# Consultants Update *COVID-19*

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# **Discussion Topics**

- FDA Update Food Gas Registration
  - New DUNS Guidance
  - Registration Definitions
  - Retail exemption
- Settled Pressure Test
- Production/Distribution Capacity



#### FDA Food Registration – DUNS Number

- DUNS number required in 2020's Food Registration
- Formerly FDA DUNS Portal ... now contact D&B directly:
  - Phone at 866-705-5711
  - Website <a href="http://www.dnb.com/duns-number.html">http://www.dnb.com/duns-number.html</a>
- DUNS delays??? Use "PENDING" for the DUNS number
- 90 day extension... cancellation
- Registration deadline is 12/31/2020
- New FDA Guidance https://www.fda.gov/media/143997/download



#### **FDA Food Registration Definitions**

- Different from FDA <u>drug</u> registration definitions
- "Manufacturer" filling cylinders, containers, trucks
- Ambient Food Storage Warehousing storing cylinders, containers, etc.
- Not for gases:
  - Repacking
  - Refrigerated warehousing



## **FDA Food Registration Definitions**

Section 9a: General Product Categories - Food for Human Consumption; and Type of Activity Conducted at the Facility

To be completed by all food facilities.	Ambient Food Storage Warehouse	Refrigerated Food Storage Warehouse	Frozen Food Storage Warehouse	Acidified	Low-	Interstat			Manufact	Packer /	Salvage Operator	Farm Mixed-	Other
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#### FDA Food Registration – Retail Exemption

- If more than 50% of food gas sales are to consumers
  - No registration is needed
- Consumers
  - End user
  - Not bars, restaurants, businesses



#### **Settled Pressure Test**

- Useful operations management tool
  - SOP and forms available
- Not required by DOT or FDA since 2004
  - FDA requirement cylinder/container has the correct labeled contents (liters/cf)
- Tolerance is +/- 3%, per CGA P-77, Standard For Filling Nonliquefied Gases In DOT/TC Specification Cylinders To A Specified Settled Pressure



## **Production/Distribution Capacity**

- Pandemic Operations/Asset Management
  - CGA SA-35, Safety Alert, Cleaning of Cylinders Returned from Health Care Facilities During a Pandemic
  - CGA SA-36, Safety Alert, Cylinder and Cryogenic Container Issue Related to Cylinder Conversion and Filling During the COVID-19 Crisis
  - CGA M-14, Guideline for Bulk Liquid Oxygen and Bulk Liquid Nitrogen Trailer Change of Grade
    - M-14.1, Bulk Trailer Change of Grade Validation Protocol
- GAWDA sample procedures and deviations



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