees are shown at the FDA [MDUFA User Fees](#)<sup>4</sup> website and are set by law.<sup>5</sup> If you qualify as a small business, you are eligible to pay a reduced fee for any application types listed at the FDA MDUFA User Fees Website, from the date of FDA’s determination of your small business status through the end of that FY (i.e., September 30).

#### ***B. Benefits of Qualifying as a Small Business***

If you qualify as a small business, you will pay a lower user fee than the standard fee for applicable submissions [i.e., PMA, PDP, PMA and PDP Supplements (Panel-Track, 180-day, Real-Time and 30-day Notice), Modular PMA, BLA, BLA Efficacy Supplement, 510(k) (Traditional, Abbreviated, and Special), PMR, PMA Annual Reports, 513(g) and De Novo request].

#### ***C. “First Premarket Application/Report” Fee Waiver***

If the FDA determines that you are eligible for a “first premarket application/report” fee waiver, this means that you will be eligible to waive the fee for your first premarket application/report (i.e., PMA, including Modular PMA, BLA, PDP, or PMR). This fee waiver may only be applied once. The “first premarket application/report” is defined as the first PMA (including Modular PMA), BLA, PDP, or PMR received by FDA from a business entity or any of its affiliates. If a second business entity (or any of its affiliates) acquires another business entity that has previously submitted a premarket application/report, then the second business entity is not eligible for a “first premarket application/report” waiver.

To qualify for the “first premarket application/report” fee waiver, you must meet **both** criteria:

1. You must qualify as a small business with gross receipts or sales of no more than \$30 million, including the gross receipts or sales of all of your affiliates<sup>6</sup>.

Note: This means that some businesses may qualify as a **small business** because their gross receipts or sales are less than \$100 million but would not qualify for the **“first premarket application/report” fee waiver** if their gross receipts or sales are more than

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<sup>4</sup> See the FDA [MDUFA User Fees](https://www.fda.gov/industry/fda-user-fee-programs/medical-device-user-fee-amendments-mdufa) Website located at <https://www.fda.gov/industry/fda-user-fee-programs/medical-device-user-fee-amendments-mdufa>

<sup>5</sup> See Sections 738(b) and 738(d) of the FD&C Act.

<sup>6</sup> See Section 738(d)(1) of the FD&C Act.



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\$30 million.

2. FDA must determine that this is your first premarket application/report (i.e., PMA, including Modular PMA, BLA, PDP, or PMR). Specifically, if you or any affiliate previously submitted a premarket application/report, then your next application does not qualify for the “first premarket application/report” fee waiver, and you must pay the fee that would otherwise apply.

Examples of situations that do not qualify for “first premarket application/report”:

A. Business A has an approved PMA and is acquired by Business B. Business B has not submitted a PMA, BLA, PDP or a Modular PMA to FDA. Because Business A has submitted a PMA, Business B is not eligible for the first premarket application/report fee waiver.

B. A business with Name A has submitted a BLA and then changes its name to Name B. Under Name B, the business submits a Modular PMA. This is considered the same Business. The business is not eligible for the first premarket application/report fee waiver.

C. A business submits a PMA that is not approved and then submits a Modular PMA for a different product. The business is not eligible for the first premarket application/report fee waiver because it has already submitted a premarket application regardless of whether it was approved.

## **IV. Guidance for U.S. Businesses**

A U.S. business is a business headquartered in the United States. If you are a U.S. business, you should follow the guidance provided in this section. If your business is headquartered in a foreign country, you should follow the guidance in **Section V** (Guidance for Foreign Businesses).

If you believe you qualify as a small business and want to pay reduced fees or have fees waived (for your first premarket application/report), you should submit the following documents to the FDA:

- a completed Form FDA 3602 (MDUFA Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered in the United States)
  - include your Organization ID Number (Org ID) in box 2a of Form FDA 3602. Org ID is a system-generated number assigned to a new organization during the User Fee account creation process that uniquely identifies your business in the [FDA User Fee System](#).<sup>7</sup> Your Org ID is separate and distinct from any other number that may be associated with your company. See **Section VII** (Frequently-Asked Questions) of this guidance for instructions on obtaining your Org ID;

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<sup>7</sup> Available at [https://userfees.fda.gov/OA\\_HTML/mdufmaCAcdLogin.jsp?legalsel=2&ref](https://userfees.fda.gov/OA_HTML/mdufmaCAcdLogin.jsp?legalsel=2&ref).

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- a complete, signed copy of your original Federal (U.S.) income tax return for the most recent tax year;
- a separate Federal (U.S.) income tax return for each U.S. affiliate; and
- certified Section III of Form FDA 3602A for each foreign affiliate.

FDA will review your Form FDA 3602 and supporting materials within 60 calendar days of receipt. Upon completion of our review, we will send you a letter that indicates whether or not your business has been qualified under MDUFA as a small business. A qualified small business is then eligible for a reduced or waived fee for submissions made during the FY. If your business is qualified as a small business, FDA's decision letter will assign you a Small Business Decision number. You should provide this number to FDA each time you want to receive a small business fee discount for any of your eligible applications or, if you qualify, when you want to obtain a fee waiver for your first premarket application/report.

#### **What is an affiliate?**

The term "affiliate" is defined in Section 737(12) of the FD&C Act. An affiliate means a business entity that has a relationship with a second business entity whether, directly or indirectly:

- (a) one business entity controls, or has the power to control, the other business entity; or
- (b) a third-party controls, or has power to control, both of the business entities.

You must include the gross receipts or sales of all your affiliates with your own gross receipts or sales when you prepare your Form FDA 3602 (MDUFA Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered in the United States).

#### **Why does FDA require me to submit Federal (U.S.) income tax returns?**

Sections 738(d)(2)(B) and 738(e)(2)(B) of the FD&C Act require an applicant to pay the standard fees for its submissions *unless* it demonstrates it is a small business by submitting a copy of its most recent Federal (U.S.) income tax returns (and returns of all affiliates). A consequence of this requirement is that you cannot qualify as a small business under MDUFA if you have not submitted a Federal (U.S.) income tax return. FDA cannot accept a foreign tax return or state tax return in place of a Federal (U.S.) income tax return.

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#### **What is an acceptable copy of Federal (U.S.) income tax returns?**

An acceptable copy of Federal (U.S.) income tax returns is an identical signed copy of the entire original Federal (U.S.) income tax returns submitted to the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Please do not include your state tax return only the Federal (U.S.) income tax return is needed.

The copy of the Federal (U.S.) income tax return must include the signature and the date of the signature of an officer, partner, or member of the company. Alternatively, you may submit a copy of the e-file form submitted to the IRS, if your documentation includes a dated signature of an officer, partner or member.

#### **What is the most recent tax year?**

You should submit your most recent tax return. If you submit your Small Business Certification Request prior to the current year's due date for your taxes, you may submit your previous year's tax return.

If you obtained an extension to file your taxes, then you may use your most recent return filed prior to the extension. In this scenario, you should also include your IRS Form 7004: Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File Certain Business Income Tax, Information, and Other Returns in your Small Business Certification Request.

#### **My organization filed a Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax. Do I still need to qualify as a Small Business?**

Yes. The FD&C Act does not exempt you from medical device user fees or grant you automatic small business status simply because you are exempt from Federal (U.S.) income tax. You are subject to the same "gross receipts or sales" thresholds as other applicants. You should report your Total Revenue (line 12 of Form 990) as your "gross receipts or sales." In addition, include a signed copy of your Form 990.

#### **Where may I obtain a copy of Form FDA 3602 (MDUFA Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered in the United States) ?**

You may obtain the PDF (portable document format) version of this form at <https://www.fda.gov/media/106899/download>. After you complete the form you need to save the changes to your computer, the changes are not saved on the web.

#### **Where do I send my completed Form FDA 3602 (MDUFA Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered in the United States) and supporting materials?**

The current mailing address for FDA's Medical Device User Fee Small Business Certification Request is located at the following web address, <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/premarket-submissions/reduced-medical-device-user-fees-small-business-determination-sbd-program>.

Be sure to include complete, signed copies of all Federal (U.S.) income tax returns and certifications from foreign national taxing authorities that relate to your Small Business Certification Request.

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### **What do I provide if I have a foreign affiliate?**

If you have a foreign affiliate, you should submit a separate Form FDA 3602A MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered Outside the United States (which includes a National Taxing Authority Certification) for that affiliate.

### **What do I do if the National Taxing Authority does not provide the certification on Section III of Form FDA 3602A?**

Form FDA 3602A contains a field for certification from a National Taxing Authority for a foreign business or affiliate, which serves as authentication of the gross sales and receipts for that business/affiliate. FDA expects you to obtain this official certification.

If the National Taxing Authority does not provide the certification, you may provide a written explanation of impossibility for why you were unable to obtain this certification along with Form FDA 3602A. All explanations should include documentation from the National Taxing Authority, in English, of refusal to provide the certification. All explanations are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

## **V. Guidance for Foreign Businesses**

A Foreign business is a business headquartered outside the United States. If you are a Foreign business, you should follow the guidance provided in this section. If your business is headquartered in the United States, you should follow the guidance in **Section IV** (Guidance for U.S. Businesses).

If you are a foreign business and wish to qualify as a small business, please follow these sequential steps:

1. Obtain a copy of Form FDA 3602A as described in Appendix 1.
2. Complete Sections I and II of Form FDA 3602A (MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered Outside the United States). Note you need to generate your Organization ID Number (Org ID) and insert this in the proper field in Form FDA 3602A. Your Org ID is separate and distinct from any other number that may be associated with your company. See **Section VII** (Frequently-Asked Questions) of this guidance for instructions on generating the Org ID.
3. Submit Form FDA 3602A to your National Taxing Authority (the equivalent of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service), who then completes Section III of that form (i.e., National Taxing Authority Certification). Please ensure all appropriate boxes and lines are filled in.
4. The National Taxing Authority returns the updated form to you.

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5. Submit the completed Form FDA 3602A, with Sections I, II, and III fully completed, to FDA for review. Note that Appendix 1 describes how to obtain a copy of Form FDA 3602A and Appendix 4 of this guidance includes instructions for how to complete this form. In addition, if your business has any foreign affiliates, you must send a separate certified Section III of Form FDA 3602A for each foreign affiliate. If your business has any U.S. affiliates, you must send a Federal (U.S.) income tax return for each U.S. affiliate.

We recommend that you review **Section VI** (Guidance for Foreign Governments – How to Prepare a National Taxing Authority Certification) to understand the responsibility of your National Taxing Authority and, specifically, Section III of Form FDA 3602A.

FDA will complete its review of your Small Business Certification Request, which includes your completed Form FDA 3602A and supporting evidence within 60 calendar days of receipt. Upon completion of our review, we will send you a letter that indicates whether your business has been qualified under MDUFA as a small business. A qualified small business is then eligible for a reduced or waived fee for submissions made during that FY. If your business is qualified as a small business, FDA’s decision letter will assign you a Small Business Decision number. You should provide this number to FDA each time during the applicable FY that you want to receive a small business fee discount for any of your eligible applications or, if you qualify, when you want to obtain a free waiver for your first premarket application/report.

#### **What is an affiliate?**

The term “affiliate” is defined by Section 737(12) of the FD&C Act. An affiliate means a business entity that has a relationship with a second business entity if, directly or indirectly:

- (a) one business entity controls, or has the power to control, the other business entity; or
- (b) a third-party controls, or has power to control, both of the business entities.

You must include the gross receipts or sales of all of your affiliates with your own gross receipts or sales when you prepare your Form FDA 3602A (MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered Outside the United States).

#### **Who is my National Taxing Authority?**

Your National Taxing Authority is the government agency that collects your national income tax. Please contact your national government to identify the appropriate point of contact for your National Taxing Authority.

#### **What do I do if the National Taxing Authority does not provide the certification on Section III of Form FDA 3602A for my business or my foreign affiliate?**

Form FDA 3602A contains a field for certification from a National Taxing Authority for a foreign business or affiliate, which serves as authentication of the gross sales and receipts for that business/affiliate. FDA expects you to obtain this official certification.

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If the National Taxing Authority does not provide the certification, you may provide a written explanation of impossibility for why you were unable to obtain this certification along with Form FDA 3602A. All explanations should include documentation from the National Taxing Authority, in English, of refusal to provide the certification. All explanations are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

#### **May a foreign applicant file a Federal (U.S.) income tax return in order to qualify as a small business under MDUFA?**

Although the law does not prohibit a foreign business from submitting a Federal (U.S.) income tax return, filing a Federal (U.S.) income tax return may have significant tax and other legal consequences beyond simply making you eligible as a small business under MDUFA. FDA cannot provide advice regarding whether you should or should not file a Federal (U.S.) income tax return. If you are in doubt as to whether it is advisable for you to file a Federal (U.S.) income tax return, you should consider consulting with qualified legal and tax professionals. Additional information on Federal (U.S.) income taxation is available from the United States Internal Revenue Service ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)).

#### **Where may I obtain a copy of Form FDA 3602A (MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request)?**

You may obtain the PDF version of this form at <https://www.fda.gov/media/106907/download>. After you complete the form, you need to save the changes to your computer.

#### **Where do I send my completed Form FDA 3602A (MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request) and supporting materials?**

The current mailing address for FDA's Medical Device User Fee Small Business Certification Request is located at the following website, [h https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/premarket-submissions/reduced-medical-device-user-fees-small-business-determination-sbd-program](https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/premarket-submissions/reduced-medical-device-user-fees-small-business-determination-sbd-program).

Include the completed certifications from your foreign national taxing authorities and signed copies of all Federal (U.S.) income tax returns that relate to your Small Business Certification Request.

## **VI. Guidance for Foreign Governments – How to Prepare a National Taxing Authority Certification**

Qualification as a MDUFA small business allows the business to pay reduced medical device user fees. The Medical Device User Fee Amendments of 2007 provide an alternative means for a foreign business to demonstrate that it qualifies as a MDUFA small business. Instead of providing a Federal (U.S.) income tax return, a foreign business may now obtain a certification from its “National Taxing Authority” showing that its gross receipts or sales do

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not exceed the \$100 million qualification threshold. The law requires that this certification, referred to as the “National Taxing Authority Certification,” must:

- be in English;
- be from the National Taxing Authority of the country in which the business is headquartered;
- provide the business’s gross receipts or sales for the most recent year, in both the local currency and in United States dollars, and the exchange rate used in converting local currency to U.S. dollars;
- provide the dates during which the reported receipts or sales were collected; and
- bear the official seal of the National Taxing Authority.

See Sections 738(d)(2)(B)(iii) and 738(e)(2)(B)(iii) of the FD&C Act.

Form FDA 3602A (MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered Outside the United States) provides space for this required information in Section III — National Taxing Authority Certification.

#### **May the National Taxing Authority Certification be provided in any language other than English?**

No. Sections 738(d)(2)(B)(iii)(II) and 738(e)(2)(B)(iii)(II) of the FD&C Act require the certification to be in English.

#### **What are “gross receipts or sales”?**

If you are unsure how “gross receipts or sales” relate to your national income taxation system, please contact the United States Internal Revenue Services through the United States Embassy.

#### **What information should the business submit to the National Taxing Authority?**

The business should send the National Taxing Authority a Form FDA 3602A (MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered Outside the United States), with Section I and II fully completed. Each National Taxing Authority may require the business to provide additional information and evidence needed by the National Taxing Authority to determine the gross receipts or sales it will report in the National Taxing Authority Certification for the business.

#### **What exchange rate should be used to convert local currency to U.S. dollars?**

You should use the exchange rate in effect as of the ending date of the period during which the reported receipts or sales were collected; this is the date shown in response to item 5.b. of the National Taxing Authority Certification. FDA cannot provide this information to you; each National Taxing Authority is responsible for determining the appropriate exchange rate to use.

#### **Why does FDA require the National Taxing Authority Certification to bear the official seal of the National Taxing Authority?**

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This is a statutory requirement. Sections 738(d)(2)(B)(iii)(II) and 738(e)(2)(B)(iii)(II) of the FD&C Act require the National Taxing Authority Certification to bear the official seal of the National Taxing Authority.

## **VII. Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is the purpose of a Small Business Decision number?**

The Small Business Decision number is used by FDA to confirm that you have been qualified as a small business and may receive the appropriate user fee reduction or waiver when you submit an application that requires a user fee (as described at the FDA [MDUFA User Fees](#) website<sup>8</sup>). You should use your Small Business Decision number to document that you have qualified as a small business. You should include your Small Business Decision number when you submit a Medical Device User Fee Cover Sheet, which is available from the [FDA User Fee System](#).

### **When will my status as a small business begin?**

Your status as a small business will begin on the date of FDA's decision letter which qualified you as a small business.

### **When will my status as a small business expire?**

Your status as a small business will expire at the end of the FY for which the Small Business status was granted (September 30). You should submit a new MDUFA Small Business Certification Request each year to qualify as a small business. This is because:

- Your "gross sales and receipts" will vary from one year to another.
- We will always need a copy of your most recent Federal (U.S.) income tax return (if you are a U.S. business) or your most recent certification of income from your national taxing authority (if you are a foreign business).

### **What is an Organization ID Number (Org ID)?**

Org ID is a system-generated number assigned to a new organization during the User Fee account creation process that uniquely identifies your business in the [FDA User Fee System](#).<sup>9</sup> It is not the same as the Federal Employer Identification Number, Registration Number, or Taxpayer Identification Number. It is important this number is correct, because the Org ID is used by FDA to interact with an organization to ensure proper payment of its medical device applications that require the payment of a user fee. If this number is incorrect there could be a delay in processing your Small Business Certification reduced user fee for your application.

If you are a registered company, you should already have an organization ID number. You should use this one - do not create a new one.

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<sup>8</sup> Available at <https://www.fda.gov/industry/fda-user-fee-programs/medical-device-user-fee-amendments-mdufa>.

<sup>9</sup> Available at [https://userfees.fda.gov/OA\\_HTML/mdufmaCAcdLogin.jsp?legalsel=2&ref](https://userfees.fda.gov/OA_HTML/mdufmaCAcdLogin.jsp?legalsel=2&ref).



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Your Org ID may be found in the Profile section, under Business Information on the [User Fee System](#) MDUFA screen.<sup>10</sup> Follow these instructions to obtain your organization number:

1. Login to the User Fee System MDUFA screen and enter a valid user name and password to sign into the Medical Device User Fee Website. Located at: [https://userfees.fda.gov/OA\\_HTML/mdufmaCAcdLogin.jsp](https://userfees.fda.gov/OA_HTML/mdufmaCAcdLogin.jsp).
2. Click the “Go” button for the Medical Device User Fee (MDUFA Cover Sheets (e.g., PMA, De Novo, 510(k), etc.)) option, under the Cover Sheets section.
3. Click the Profile icon located on the top of the page
4. You will see Business Information under the Details tab. The organization ID number is listed below the organization name.

If your company has never paid a user fee, you should create a new [User Fee System account](#). See the [FDA User Fee System \(UFS\) Account Creation Desk Guide](#) located at: [https://userfees.fda.gov/OA\\_HTML/mdufa\\_account\\_creation.pdf](https://userfees.fda.gov/OA_HTML/mdufa_account_creation.pdf) for detailed instructions.

If you forgot your user name and/or password or a message displays "Invalid username and/or password" while attempting to login, you may retrieve your user name and/or password online by returning to the User Fee System website and clicking on the "[Forgot User Name/Password?](#)" link. You will need to enter your user name and/or email address and then click on the "email My Password" button. If the email address or username is valid, a temporary password will be sent to the user with the requested information. If the message "We're sorry, but we haven't been able to locate your account information" is displayed, you should create a new User Fee account.

Please contact the User Fee Helpdesk at [userfees@fda.gov](mailto:userfees@fda.gov) or (301) 796-7200 if you need assistance obtaining your Organization ID Number (Org ID) or there are any issues with your account. Be prepared to provide your organization name and address.

#### **What fee should I pay if I submit an application before FDA determines that I qualify as a small business?**

If you submit an application before FDA has qualified you as a small business, you should pay the standard (full) amount of any fee that applies. FDA will **not** refund the difference between the standard (full) fee and the small business fee if you later qualify as a small business. If you want to pay the small business fee for an application, you should not submit your application until you obtain your Small Business Decision number from FDA.

#### **May a company request a small business determination for a prior FY?**

No, Section 738(a)(2)(C) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act states that all device user fees are due upon submission of device reports (such as PMA annual report) or device applications. A company must pay the fees before submitting their reports or applications. The process requires an applicant to first submit (and receive) the small business certification, and then submit any user fee-requiring applications in order to obtain the

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<sup>10</sup> Available at [https://userfees.fda.gov/OA\\_HTML/mdufmaCAcdLogin.jsp](https://userfees.fda.gov/OA_HTML/mdufmaCAcdLogin.jsp)

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reduced fee. We have no provision for an applicant to retroactively request a small business status for a prior FY.

#### **What may happen if I submit a false Small Business Certification Request concerning my business?**

When you make your Small Business Certification Request, you are explicitly certifying:

“. . . to the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided in this Request is complete and accurate. I understand that submission of a false request may subject me to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and other applicable federal statutes.”

This statement appears immediately above your signature.

A false certification is one where you report information that is *not true* (for example, your gross receipts or sales are actually higher than you state) or if you *fail to disclose* required information (for example, you fail to disclose the existence of a parent, partner, or affiliate).

If FDA determines you submitted a false certification, we may suspend your status as a Small Business, we may suspend the review of any application you submitted until you pay the full fee that applies to that type of application, we may seek payment of the unpaid portion of fees that should have been paid, we may take other legal actions that are appropriate under the circumstances, and you may be subject to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and other applicable federal statutes.

#### **Who is the contact for the Small Business Certification Request?**

The primary contact for the Small Business Certification Request is the person making this Certification identified in Section 1, Box 4. If you would like to identify additional contacts, please identify any additional contacts on the cover letter of your Small Business Certification Request. To protect your confidential information, we will only communicate with individuals you have identified as contacts.

#### **If I have a question, whom may I ask?**

If you need additional information about becoming a MDUFA small business, contact FDA's [Division of Industry and Consumer Education](https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/device-advice-comprehensive-regulatory-assistance/contact-us-division-industry-and-consumer-education-dice)<sup>11</sup> by email at [DICE@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:DICE@fda.hhs.gov) or by phone at 800-638-2041 or 301-796-7100.

## **VIII. Appendix —Instructions for Completion of Form FDA 3602 and 3602A**

This appendix includes several references for use with this guidance:

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<sup>11</sup> Available at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/device-advice-comprehensive-regulatory-assistance/contact-us-division-industry-and-consumer-education-dice>.

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#	Appendix	Instruction
1	General Instructions for Completion of Forms	These are general instructions for downloading, editing and printing the forms (from Appendix 1)
2	<b>Instructions for Completing Form FDA 3602</b> (MDUFA Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered in the United States)	These are instructions to complete Form FDA 3602 (from Appendix 2)
3	<b>Instructions for Completing Form FDA 3602A</b> (MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered Outside the United States)	These are the instructions to complete Form FDA 3602A (from Appendix 3)

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## Appendix 1: General Instructions for Completion of Forms

Please complete the electronic PDF (portable document format) form.

If you cannot complete the PDF version on your computer, you may download a paper copy of the form and fill out the information in clear handwriting or with a typewriter. Please take care to write all numbers and digits clearly.

To complete the form with a computer:

- 1) Locate the Form FDA 3602:  
<https://www.fda.gov/media/106899/download>

Or locate Form FDA 3602A at:  
<https://www.fda.gov/media/106907/download>

- 2) Download the PDF version of the form and fill it out using your computer.
- 3) Save file as Adobe Acrobat PDF File on your computer.
- 4) Open the saved PDF file on your computer.
- 5) To complete the appropriate form:
  - a. Type directly onto the form.
  - b. If you are unable to type directly into the form
    - i. Go to the top right side of the page and Select “Tool”.
    - ii. Click on “Content”.
    - iii. Click on “Add or Edit Text Box”.
- 6) Save the form that you just updated to your computer.
- 7) Date and sign the form. You may date and sign the form either using a wet (i.e. ink) or a valid digital signature.<sup>12</sup>
- 8) Once the form is completed, print the form.

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<sup>12</sup> 21 CFR 11.3(7) *Electronic signature* means a computer data compilation of any symbol or series of symbols executed, adopted, or authorized by an individual to be for the appropriate FY (submissions received by FDA from October 1st, through September 30<sup>th</sup> for a FY). the legally binding equivalent of the individual's handwritten signature.

21 CFR 11.3 (8) *Handwritten signature* means the scripted name or legal mark of an individual handwritten by that individual and executed or adopted with the present intention to authenticate a writing in a permanent form. The act of signing with a writing or marking instrument such as a pen or stylus is preserved. The scripted name or legal mark, while conventionally applied to paper, may also be applied to other devices that capture the name or mark.

## **Appendix 2: Instructions for Completing Form FDA 3602 (MDUFA Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered in the United States)**

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You should complete and submit Form FDA 3602 (MDUFA Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered in the United States) for the appropriate Fiscal Year (FY) (requests received by FDA from October 1st, through September 30<sup>th</sup> for a FY).

Please identify the Fiscal Year for which the Small Business Certification Request is applicable in the upper right section of the header of the form.

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### **Section I — Information about the Business Requesting Small Business Status**

1. *Name of business requesting MDUFA Small Business status.* Provide the full legal name of the business.

When completing the Form FDA 3602 please assure the business name is the same name as the business name on your U.S. Federal Tax Form.

- If the business is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other legal entity, provide the name used in its articles of incorporation, articles of organization, partnership registration, or other similar instrument filed with the State or other government under whose laws the firm was created.
- If the business is a sole proprietorship owned entirely by one individual, provide the name used when filing Federal, State, or other taxes.

2. *Federal Employer Identification Number.* Your business's Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) was assigned to you by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and uniquely identifies your business.

When completing the Form FDA 3602, please ensure the Federal Employer Identification Number matches the Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) on your tax form.

2a. *The Organization ID Number (Org ID).* Org ID is a system-generated number assigned to a new organization during the User Fee account creation process that uniquely identifies your business in the [FDA User Fee System](#).<sup>13</sup> See **Section VII** (Frequently-Asked Questions)

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<sup>13</sup> Available at [https://userfees.fda.gov/OA\\_HTML/mdufmaCAcdLogin.jsp?legalsel=2&ref](https://userfees.fda.gov/OA_HTML/mdufmaCAcdLogin.jsp?legalsel=2&ref).

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of this guidance for instructions on obtaining your Org ID; the Org ID is used by FDA to interact with an organization to ensure proper payment of its medical device applications that require the payment of a user fee. If this number is incorrect there could be a delay in processing your Small Business Certification reduced user fee for an application.

3. *Address where business is physically located.* This is the address where the business is physically located (i.e., the address you would give to a person who needed to travel directly to the business's primary establishment).

4. *Name of person making this Small Business Certification Request.* This is the person who is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the information provided in the request and who must sign the Small Business Certification Request (see item 10). This is also the person FDA will contact for all communications regarding your MDUFA Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered in the United States.

5. *Your telephone number.* This is the telephone number where FDA may reach you if we have a question concerning your MDUFA Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered in the United States.

6. *Your mailing address.* This is the address FDA will use to mail any correspondence regarding the Small Business Certification Request. If your mailing address is the same as item 3, you may check the box instead of providing the information again in Box 6.

7. *Your email address.* This is the email address that the FDA will use to communicate with you about your MDUFA Small Business Certification Request and send your decision letter. Our primary means of communicating with you is via email; therefore, please make sure your email address is correct and functioning. If you do not have an e-mail address or provide one that is functioning, we will communicate by standard mail.

8. *What is your relation to the business requesting the MDUFA Small Business status?* Briefly explain your position within the business (e.g., Chief Financial Officer; Vice President; Chief Counsel; or other relationship that gives you authority to provide a MDUFA Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered in the United States on behalf of the business).

9. *Have you listed all of the business's affiliates in Section II of this form?* If you have any affiliates, check the first box ("Yes") and list them in Section II of the form. If you do not have any affiliates, check the second box ("This business has no affiliates.").

- What is an affiliate? This term is defined by § 737(12) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Affiliate means a business entity that has a relationship with a second business entity where, directly or indirectly:
  - (a) one business entity controls, or has the power to control, the other business entity; or
  - (b) a third-party controls, or has power to control, both of the business entities.

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10. The applicant’s signature on the Form FDA 3602 in box 10 may be a wet (i.e., ink) signature or a valid digital signature. *Complete, sign, and date the following certification.* In this certification, you should provide the following information:

- The name of the business that is requesting MDUFA small business status. This should be identical to your response to item 1.
- Check *one* response to indicate whether the business has any affiliates. Please make sure this agrees with the response in box 9.
  - Check the first box if the business has no affiliates and you have completed box 9 as “This business has no affiliates.
  - Check the second box if the business has only the affiliates you listed in Section II of the form and you have completed box 9 as “Yes”.
- Check *one* response to indicate how the business determined it met the requirement that it have “gross receipts or sales” of no more than \$100 million:
  - Check the first box if the entity reported “gross receipts or sales” of no more than \$100 million on its most recent Federal (U.S.) income tax return. Attach a true and accurate copy (a complete and unaltered copy) of the business’s most-recent Federal (U.S.) income tax return. *FDA cannot accept a foreign tax return instead of a Federal (U.S.) income tax return.*
- Where do I find my gross receipts or sales?  
 You reported your gross receipts or sales on your most recent Federal (U.S.) income tax return. Please note that the following list is not an all-inclusive list for IRS Forms that may contain information on your gross receipts or sales. You should provide all IRS Forms that contain information on your gross receipts or sales.

<b>IRS Form</b>	<b>see Line Number:</b>
Schedule C (Form 1040)	1
Schedule C-EZ (Form 1040)	1
Form 1065	1a
Form 1065-B	1a
Form 1120	1a
Form 1120-F	Section II, 1a
Form 1120S	1a
Form 990	12
Any other form	contact FDA

- Check the second box if the business *and* all its affiliates *together* reported “gross receipts or sales” of no more than \$100 million on their most recent Federal income tax returns. You should attach a true and accurate copy (a complete and unaltered copy) of the entity’s most recent Federal (U.S.) income tax return *and* a true and

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accurate copy of each affiliate's most recent Federal income tax return.

- **What is the most recent tax year?**

You should submit your most recent tax return. If you submit your Small Business Certification Request prior to the current year's due date for your taxes, you may submit your previous year's tax return.

If you obtained an extension to file your taxes, then you may use your most recent return filed prior to the extension. In this scenario, you should also include your IRS Form 7004: Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File Certain Business Income Tax, Information, and Other Returns in your application.

- The person identified in item 4 ("Name of person making this request") must sign the Small Business Certification Request.
- Date the request (this is the date you signed the Small Business Certification Request).

## **Section II — Information about You and Your Affiliates**

Section II of the form provides space for listing up to 15 affiliates; if you have more than 15 affiliates, you may provide the additional information on one or more additional copies of Section II.

*Lines 1 through 15:*

List each affiliate on a separate line. For each, you should provide the following information:

- a. *Name of Affiliate.* Provide the full legal name of the affiliate:
  - If the affiliate is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other legal entity, you should provide the name used in its articles of incorporation, articles of organization, partnership registration, or other similar instrument filed with the State or other government under whose laws the firm was created.
  - If the affiliate is a sole proprietorship (that is, it is owned by an individual), you should provide the name used when filing Federal, State, or other taxes.



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b. *Taxpayer ID Number.* This number uniquely identifies each business:

- If the affiliate is headquartered in the United States, you should provide the Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) assigned to the affiliate by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.
- If the affiliate is headquartered outside the United States, you should provide the Taxpayer Identification Number provided by the National Taxing Authority where the affiliate has its headquarters.

c. *Gross Receipts or Sales.*

For each affiliate headquartered in the United States, you should copy this number from the most-recent Federal (U.S.) income tax return for the affiliate. See the instruction for item 9 to learn where you will find this information on a Federal (U.S.) income return. For each affiliate headquartered outside the United States, you should copy the information from item 3.b. of the National Taxing Authority Certification for the affiliate.

16. *Total Gross Receipts or Sales of All Affiliates.* This is the sum of the Gross Receipts or Sales shown in column c. of lines 1 through 15. If you have no affiliates, please enter “0”.

17. *Gross Receipts or Sales of the Business Making this Small Business Certification Request.* This is the gross receipts or sales of the business identified in Section I, item 1.

18. *Total Gross Receipts or Sales Used to Determine Qualification as a Small Business.* This is the sum of lines 16 and 17. To qualify as a MDUFA small business fee discounts, this sum must be no more than \$100 million. See Sections 738(d)(2)(A) and 738(e)(2)(A) of the FD&C Act.

Once you have completed your Form FDA 3602, print and sign the form. Mail the completed form and your supporting documentation (copies of the Federal (U.S.) income tax returns) to Medical Device User Fee Small Business Certification Request mailing address which is available at the following website, <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/premarket-submissions/reduced-medical-device-user-fees-small-business-determination-sbd-program>.

Be sure to include complete, signed copies of all Federal (U.S.) income tax returns and certifications from foreign national taxing authorities that relate to your Certification.

If you need assistance, please contact the Division of Industry and Consumer Education at 800-638-2041 or 301-796-7100 or e-mail at [DICE@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:DICE@fda.hhs.gov).

## **Appendix 3: Instructions for Completing Form FDA 3602A (MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered Outside the United States)**

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### **Section I — Information about the Business Requesting Small Business Status**

1. *Name of business requesting MDUFA Small Business status.* Provide the full legal name of the business:

- If the business is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other legal entity, provide the name used in its articles of incorporation, articles of organization, partnership registration, or other similar instrument filed with the government under whose laws the business was created.
- If the business is a sole proprietorship owned entirely by one individual, provide the name used when filing income taxes.

2. *Taxpayer Identification Number.* This is the identification number used by your National Taxing Authority to uniquely identify your business.

2a. *The Organization ID Number (Org ID)* Org ID is a system-generated number assigned to a new organization during the User Fee account creation process that uniquely identifies your business in the [FDA User Fee System](#).<sup>14</sup> See **Section VII** (Frequently-Asked Questions) of this guidance for instructions on obtaining your Org ID; The Org ID is used by FDA to interact with an organization to ensure proper payment of its medical device applications that require the payment of a user fee. If this number is incorrect there could be a delay in processing your Small Business Certification reduced user fee for an application.

-3. *Address where business is physically located.* This is the address where the business is physically located (i.e., the address you would give to a person who needed to travel directly to the business's primary establishment).

4. *Name of person making this Small Business Certification Request.* This is the person who is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the information provided in the request and who must sign the Small Business Certification Request (see item 10). Only the head of your firm or your chief financial officer may make and sign the Certification; see Sections 738(d)(2)(B)(iii) and 738(e)(2)(B)(iii) of the FD&C Act. This is also the person FDA will contact for all communications regarding your MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request for a Business Headquartered Outside the United States.

5. *Your telephone number.* This is the telephone number where FDA may reach you if we have a question concerning your MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request for a Business Headquartered Outside the United States.

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6. *Your mailing address.* This is the address that FDA will use to mail any correspondence to. If your mailing address is the same as item 3, you may check the box instead of providing the information again in Box 6.

7. *Your email address.* This is the email address that the FDA will use to communicate with you about your MDUFA Small Business Certification Request and send your decision letter. Our primary means of communicating with you is via email; therefore, please make sure your email address is correct and functioning. If you do not have an e-mail address or provide one that is functioning, we will communicate by standard mail.

### **Section II — Information about Your Affiliates**

Section II of the form provides space for listing up to 5 affiliates; if you have more than 5 affiliates, you may provide the additional information on one or more additional copies of Section II.

*Lines 1 through 5:*

List each affiliate on a separate line. For each, you should provide the following information:

a. *Name of Affiliate.* Provide the full legal name of the affiliate:

- **What is an affiliate?** This term is defined by § 737(12) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Affiliate means a business entity that has a relationship with a second business entity where, directly or indirectly —
  - (a) one business entity controls, or has the power to control, the other business entity; or
  - (b) a third-party controls, or has power to control, both business entities.
- If the affiliate is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other legal entity, you should provide the name used in its articles of incorporation, articles of organization, partnership registration, or other similar instrument filed with the Nation, State, or other government under whose laws the firm was created.
- If the affiliate is a sole proprietorship (that is, it is owned by an individual), you should provide the name used when filing Foreign, Federal (U.S.), State, or other taxes.

b. *Taxpayer ID Number.* This number uniquely identifies each business:

- If the affiliate is headquartered in the United States, you should provide the Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) assigned to the affiliate by the U.S. Internal

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- If the affiliate is headquartered outside the United States, you should provide the Taxpayer Identification Number provided by the National Taxing Authority where the affiliate has its headquarters.

*c. Gross Receipts or Sales.*

For each affiliate headquartered in the United States, you should copy this number from the most-recent Federal (U.S.) income tax return for the affiliate. For each affiliate headquartered outside the United States, you should copy the information from item 3.b. of the National Taxing Authority Certification for the affiliate.

- Where do I find the gross receipts or sales of an affiliate headquartered in the United States?  
Your affiliate reported its gross receipts or sales on its most recent Federal (U.S.) income tax return. Please note that the following list is not an all-inclusive list for IRS Forms that may contain information on your gross receipts or sales. You should provide all IRS Forms that contain information on your gross receipts or sales.

<b>IRS Form</b>	<b>see Line Number:</b>
Schedule C (Form 1040)	1
Schedule C-EZ (Form 1040)	1
Form 1065	1a
Form 1065-B	1a
Form 1120	1a
Form 1120-F	Section II, 1a
Form 1120S	1a
Form 990	12
Any other form	contact FDA

What is the most recent tax year of an affiliate headquartered in the United States?  
You should submit your most recent tax return. If you submit your Small Business Certification Request prior to the current year’s due date for your taxes, you may use the previous year’s tax return. You may submit your previous years’ tax return.

If you obtained an extension to file your taxes, then you may use your most recent return filed prior to the extension. In this scenario, you should also include your IRS Form 7004: Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File Certain Business Income Tax, Information, and Other Returns in your application.

6. *Total Gross Receipts or Sales of All Affiliates.* This is the sum of the Gross Receipts or Sales shown in column c. of lines 1 through 5. If you have no affiliates leave blank.

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7. *Gross Receipts or Sales of the Business Making this Small Business Certification Request.* This is the gross receipts or sales of the business identified in Section I, item 1, as reported to your National Taxing Authority.

8. *Total Gross Receipts or Sales Used to Determine Qualification as a Small Business.* This is the sum of items 6 and 7. For you to qualify for MDUFA small business fee discounts, this sum must be no more than \$100 million. See sections 738(d)(2)(A) and 738(e)(2)(A) of the FD&C Act.

9. *Have you attached a separate MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered Outside the United States or a Federal (U.S.) income tax return for each of your affiliates?* If you have any affiliates, check the first box (“Yes”) and list them in Section II of the form. If you do not have any affiliates, check the second box (“This business has no affiliates.”).

10. The applicant’s signature on the FDA Form 3602A in box 10 may be a wet (i.e., ink) signature or a valid digital signature. *Complete, sign, and date the following certification.* In this certification, you should provide the following information:

- The name of the business that is requesting MDUFA small business status. This should be identical to your response to item 1.
- Check *one* response to indicate whether the business has any affiliates:
  - Check the first box if the business has no affiliates.
  - Check the second box if the business has only the affiliates you listed in Section II of the form.
- The person identified in item 4 (“Name of person making this Certification”) must sign the Certification.
- Date the Certification (this is the date you signed the Certification).

### **Section III — National Taxing Authority Certification**

**After you have completed Sections I and II of your MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request, for a Business Headquartered Outside the United States, you should submit it to your National Taxing Authority.**

**What is my National Taxing Authority?** Your National Taxing Authority is the government agency that administers your national income tax. Please contact your national government if you need assistance in identifying and contacting your National Taxing Authority.

Your National Taxing Authority is responsible for completing Section III — National Taxing Authority Certification; you cannot complete this section yourself. You are responsible for

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identifying and contacting your National Taxing Authority. Your National Taxing Authority should complete Section III, and should then return your completed MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request for a Business Headquartered Outside the United States to you. You are responsible for sending your completed MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request for a Business Headquartered Outside the United States and all required supporting documentation to FDA.

Once you have completed your Form FDA 3602A, print and sign the form. Mail the completed form and your supporting documentation including the following to FDA's Medical Device User Fee Small Business Certification Request address, which is available at the following website <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/premarket-submissions/reduced-medical-device-user-fees-small-business-determination-sbd-program>.

- a copy of the most recent Federal (U.S.) income tax return for each of your affiliates headquartered in the United States, *and*
- a copy of an MDUFA Foreign Small Business Certification Request for *each* of your foreign affiliates.

If you need assistance, please contact the Division of Industry and Consumer Education at 800-638-2041 or 301-796-7100 or e-mail at [DICE@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:DICE@fda.hhs.gov).

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## **IX. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995**

This guidance contains information collection provisions that are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520).

The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 2 hours, including the time to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or suggestions for reducing this burden to:

FDA PRA Staff,  
Office of Operations,  
Food and Drug Administration,  
[PRAStaff@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:PRAStaff@fda.hhs.gov)

The guidance refers to approved collections of information under sections 738(d) and 738(e) of the FD&C Act. The collections of information in Form FDA 3602 and Form FDA 3602A have both been approved under OMB Control Number 0910-0508 (expires May 31, 2022).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.