

#### **Updates, Mergers, and Acquisitions**

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## **Learning Objectives**

After participating in this session, attendees should be able to:

- Describe timing requirements to update labeler code information
- Describe labeler code update requirements in merger and acquisition cases

## Labeler Code Updates



- Within 30 calendar days after any change
- Per 21 Code of Federal Regulations § 207.33(c)(2)
- Official communication from FDA





## Labeler Code Updates



- FDA sends communications to labeler contacts for:
  - Listing data deficiency
  - Annual reminders
  - New agency initiatives and requirements

#### Mergers & Acquisitions



- Company specific decisions
- Companies can merge or be acquired
- Products can be acquired with or without a merger
- LCs can be acquired
- Can require updates to:
  - Registration SPL, Labeler Code SPL, and Listing SPL

## Mergers (Example)



- Company A and B merge into Company C
- Company C keeps Company A's Labeler Code
  - Company A or C:
    - Update Company A's LC and Registration SPLs
    - Update drug listing with new labeler name

## Mergers (Example)



- Company A and B merge into Company C
- Company C keeps Company A's Labeler Code
  - Company B or C:
  - Discontinue drug listings associated to Company B's LC
  - Relist all drugs under Company C's LC and NDC
  - Inactivate Company B's LC and deregister its registration

#### Acquisitions (Example)



- Company A acquires company B
  - Company B should deregister
  - Company B's LC should be updated or inactivated
    - If Company B's products are also acquired

# Acquisitions (Example)



- Company A acquires human prescription line for Company B
- Company B continues manufacturing human OTC drugs
  - LC cannot be transferred
  - Acquired drugs must be delisted under Company B's
     LC
  - Acquired drugs must be listed under Company A's LC

#### Challenge Question



Labeler Code Information including the name, physical address, email address and other contact information must be updated

- a) Within 60 days
- b) Within 90 days
- c) Within 30 days
- d) Every June and December



# Questions?

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