

**U.S. FDA Update**  
**The Drug Supply Chain  
Security Act (DSCSA)**

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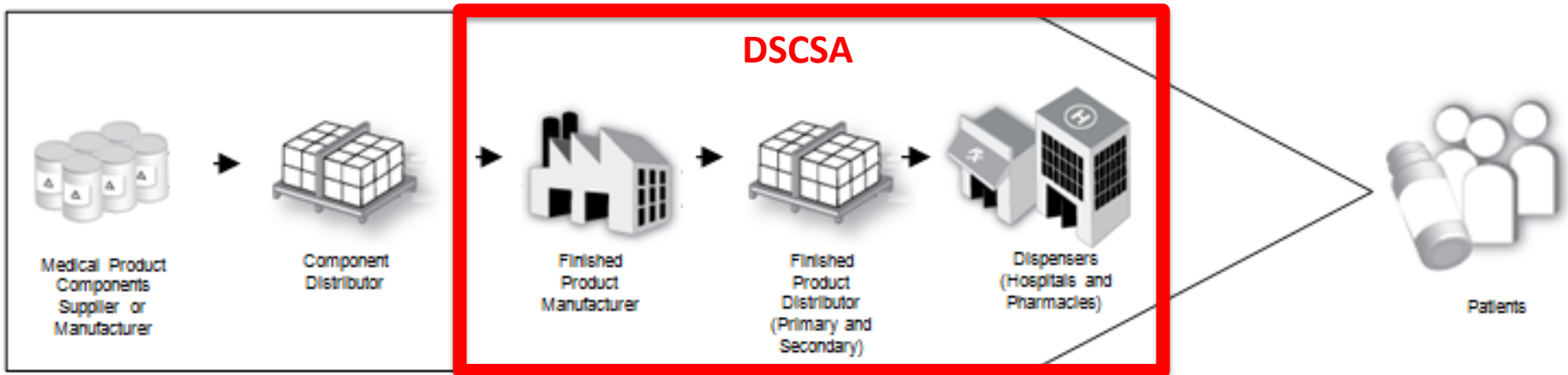
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# Pharmaceutical Supply Chain



Maintaining integrity from manufacturer to patient(s)

- Who touches the product?
- Where are the vulnerabilities?
- What are the threats?

Protect the product  Protect the patient

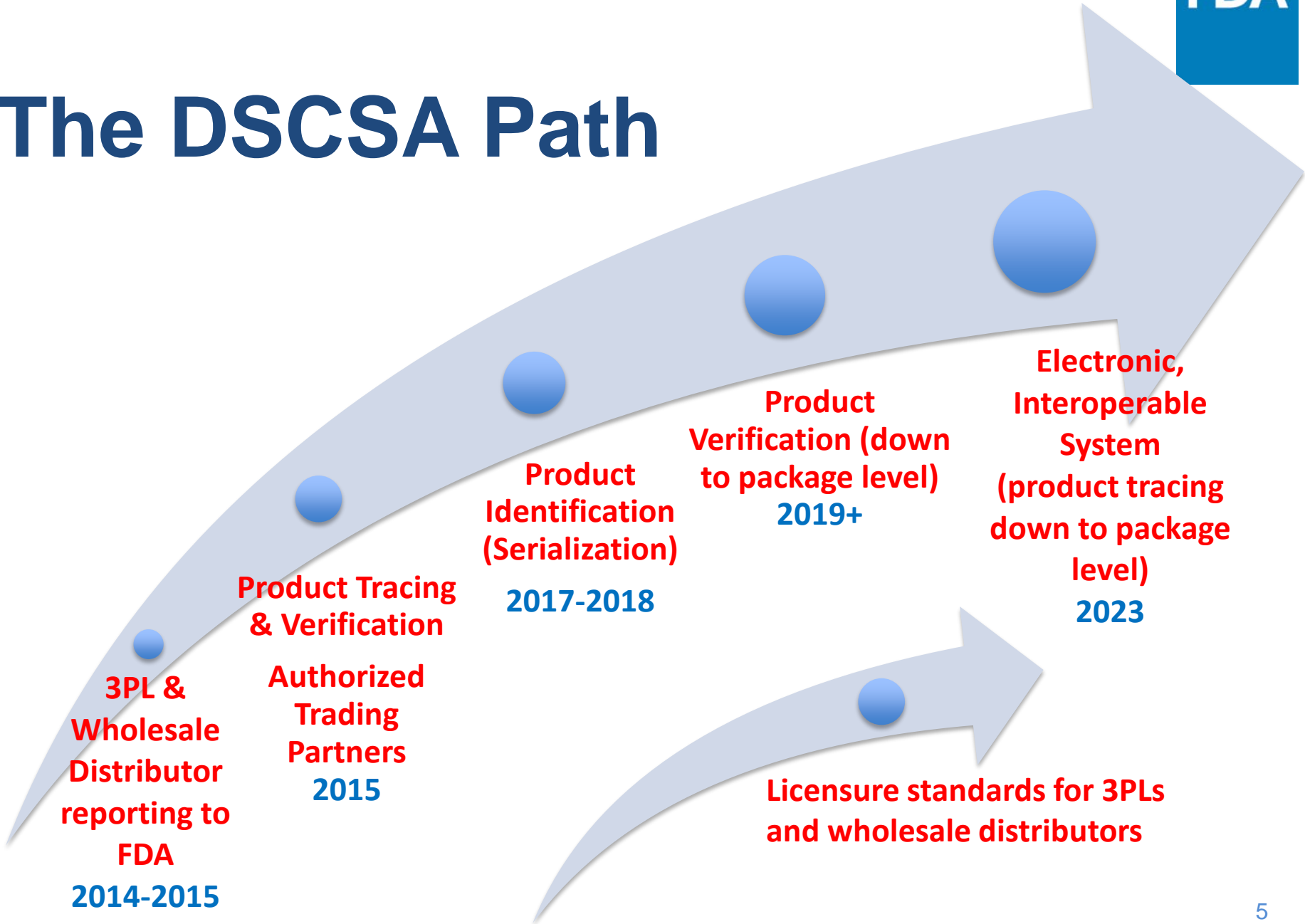
# Goals of the DSCSA

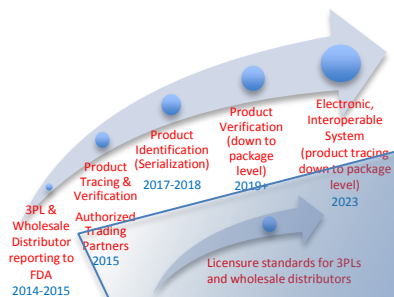
- Develop an electronic, interoperable system by 2023 to identify and trace certain prescription drugs as they move through the U.S. supply chain.

*The new system will:*

- facilitate the **exchange of information** by trading partners at the **individual package level**
  - **improve** efficiency of **recalls**
  - enable **prompt response** to suspect and illegitimate products when found
  - create **transparency and accountability** in the drug supply chain
- Establish national standards for licensure for wholesale distributors and third-party logistics providers.

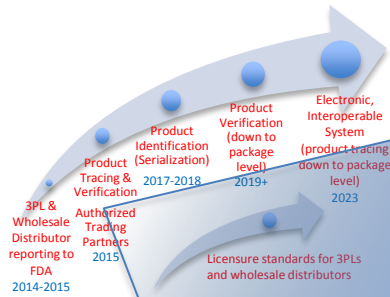
# The DSCSA Path





# Wholesale Distributor & Third-Party Logistics Provider Reporting Database

- Single national database
- Self reported information by Wholesale Distributors and Third-Party Logistics Providers (3PLs)
- Search capability (by facility name, type, State, or license)
- File download capability



# Product Tracing

- Trading partners exchange transaction information/history/statement
- Currently, lot-level (package-level by 2023)
- Paper or electronic formats

# Verification

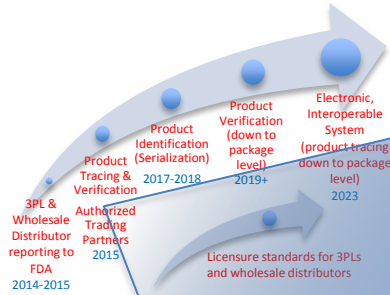
- Respond to verification requests for suspect product
- Quarantine & investigate suspect product to determine if illegitimate product
- Notify trading partners and FDA of illegitimate product (within 24 hours of determination)
- Respond to notifications of illegitimate product

# Definitions:

## suspect and illegitimate product

- **Suspect Product** - reason to believe that product potentially:
  - counterfeit, diverted, stolen
  - subject of fraudulent transaction
  - intentionally adulterated or appears otherwise unfit for distribution such that would result in serious adverse health consequences or death to humans
- **Illegitimate Product** - credible evidence that the product actually is any of the above





# Authorized Trading Partners

- Manufacturers, repackagers, wholesale distributors, 3PLs, and dispensers (primarily pharmacies)
- Appropriate registration with or licensure from FDA or State authorities, as applicable

## *Identifying Trading Partners – Draft Guidance to Industry*

- Clarifies the activities of each trading partner under the law and respective requirements
- Seeking public comment until 10/23/2017

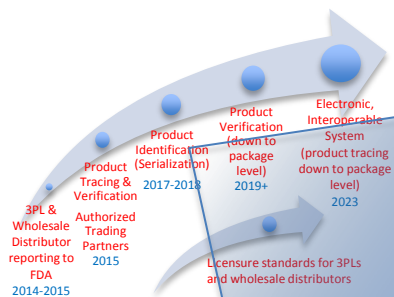
# Product Identification (Serialization)

- A unique product identifier must be placed on certain prescription drug packages (in human and machine readable format)
  - Manufacturers (No later than 11/27/2017)
  - Repackagers (No later than 11/27/2018)
  
- Product identifier consists of
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Drug Code</li> <li>- Serial number</li> </ul>	<p style="color: red; margin: 0;">Standardized numerical identifier</p>
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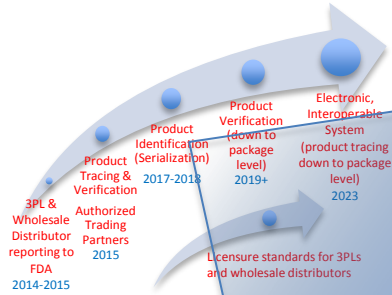
  - Lot Number
  - Expiration Date
  
- Data Carrier – 2D data matrix bar code
- Verification requirements change once products are serialized





# Public Meeting on Progress Toward Implementing the Product Identification Requirements

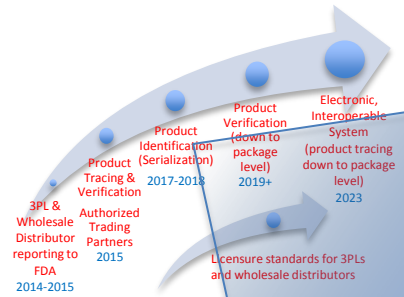
- Industry efforts to implement product identification requirements, including the use of product identifiers to enhance tracing at the package level & verification
- May include aggregation & inference, as necessary
  - Held on October 14, 2016
  - About 150 attendees
  - 10 oral presentations by stakeholders
  - Recorded webcast and slides posted  
<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/NewsEvents/ucm519587.htm>



# *Product Identifier Compliance Policy –*

## *Draft Guidance to Industry*

- One year delay in enforcement of manufacturers requirement to affix or imprint product identifier on package or homogenous case
- Need a product identifier for packages/homogenous cases intended to be introduced into a transaction into commerce on or after November 27, 2018
- Verification : Enforcement discretion for trading partners who do not verify product that was introduced into a transaction into commerce between 11/27/2017 and 11/26/2018 without a product identifier (differs for each trading partner)
  - Public comments are under review



# Proposed DSCSA Pilot Project Program

- FDA shall establish 1 or more pilot projects
- Coordinate with manufacturers, repackagers, wholesale distributors and dispensers
- Explore and evaluate methods to enhance the safety and security of the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain
- Design: utilization of product identifiers for product tracing and verification, improve technical capabilities needed to utilize product identifiers, identify system attributes that are necessary, other
  - Public comments are under review

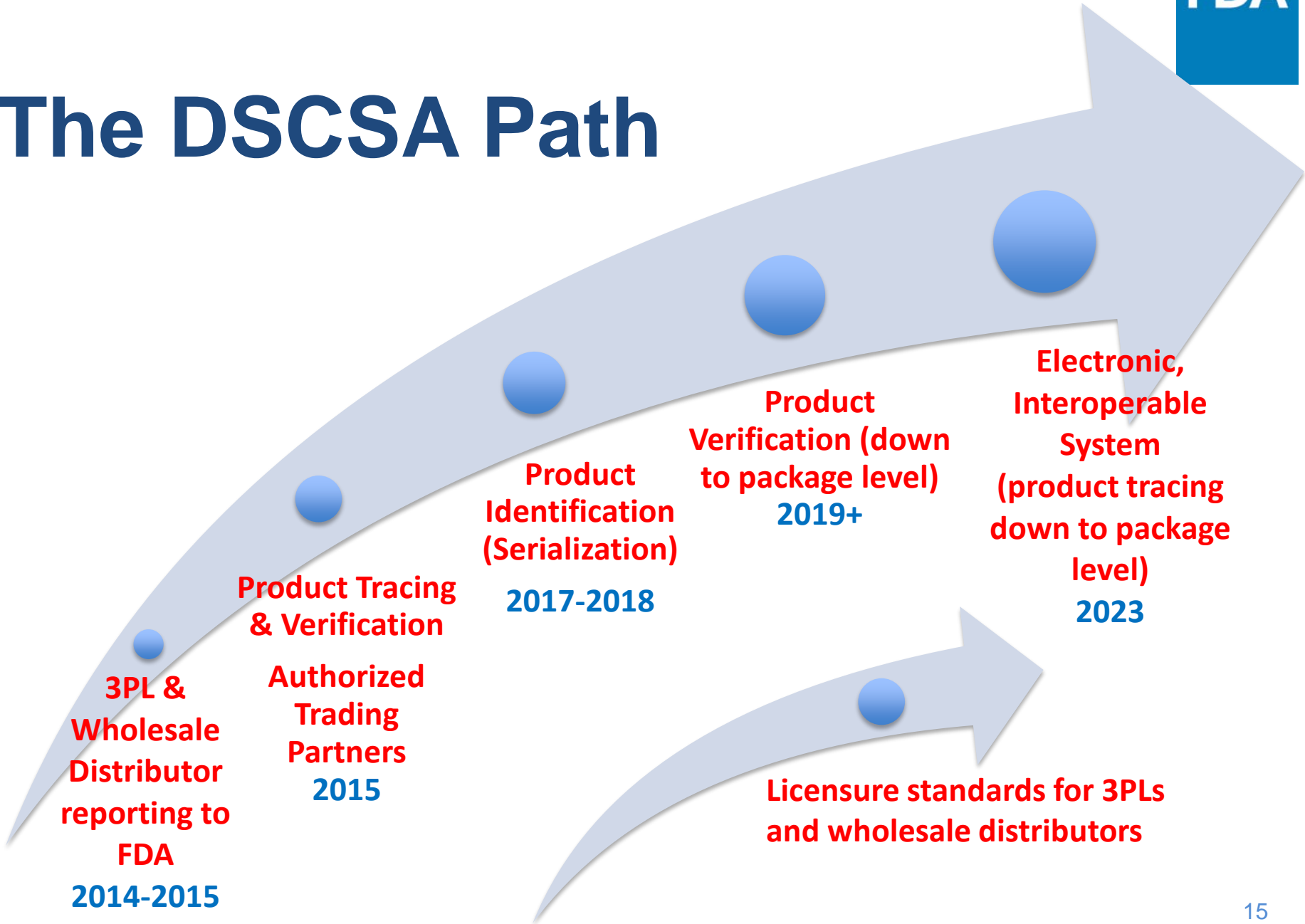
# Public Meeting Series

## Enhanced Drug Distribution Security Under DSCSA

- Stakeholder input on strategies and issues related to the enhanced drug distribution security provisions of the DSCSA
- 3 public meetings

Dates	Topics
August 23, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply chain security in 2023</li> <li>• Enhanced drug distribution security needs</li> </ul>
December 5-6, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic interoperability</li> <li>• Standards for data exchange</li> <li>• Data architecture</li> <li>• Aggregation and inference</li> </ul>
February 28, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further refinement of enhanced drug distribution security needs</li> <li>• Building capacity for a unit-level system</li> </ul>

# The DSCSA Path



## Enhanced Drug Distribution Security – 2023

- Establishes package level requirements for the interoperable, electronic tracing of products that shall go into effect 10 years after enactment of this Act, including those relating to:
  - Electronic exchange of transaction information for each sale of certain prescription drugs
  - Verification of product identifiers at the package level
  - Prompt response to suspect and illegitimate products when found
  - Improved efficiency of recalls



# What's Next

- DSCSA Pilot Project Program
- Guidances and Regulations
- Public meetings and other engagement



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