

# The Role of the Supply Chain in Combatting Counterfeits

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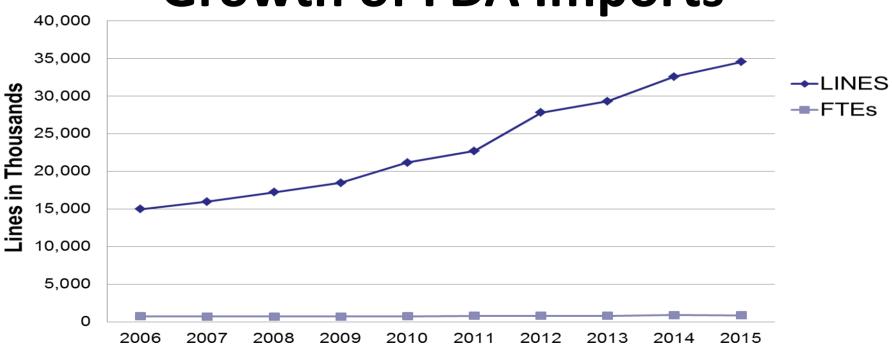
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## **Growth of FDA Imports**



## **Core Traditional Approaches**

- Factory Inspection (21 U.S.C. § 704)
- Enforcement Actions
  - Prosecution deterrence (21 U.S.C. § § 331, 333)
  - Injunction -- control of manufacturing process (21 U.S.C. § 332)
  - Seizures control of product (21 U.S.C. § 334)
- Imports Proceed or refusal based on appearance of violation (21 U.S.C. § 801)



#### **Difficulties of Overseas Prosecutions**

- Subpoena power in investigations
- Cooperation of foreign authorities
- Compulsory power at trial
- Evidentiary Issues
- Jurisdictional Issues: extradition and extraterritoriality

# **Supply Chain Approaches**

- · Registration, Listing, and Self-Identification
- Supply Chain Integrity Programs
- Track and Trace
- CGMP Focus on Supply Chain Issues
- Good Distribution Practices / PDMA
- Mutual Reliance
- Administrative Destruction

# Imported Teddy Bear...







## ...stuffed with counterfeit Viagra

