products to electronically self-identify with FDA and update that information annually.

Self-identification is required for two purposes. First, it is necessary to determine the universe of facilities required to pay user fees. Second, self-identification is a central component of an effort to promote global supply chain transparency. The information provided through self-identification enables quick, accurate, and reliable surveillance of generic drugs and facilitates inspections and compliance.

Most facilities that self-identify are required to pay an annual facility user fee. These include facilities manufacturing, or intending to manufacture, API of human generic drugs and/or finished dosage form (FDF) human generic drugs. Other facilities, sites, and organizations must self-identify, but are not required to pay the annual facility user fee. These include facilities that solely manufacture positron emission tomography drugs, or sites and organizations that only perform testing, repackaging, or relabeling operations. Please note that while re-packagers are not required to pay user fees, packagers are, in most cases, FDF manufacturers and subject to facility fees.

A separate system for the electronic self-identification of generic industry facilities, sites, and organizations was established for GDUFA. Entities required to register and list (under section 510 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360) or section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262)), and those required to self-identify under GDUFA, submit information separately to the respective systems. Each system populates its own database to meet unique requirements and deadlines. The new GDUFA system uses the same platform and technical standards already familiar to manufacturers required to register and list.

This guidance is being issued consistent with FDA’s good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The guidance represents the current thinking of FDA on “Self-Identification of Generic Drug Facilities, Sites, and Organizations.” It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

II. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the guidance at either http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/GuidanceCompliance/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm or http://www.regulations.gov.