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Submitted by: AFDO Board of Directors

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Concerning: FSMA Compliance and Enforcement

Whereas, The passage of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) has created historic changes in food safety law on a national scale by authorizing increased enforcement, creating more accountability for industry, and mandating enhance partnerships between FDA and the states, and

Whereas, AFDO strongly supports the development of a fully integrated national food safety system as envisioned by FSMA, and

Whereas, AFDO believes an integrated food safety system must include the integration of the institutional knowledge and innovative approaches of state agencies relative to compliance and enforcement activities, and

Whereas, AFDO believes a highly coordinated approach will be essential in establishing enforcement and compliance programs for achieving and maintaining high rates of industry compliance with new FSMA regulations, therefore, be it

Resolved, that AFDO request FDA to solicit and incorporate state agency input into the development of a coordinated compliance and enforcement strategy that confers the primary role for enforcement to state agencies with jurisdiction over manufactured foods, and be it further

Resolved that FDA work with AFDO to determine what effective compliance strategies are currently in place at the state level and consider using these for the enforcement of FSMA regulations.