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# WA Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission Pharmacy Self-Inspection Worksheet

# 2025 Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA) – Optional Addendum

# **Attention: Responsible Pharmacy Manager or Equivalent Manager**

Washington law holds the responsible manager (or equivalent manager) responsible for ensuring compliance with all state and federal laws governing the practice of pharmacy. It is recommended that this DSCSA addendum be completed along with other required self-inspection worksheets as applicable, within the month of March and within 30 days of becoming responsible manager (as required by WAC 246-945-005).

Although completing the DSCSA addendum is optional for 2025, compliance with the provisions of DSCSA is still required for entities licensed by the commission (RCW 18.64.026(1)). The following addendum once completed should be kept on file. Do not send to the commission office.

The primary objective of this self-inspection worksheet is to provide an opportunity to assess compliance with the federal requirements of the Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA). This worksheet serves as a starting point for compliance with the federal provisions of the DSCSA. (**Note**: Neither the self-inspection nor a commission inspection evaluates your complete compliance with all laws and rules of the practice of pharmacy.) The ultimate responsibility of compliance to DSCSA rests on each pharmaceutical firm and pharmacy personnel.

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#### General Rule Reference - Applies to all questions through worksheet.

RCW 18.64.026(1): "The commission is authorized to take any of the actions identified in this section against licenses, registrations, permits, or other credentials or approvals issued by the commission under this chapter and chapters 18.64A, 69.38, 69.41, 69.43, 69.45, and 69.50 RCW in any case in which it finds the licensee has failed or refused to comply with any state or federal statute or administrative rule regulating the license in question including, but not limited to, Title 69 RCW, this chapter, chapter 18.64A RCW, and administrative rules adopted by the commission, except as otherwise limited in this section.

## **Purpose of DSCSA:**

The Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA) outlines steps to achieve a secure, interoperable, and electronic way to identify and trace certain prescription drugs at the package level as they move through the supply chain. This helps prevent harmful drugs from entering the U.S. drug supply chain, detect harmful drugs if they do enter the supply chain, and enable rapid response to remove harmful drugs from the supply chain to protect patients.<sup>1, 2</sup>

## **Applicability:**

Each manufacturer, wholesale distributor, and dispenser (i.e., pharmacies and Heath Care Entities (HCEs) shall comply with the requirements set forth in this section with respect to the role of such manufacturer, wholesale distributor, or dispenser in a transaction involving drug products. If an entity meets the definition of more than one of the entities listed in the preceding sentence, such entity shall comply with all applicable requirements in this section but shall not be required to duplicate requirements. See Sec. 582 (1) of FD&C Act.

## **Exemptions to DSCSA:**

The Food & Drug Administration has the authority to grant waivers, exceptions and exemptions from **certain requirements** in section 582 of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act). Please see the FDA website for additional information: <a href="https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-supply-chain-security-act-dscsa/drug-supply-chain-security-act-dscsa/drug-supply-chain-security-act-dscsa-waivers-exceptions-and-exemptions">https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-supply-chain-security-act-dscsa/drug-supply-chain-security-act-dscsa-waivers-exceptions-and-exemptions</a>

# **Additional Note on Exemptions:**

Meeting an exemption does not exempt a pharmaceutical firm from other obligations under DSCSA. For example, pharmacies meeting the "small dispensers" exemption are still required to obtain drugs through authorized trading partners, have the duty to identify suspect products, appropriately quarantine, investigate, and alert the FDA and relevant trading partners as required in Section 582(g)(1) and 582(d)(4) of the FD&C Act.

- 1 https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-supply-chain-integrity/drug-supply-chain-security-act-dscsa
- 2 https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-supply-chain-security-act-dscsa/pharmacists-utilize-dscsa-requirements-protect-your-patients

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Sectio	Section 1: Authorized Trading Partners						
		valid issued	the pharmaceutical firm possess a federal registration and/or state d license to purchase or distribute products as an authorized trading	Title II Food Drug and Cosmetics Act – DSCSA Section 581 (2) – Definitions – Authorized  (2) The term 'authorized' means – (A) in the case of a manufacturer or repackager, having a valid registration in accordance with section 510; (B) in the case of a wholesale distributor, having a valid license under State law or section 583, in accordance with section 582(a)(6), and complying with the licensure reporting requirements under section 503(e), as amended by the Drug Supply Chain Security Act; (D) in the case of a dispenser, having a valid license under State law.	Click or tap here to enter text.		
		purch		Title II Food Drug and Cosmetics Act – DSCSA Section 582(b)(3), (c)(3), (d)(3), and (e)(3)  582(b)(3) Beginning not later than January 1, 2015, the trading partners of a manufacturer may be only authorized trading partners.  582(c)(3) Beginning not later than January 1, 2015, the trading partners of a wholesale distributor may be only authorized trading partners.  582(b)(3) - Beginning not later than January 1, 2015, the trading partners of a dispenser may be only authorized trading partners of a dispenser may be only authorized trading partners.  WAC 246-945-595 "It is unlawful for a wholesaler or manufacturer to perform, cause the performance of, or aid and abet any of the following acts in Washington state:  (5) The purchase or receipt of a drug from a person that is not authorized to distribute drugs"  (6) The sale or transfer of a drug to a person who is not legally authorized to receive a drug"	Click or tap here to enter text.		

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		Does the pharmaceutical firm have a process in place to routinely verify that trading partners it does business with are authorized trading partners?	WAC 246-945-410(6) "The facility shall create and implement policies and procedures related to: (a) Purchasing, ordering[of] legend drugs, including controlled substances."						
Sectio	Section 2: Labeling Requirements of Drug Products Distributed Under DSCSA								
		Do drug products purchased or distributed under DSCSA meet labeling requirements as it pertains to product identifiers?  4. Please see Section 581(13) of the FD&C Act for exempt drug products.	Title II Food Drug and Cosmetics Act – DSCSA Section 581(13)(14)  (13) Product The term `product' means a prescription drug in a finished dosage form for administration to a patient without substantial further manufacturing (such as capsules, tablets, and lyophilized products before reconstitution), but for purposes of section 582, does not include blood or blood components intended for transfusion, radioactive drugs or radioactive biological products (as defined in section 600.3(ee) of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations) that are regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission or by a State pursuant to an agreement with such Commission under section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2021), imaging drugs, an intravenous product described in clause (xiv), (xv), or (xvi) of paragraph (24)(B), any medical gas (as defined in section 575), homeopathic drugs marketed in accordance with applicable guidance under this Act, or a drug compounded in compliance with section 503A or 503B.  (14) Product Identifier The term `product identifier' means a standardized graphic that includes, in both human readable form and on a machine-readable data carrier that conforms to the standards developed by a widely recognized international standards developed by a widely recognized international standards development organization, the standardized numerical identifier, lot number, and expiration date of the product.  See also FDA Guidance Documented Titled: "Product Identifiers Under the Drug Supply Chain Security Act Questions and Answers" <a href="https://www.fda.gov/media/116304/download">https://www.fda.gov/media/116304/download</a>	Click or tap here to enter text.					

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Section 3: Covered Transactions and Product Tracing Information							
	5.	Is product tracing information provided with each transaction where a change in ownership of drug product occurs?	Section 581(24) Transaction  "(A) In generalThe term 'transaction' means the transfer of product between persons in which a change of ownership occurs.  (B) ExemptionsThe term 'transaction' does not include (i) intracompany distribution of any product between members of an affiliate or within a manufacturer; (ii) the distribution of a product among hospitals or other health care entities that are under common control"  Please see Section 581(24) for a complete list of exemptions.  Sec 582(b)(1) Manufacturer Requirements - Product Tracing (C)(i) "a manufacturer shall provide the transaction information, transaction history, and transaction statement required under subparagraph (A)(i) in electronic format"  Sec 582(c)(1) Wholesaler Requirements - Product Tracing (A)(i) "A wholesale distributor shall not accept ownership of a product unless the previous owner prior to, or at the time of, the transaction provides the transaction history, transaction information, and a transaction statement for the product, as applicable under this subparagraph.  (ii)(I)(aa) If the wholesale distributor purchased a product directly from the manufacturer, the exclusive distributor of the manufacturer, or a repackager that purchased directly from the manufacturer, then prior to, or at the time of, each transaction in which the wholesale distributor transfers ownership of a product, the wholesale distributor shall provide to the subsequent purchaser—"  Sec 582(d)(1) Dispenser Requirements – Product Tracing  (A)(i) "a dispenser shall not accept ownership of a product, unless the previous owner prior to, or at the time of, the transaction, provides transaction history, transaction information, and a transaction statement"	Click or tap here to enter text.			

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Is product tracing information provided in a secure and electronic manner that permits the interoperable exchange of product tracing information?  6. Important Note:  Please see additional FDA information on waivers and exemptions from Section 582(g)(1) of DSCSA.	Section 582(g)(1) Enhanced Drug Distribution Security  "(A) The transaction information and the transaction statements as required under this section shall be exchanged in a secure, interoperable, electronic manner in accordance with the standards established under the guidance issued pursuant to paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (h), including any revision of such guidance issued in accordance with paragraph (5) of such subsection"  (B) The transaction information required under this section shall include the product identifier at the package level for each package included in the transaction.  (C) Systems and processes for verification of product at the package level, including the standardized numerical identifier, shall be required in accordance with the standards established under the guidance issued pursuant to subsection (a)(2) and the guidance issued pursuant to paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of subsection (h), including any revision of such guidances issued in accordance with paragraph (5) of such subsection, which may include the use of aggregation and inference as necessary.  (D) The systems and processes necessary to promptly respond with the transaction information and transaction statement for a product upon a request by the Secretary (or other appropriate Federal or State official) in the event of a recall or for the purposes of investigating a suspect product or an illegitimate product shall be required. (E) The systems and processes necessary to promptly facilitate gathering the information necessary to produce the transaction information for each transaction going back to the manufacturer, as applicable, shall be required"  FDA Guidance Documents titled:  "DSCSA Exemptions from Section 582(g)(1) and Other Requirements of the FD&C Act for Certain Trading Partners" https://www.fda.gov/media/182584/download?attachment  "DSCSA Standards for the Interoperable Exchange of Information for Tracing of Certain Human, Finished, Prescription Drugs Guidance for Industry" https://www.fda.gov/media/	

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	Section 4: Suspect and Illegitimate Products						
		The facility has a process in place to 7. identify, quarantine, and appropriately investigate suspect drug products?	Title II Food Drug and Cosmetics Act – DSCSA Sec 582(b)4, (c)(4), (d)(4)  (A)(i) "Upon making a determination that a product in the possession or control of the [manufacturer, wholesale distributor, or dispenser] is a suspect product, or upon receiving a request for verification from the Secretary that has made a determination that a product within the possession or control of a [manufacturer, wholesale distributor, or dispenser] is a suspect product"  "(I) quarantine such product within the possession or control of the [manufacturer, wholesale distributor, or dispenser] from product intended for distribution until such product is cleared or dispositioned; and (II) promptly conduct an investigation in coordination with trading partners, as applicable, to determine whether the product is an illegitimate product."	Click or tap here to enter text.			
		If a suspect product is deemed to be illegitimate, does the facility have a process to:  8. 1) notify the FDA within 24 hours 2) quarantine such product until its disposition 3) retain a sample for further analysis by the manufacturer or regulators.	Title II Food Drug and Cosmetics Act – DSCSA Sec 582(b)4, (c)(4), (d)(4)  (B) Illegitimate product (i) In generalUpon determining, in coordination with the manufacturer, that a product in the possession or control is an illegitimate product, the [manufacturer, wholesale distributor, or dispenser] shall (I) disposition the illegitimate product within [their] possession or control  (II) take reasonable and appropriate steps to assist a trading partner to disposition an illegitimate product not in [their] possession or control  (III) retain a sample of the product for further physical examination or laboratory analysis of the product by the manufacturer or Secretary as necessary and appropriate.  (iii) Making a notification.—"notify the Secretary and all immediate trading partners that the [manufacturer, wholesale distributor, or dispenser] has reason to believe may have received such illegitimate product of such determination not later than 24 hours after making such determination.	Click or tap here to enter text.			

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	Section 5: Recordkeeping Requirements						
Se	ction 5		9.	Are all records related to DSCSA requirements retained for not less than six (6) years?	Title II Food Drug and Cosmetics Act – DSCSA  Sec 582(b)(1), (c)(1), (d)(1)  (ii) "capture the transaction information (including lot level information), transaction history, and transaction statement for each transaction and maintain such information, history, and statement for not less than 6 years after the date of the transaction"  Sec 582(b)(4)(A), (c)(4)(A), (d)(4)(A)  "(iii) RecordsA manufacturer shall keep records of the investigation of a suspect product for not less than 6 years after the conclusion of the investigation."  "(iii) RecordsA wholesale distributor shall keep records of the investigation of a suspect product for not less than 6 years after the conclusion of the investigation."  "(iv) RecordsA dispenser shall keep records of the investigation of a suspect product for not less than 6 years after the conclusion of the investigation."  Sec 582(b)(4)(B), (c)(4)(B), (d)(4)(B)  "(v) RecordsA manufacturer shall keep records of the disposition of an illegitimate product for not less than 6 years after the conclusion of the disposition."  "(v) RecordsA wholesale distributor shall keep records of the disposition of an illegitimate product for not less than 6 years after the conclusion of the disposition."  "(v) RecordsA dispenser shall keep records of the disposition of an illegitimate product for not less than 6 years after the conclusion of the disposition."  "(v) RecordsA dispenser shall keep records of the disposition of an illegitimate product for not less than 6 years after the conclusion of the disposition."	Click or tap here to enter text.	
					Sec 582(b)(2) – Manufacturers (Product identifiers) "Such manufacturer shall maintain the product identifier information for such product for not less than 6 years after the date of the transaction."		

