



**NOTIFICATION**

*Addendum*

The following communication, dated 6 March 2026, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

**Title:** Revising the National Drug Code Format and Drug Label Barcode Requirements

<b>Reason for Addendum:</b>	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure published - date: 5 March 2026
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Text of final measure available from <sup>1</sup> : <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/USA/final_measure/26_01307_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/USA/final_measure/26_01307_00_e.pdf</a>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from <sup>1</sup> : New deadline for comments (if applicable):
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**Description:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, the Agency, or we) is issuing a final rule to [standardize the format of the National Drug Code \(NDC\)](#). Under this final rule, all FDA-assigned NDCs will be required to be 12 digits in length with 3 distinct segments and 1 uniform format. The first segment is a 6-digit labeler code, the second segment is a 4-digit product code, and the third segment is a 2-digit package code. Additionally, we are revising the drug product barcode label requirements to permit the use of other data carriers that meet the standards of this final rule.

This rule is effective 7 March 2033.

91 Federal Register (FR) 10749, 5 March 2026; [Title 21](#) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts [201](#) and [207](#):

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-03-05/html/2026-04368.htm>

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<sup>1</sup> This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.

This final rule and the proposed rule notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/1899](#) is identified by Docket Number FDA-2021-N-1351. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FDA-2021-N-1351/document> and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](#) by searching the Docket Number.

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