

Timeline of Events FDA Interaction with NADL 2007

Spring 2007 - FDA and other federal agencies faces scrutiny from the press and Congress on safety of imported products

June 2007 and July 2007- FDA officials both from the Anchorage, Alaska field office and Rockville MD headquarters contact NADL about their need to expand or further enforce regulations that affect dental laboratories due to the issue of import trade(these contacts during the 2 months consisted of nearly 15 hours of emails and phone calls between FDA and NADL). It was made clear that FDA was on a timeframe to make adjustments to such regulations in the short term to address this issue. During this same time, NADL received calls from two congressional offices in D.C. about the potential safety concerns of imported dental restorations.

July 2007 - President appoints a Working Group on Import Safety that is comprised of the Secretaries and/or Agency Heads of 7 federal agencies that have any relation to the import of products including the FDA, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Dept. of Transportation, Dept. of Homeland Security, etc.

August 2007 - NADL board and NBC Trustee meet in Chicago, and discuss potential actions on this issue.

September 2007 - Working Group on Import Safety submits initial report to the President. Working Group and FDA asks for public comment from industry on recommendations

September 2007 - NADL develops a recommendation letter to the Working Group that was reviewed and signed off on by both the NADL executive officers, NBC executive officers and general counsel

September 2007 - NADL releases a press release in Followup to the letter submitted to the Working Group

October 2007 - Working Group holds an in person meeting in Washington, D.C

November 2007 – Working Group releases a final report to the president that would address recommendations for each federal agency involved