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DSCSA Readiness Alert: Wholesale Distributors, Your August 27 Deadline Is Here—TraceLink Is Ready to Help



## **August 27: Game On for Distributors**

The U.S. pharmaceutical supply chain is entering a defining moment. On August 27, 2025, the FDA's stabilization period ends for wholesale distributors, requiring full compliance with the enhanced drug distribution security (EDDS) provisions of the DSCSA. From this date forward, distributors must exchange package-level product tracing data electronically, verify serialized product identifiers through interoperable systems, and manage exceptions and saleable returns digitally and securely. For distributors, this marks the shift from preparation to execution — ensuring serialized, electronic data flows through the very heart of the supply chain. For those not yet ready, the compliance and business risk has now ramped up.

## **Every Link in the Chain, Aligned**

This milestone follows the expiration of the stabilization period for manufacturers and repackagers in May 2025, and it precedes the requirement for dispensers to comply by November 27, 2025. Smaller dispensers will follow in November 2026.



Together, these phased deadlines are synchronizing every segment of the supply chain on a common foundation of electronic, package-level traceability designed to protect patients and build a stronger, more resilient distribution system.

## Trusted by the Industry's Leaders

For companies that have not yet finalized their DSCSA readiness or are concerned about their current vendor's capabilities to ensure compliance, the time to act is now. TraceLink has been the industry leader in DSCSA compliance since the earliest mandates, relied on by 1,100+ companies—including many who moved to TraceLink after other providers fell short. Our customers span every segment of the supply chain, from Manufacturers and Repackagers to Wholesalers, Retail Pharmacies, Specialty Pharmacies, Independent Pharmacies, and Health Systems—making TraceLink the most proven partner for DSCSA compliance across life sciences and healthcare. With decades of expertise, a record of guiding the industry through every compliance wave, and the largest DSCSA compliance network in the world, TraceLink is uniquely positioned to accelerate readiness and minimize risk, helping many companies achieve compliance in record time.

# From Compliance to Competitive Advantage

TraceLink customers are not only building their compliance foundation but preparing for what comes next. Our newest solutions—powered by OPUS, the Orchestration Platform for Universal Solutions—unlock new levels of value. With MINT, the Multienterprise Information Network Tower, companies gain unparalleled visibility, intelligence, and orchestration across the end-to-end supply chain. OPUS Reports and Dashboards bring real-time views of DSCSA data together with core business transactions, enabling companies to reconcile Purchase Orders, Advance Ship Notices, Invoices, and EPCIS events. This capability delivers tremendous value to operationalize DSCSA and transform compliance from a regulatory requirement into a platform for operational excellence—reducing costs, optimizing inventory,



and ensuring patients receive medicines faster and more reliably.

## **Innovation the World Recognizes**

TraceLink's leadership has been celebrated worldwide, with honors including the SupplyTech Breakthrough Award for Supply Chain Visibility Solution of the Year, the Merit Award for Technology in HealthTech, and recognition on Inc.'s Best in Business list for advancing supply chain resiliency. These awards underscore the value TraceLink delivers as both the market leader in DSCSA compliance and the partner powering the industry's digital transformation.

#### **Compliance Is Just the Beginning**

As we mark this critical deadline for wholesale distributors, TraceLink congratulates the industry on the tremendous progress already made. These milestones are more than regulatory obligations; they represent a shared commitment to protecting patients through transparency, collaboration, and innovation. TraceLink is proud to stand alongside our customers as they meet today's compliance requirements and build tomorrow's digital supply chain.

Having guided the industry since day one of DSCSA, TraceLink is ready to help you build not only compliance but confidence in your future. dscsa [at] tracelink.com (Join the over 1,100 companies that trust TraceLink for DSCSA compliance and beyond—because when it comes to protecting patients, experience matters).

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