

Sharing of Information & Intelligence on the Importation & Transportation of Food

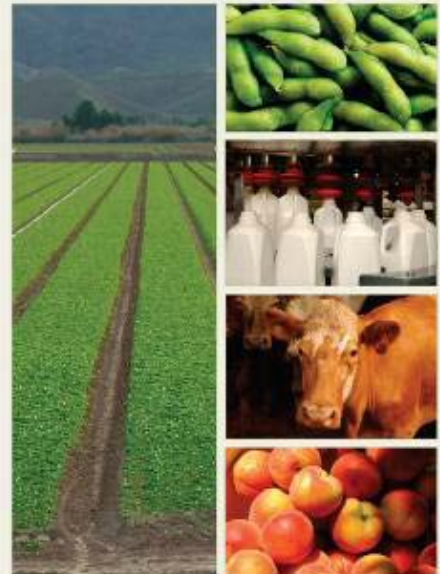
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- MGT 332: Agriculture and Food Vulnerability Assessment Training Course
 - Certified June 2007
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- Training Program funded under DHS FY08 Competitive Grant Program
- Focus Area: Intelligence and Information Sharing and Dissemination
- Project Partners: University of Tennessee Extension, New Mexico State University, New Mexico Department of Agriculture, and Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine

Overall Program Goal

- Effective and timely sharing of intelligence and information related to food imports and transportation of food between federal, state, local, and private sector entities to achieve coordinated awareness, prevention, and response to a threatened or actual domestic terrorist attack, major disaster, or other emergency.

Training Program Outline

- Blended learning strategy
- Three components:
 - 4 hour awareness level online course
 - 1 day performance level instructor-led course
 - 1 hour training video for the transportation industry

Online and Instructor Led Courses

- Intended audience: Law enforcement, emergency managers and responders, Extension, public health, food and agriculture industry, transportation industry, and federal, state, local, tribal, and regional officials

Online Course Objectives

- Describe the global movement and complexities associated with importation and transportation of food.
- Identify the threats and vulnerabilities that exist for imported foods and food transportation.
- Define specific types of intelligence and information that should be disseminated between the private sector and federal, state, and local officials.

Online Course Objectives

- Describe current reporting and dissemination procedures and list agencies involved with those procedures including describing the role of fusion centers.
- Identify mechanisms to enhance intelligence and information sharing between the private sector, law enforcement, and federal, state, and local officials.
- Illustrate the benefit of effective intelligence and information dissemination with specific case studies.

Instructor Led Course Objectives

- Define existing surveillance and intelligence information and systems related to food imports and transportation of food.
- Describe a risk based approach to identify possible import shipments and/or transport conveyances that should receive additional screening.
- Assess vulnerabilities that exist in the importation and transportation processes of food and identify measures to harden those targets.
- Define specific types of intelligence and information that should be disseminated between law enforcement, the private sector, and federal, state, and local officials.

Instructor Led Course Objectives

- Describe the key role of fusion centers in intelligence and information sharing.
- Illustrate mechanisms to enhance intelligence and information sharing between the private sector and federal, state, and local officials with case studies.
- Identify which agencies need to have intelligence and information disseminated to them during specific scenarios and develop a networking strategy to ensure all identified agencies are included during disseminations.
- Illustrate benefits of effective intelligence and information dissemination both locally and regionally during a practical exercise

Video for Transportation Industry

- Intended audience: All segments of the transportation industry
- Training Goal/Outcome: After viewing this video, the participant will be aware of their role in the dissemination of intelligence and information related to the transportation of food.

Development Strategy

- Meet with relevant federal agencies
- Convene a focus group with food and transportation industry representatives, law enforcement, and other subject matter experts to solicit input and refine course objectives.
- Develop a course outline with our project partners and subject matter experts.
- Share proposed course outline with the Association of Food and Drug Officials and the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture for comment and input.

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