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The FTC does not require franchisors or business opportunity sellers to register with it directly. However, several states do require registration. Some state laws are tougher than others in registration requirements, but most have adopted the UFOC guidelines for their disclosure requirements. There are currently 14 states for which franchise registration is required. If the company is authorized to sell franchises in the following states they will be registered at the following agencies:

California | Department of Corporations

Hawaii | Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs - Securities Compliance

Illinois | Attorney General's Office - Franchise Division

Indiana | Securities Commissioner - Securities Division

Maryland | Attorney General's Office - Securities Division

Michigan | Attorney General's Office - Consumer Protection Division Antitrust and Franchise Unit

Minnesota | Minnesota Department of Commerce

New York | Department of Law

North Dakota | Office of the Securities Commissioner

Rhode Island | Division of Securities

South Dakota | Division of Securities

Virginia | State Corporate Commission - Division of Securities and Retail Franchising

Washington | Department of Financial Institutions - Securities Division

Wisconsin | Wisconsin Securities Commission

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