

ACQUISITIONS / LICENSING AND MERGERS – REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND STRATEGIES: DRUG SHORTAGE CONSIDERATIONS



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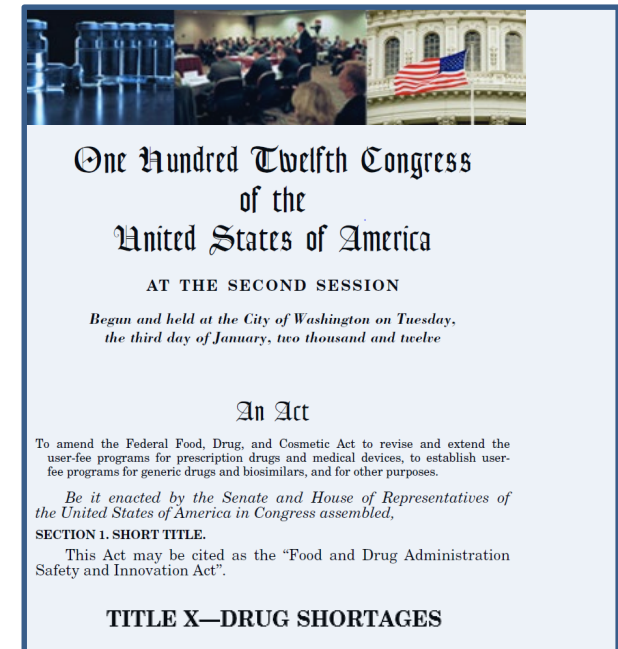
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REQUIREMENTS TO INDUSTRY FOR EARLY NOTIFICATIONS: UNDER SECTION 506C OF THE FD&C ACT (2012)

Manufacturers are required to notify the FDA of “a change in production that is reasonably likely to lead to a reduction in the supply” of a covered drug in the United States

- “At least 6 months in advance of...but in no case later than 5 business days after the...interruption in manufacturing occurs”
- Not limited to medically necessary products
- Regardless of market share, or number of companies marketing, or wholesaler volumes



Manufacturers Report on Potential Impact to Supply

At the time of any change in manufacturing that may lead to a reduction in supply of a product*, e.g.:

- **Plans for plant upgrade or remediation or closure**
- **Manufacturing issues**
- **Product quality issues**
- **Distribution changes**

***Note, product refers to a specific strength, dosage form, and route of administration**

FDA requests manufacturers notify FDA ahead of any potential impact if known, not as, or after, they are unable to fill orders or unable to meet expected demand

Considerations During Mergers and Acquisitions

- **Understand product portfolio, market position and possible overlap. Is your product now sole source ?**
- **Do both organizations have established communication channels with the Drug Shortage Staff ? Transitioning when appropriate.**
- **Are there existing shortages or shortage prevention efforts on going ?**
- **Risk management plan impact ?**

CONTACTS



Current shortage information updated daily at:
<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/drugshortages/default.cfm>

Industry can notify FDA Drug Shortage Staff via [CDER Direct NextGen Portal](#).

This portal is intended **ONLY** for drug manufacturers/applicants. Industry can notify the FDA Drug Shortage Staff of new discontinuances, GMP issues, increase in product demand, recalls, supply interruptions, or other events.

To contact DSS:

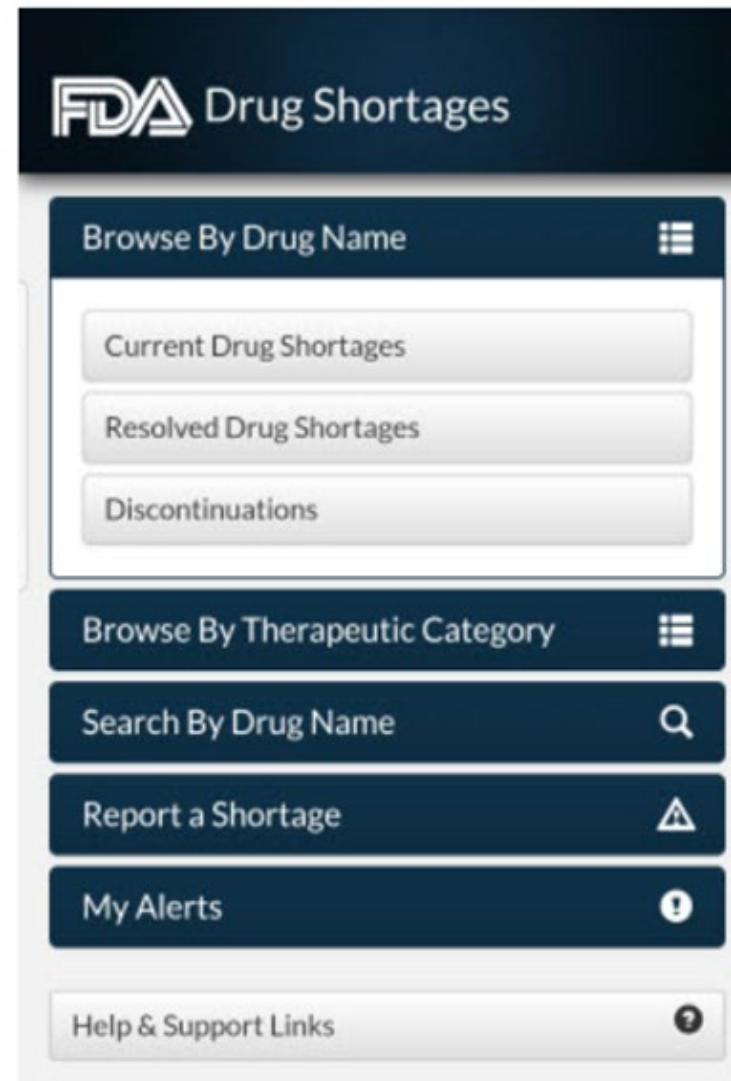
Email: drugshortages@fda.hhs.gov

FDA Drug Shortages Homepage:

<https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/DrugShortages/default.htm>

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