

Overview

FDA Food Safety Modernization Act

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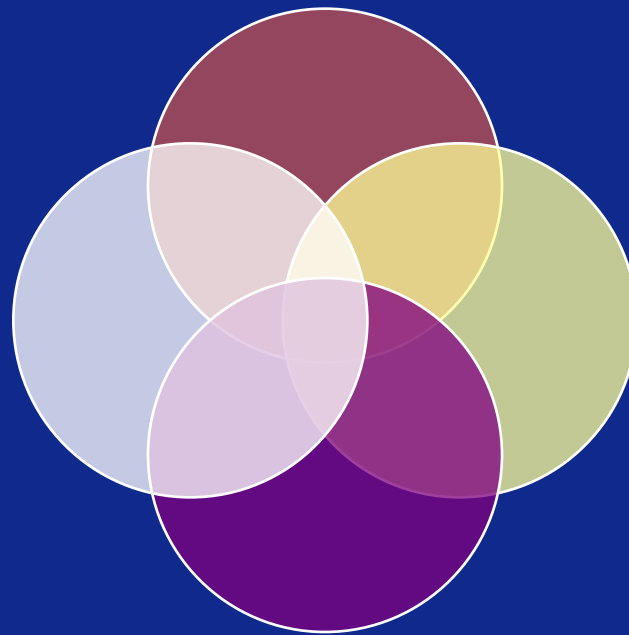
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Main Themes of the Legislation

Prevention Standards

Enhanced
Partnerships



Inspections,
Compliance,
and Response

Import Safety



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Prevention: The cornerstone

- Comprehensive preventive controls for food and feed facilities
 - Prevention is not new, but Congress has given FDA explicit authority to use the tool more broadly
 - Strengthens accountability for prevention
- Produce safety standards
- Intentional adulteration standards
- Transportation

Inspection, Compliance, and Response

- Mandated inspection frequency
 - More inspections, but with preventive controls in place, we can consider new ways to inspect
- New tools
 - Mandatory recall
 - Expanded records access
 - Expanded administrative detention
 - Suspension of registration
 - Enhanced product tracing
 - Third party laboratory testing



Import Safety: Most groundbreaking shift

- Importers now responsible for ensuring that their foreign suppliers have adequate preventive controls in place
- FDA can rely on third parties to certify that foreign food facilities meet U.S. requirements
- Can require mandatory certification for high-risk foods
- Voluntary qualified importer program--expedited review
- Can deny entry if FDA access for inspection is denied
- Requires food from abroad to be as safe as domestic

Enhanced Partnerships: Vital to Success

- Reliance on inspections by other agencies that meet standards
- State/local and international capacity building
- Improve foodborne illness surveillance
- National agriculture and food defense strategy
- Consortium of laboratory networks
- Easier for consumers to find recall information

Rulemaking Process

- Rulemaking is open and public.
- Draft rules are published on www.regulations.gov.
- Time is allowed for public comment, and FDA is required to consider significant comments during the rulemaking process.
- Check www.fda.gov/fsma to find out what is open for comment.

Snapshot of FSMA homepage elements at: <http://www.fda.gov/fsma>

What's New | **How to Participate** | **Main Topics**

- Draft Guidance for Industry: Dietary Supplements: New Dietary Ingredient Notifications and Related Issues
July 2011
- FDA Meeting FSMA Food Safety Goals
A Consumer Update on the implementation of FSMA in the first six months.
July 5, 2011
- FDA Progress Report on Implementing the Food Safety Modernization Act: May – July 2011
July 5, 2011
- Anti-Smuggled Food Strategy Fact Sheet
July 3, 2011

More on What's New...

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 - Translations of Key FSMA Resources

Resources for You

- FDA Implementation Timeline
- Recalls, Market Withdrawals, Safety Alerts

The New FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)

The FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) was signed into law by President Obama on January 4th, 2011. It aims to ensure the U.S. food supply is safe by shifting the focus of federal regulators from responding to contamination to preventing it.


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FDA Meeting National Food Safety Goals!

View the **Progress Report on Implementing the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act** for more details on actions taken in the six months since President Obama signed the FSMA into law.


Anti-Smuggling Strategy

A joint anti-smuggling strategy developed with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Homeland Security is released. [More >](#)



FSMA Blog Posts

The US and Mexico Share Approaches on Food Safety
by Michael R. Taylor
Deputy Commissioner for Foods




In June, I had the opportunity to lead a delegation of food safety officials from the Food and Drug Administration to meet with our Mexican counterparts. The trip was part of a larger, proactive strategy to reach out to stakeholders, both domestic and foreign, to explain the background and implementation strategies for the new Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and importantly, to listen to issues raised by stakeholders. [MORE>](#)

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Consumer Corner

Featured Item
Safer Fruits and Vegetables: FDA Aims to Set Production Standards



Recently Posted Consumer Updates

- FDA Meeting FSMA Food Safety Goals
- Fish Hazards and Controls
- Food Bill Aims to Improve Safety

More Consumer Updates related to FSMA...

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Food Bill Aims to Improve Safety

Recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that one in six people in the United States suffers from food-borne illness each year. Over the past few years, high-profile outbreaks related to various foods, from spinach and peanut products to eggs, have underscored the need to make continuous improvements in food safety.

The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) gives FDA a mandate to pursue a system that is based on science and addresses hazards from farm to table, putting greater emphasis on preventing food-borne illness. The concept is simple: The better the system handles producing, processing, transporting, and preparing foods, the safer our food supply will be.

Under the provisions of FSMA, companies will be required to develop and implement written food safety plans. FDA will have the authority to better respond and require recalls when food safety problems occur, and FDA will be able to better ensure that imported foods are as safe for consumers as foods produced in the U.S.

FDA Commissioner Margaret A. Hamburg, M.D., says the bill—which President Barack Obama is expected



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