

firm will ordinarily be responsible for conducting effectiveness checks, but the Food and Drug Administration will assist in this task where necessary and appropriate. The recall strategy will specify the method(s) to be used for and the level of effectiveness checks that will be conducted, as follows:

- (i) Level A—100 percent of the total number of consignees to be contacted;
- (ii) Level B—Some percentage of the total number of consignees to be contacted, which percentage is to be determined on a case-by-case basis, but is greater than 10 percent and less than 100 percent of the total number of consignees;
- (iii) Level C—10 percent of the total number of consignees to be contacted;
- (iv) Level D—2 percent of the total number of consignees to be contacted; or
- (v) Level E—No effectiveness checks.

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§ 7.45 Food and Drug Administration-requested recall.

(a) The Commissioner of Food and Drugs or his designee under § 5.20 of this chapter may request a firm to initiate a recall when the following determinations have been made:

- (1) That a product that has been distributed presents a risk of illness or injury or gross consumer deception.
- (2) That the firm has not initiated a recall of the product.
- (3) That an agency action is necessary to protect the public health and welfare.

(b) The Commissioner or his designee will notify the firm of this determination and of the need to begin immediately a recall of the product. Such notification will be by letter or telegram to a responsible official of the firm, but may be preceded by oral communication or by a visit from an authorized representative of the local Food and Drug Administration district office, with formal, written confirmation from the Commissioner or his designee afterward. The notification will specify the violation, the health hazard classification of the violative product, the recall strategy, and other appro-

priate instructions for conducting the recall.

(c) Upon receipt of a request to recall, the firm may be asked to provide the Food and Drug Administration any or all of the information listed in § 7.46(a). The firm, upon agreeing to the recall request, may also provide other information relevant to the agency's determination of the need for the recall or how the recall should be conducted.

§ 7.46 Firm-initiated recall.

(a) A firm may decide of its own volition and under any circumstances to remove or correct a distributed product. A firm that does so because it believes the product to be violative is requested to notify immediately the appropriate Food and Drug Administration district office listed in § 5.115 of this chapter. Such removal or correction will be considered a recall only if the Food and Drug Administration regards the product as involving a violation that is subject to legal action, e.g., seizure. In such cases, the firm will be asked to provide the Food and Drug Administration the following information:

- (1) Identity of the product involved.
- (2) Reason for the removal or correction and the date and circumstances under which the product deficiency or possible deficiency was discovered.
- (3) Evaluation of the risk associated with the deficiency or possible deficiency.
- (4) Total amount of such products produced and/or the timespan of the production.
- (5) Total amount of such products estimated to be in distribution channels.
- (6) Distribution information, including the number of direct accounts and, where necessary, the identity of the direct accounts.
- (7) A copy of the firm's recall communication if any has issued, or a proposed communication if none has issued.
- (8) Proposed strategy for conducting the recall.
- (9) Name and telephone number of the firm official who should be contacted concerning the recall.