FDA Holds Public Meeting Today

We'll be sharing information from today's meeting here and on social media. To jump start today's public meeting on “New Era of Smarter Food Safety”, the FDA published the agenda & a sampling of ideas from internal brainstorming sessions that were held. This effort is focused on getting the best ideas from inside & outside the boundaries of FDA. Take a look at the announcement here: go.usa.gov/xVtzT
We sat down with Frank Yiannas, Deputy Commissioner for Food Policy and Response at the FDA. He shared more about today’s meeting and the March 2019 reorganization that resulted in the formation of the new office he leads. Yiannas said the new office’s focus would continue to be on FSMA and its implementation; collaborating with stakeholders on food safety response; and a new era of “smarter food safety.” He also outlined the plan for today’s meeting and the call for participation. The podcast and webcast are available here or through the AFDO app.

The input received at today’s meeting, and in comments submitted to the accompanying Federal Register docket, will help shape an FDA Blueprint for a New Era of Smarter Food Safety. The FDA intends for the strategic plan to outline how this new approach will address public health challenges, including being able to trace sources of contaminated foods and using new predictive analytics tools like artificial intelligence to assess risks and prioritize the agency’s work and resources. If you aren’t able to attend today’s meeting, the deadline to submit comments is November 20, 2019: go.usa.gov/xVtzT

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AFDO Retail Webinar Series
Food Service Risk-Factor Violation Trends

Date: Friday, October 25, 2019
Time: 2:00PM - 3:00PM ET

Wonder what’s happening with risk factor violations across the country?
EcoSure Health Department Intelligence has collected public health department
about what we can do to improve food service safety and then use your inspection data to see if your jurisdiction is similar.

Presenter:

- Mandy Sedlak, REHS, Food Safety and Public Health Manager, Ecosure

**Norovirus: Just-In Time Refresher for Retail Food Industry and Regulatory**

Date: November 8, 2019
Time: 2:00PM ET

Winter is coming, and that means norovirus associated with retail food establishments.

This webinar will include the following:

- 101 about norovirus and why it is often associated with retail food establishment outbreaks;
- Prevention strategies for norovirus; and
- Best practices in norovirus investigation.

Presenters include:

- Dr. Laura Brown, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Dr. Aron Hall, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- DJ Irving, Tennessee Department of Health

Register

**Environmental Sampling Workshop**
AFDO held another environmental sampling workshop last week in Washington DC.

Recording Available: Hepatitis A: Update on Recent Outbreak Trends and Best Practices for Food Regulators and Retail Food Industry

AFDO recently held a webinar on the topic of Hepatitis A featuring the following speakers:

- Monique A. Foster, MD, MPH, Medical Epidemiologist, Division of Viral Hepatitis, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Lisa Hainstock, R.S., Food Safety Specialist, Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development
- MaryBeth DeMarco, OutbreakNet Enhanced Epidemiologist, Virginia Department of Health
- Dr. Laura Brown, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Ernest Julian, AFDO President, Rhode Island Department of Health

The webinar and slides are now available from this webinar.

View Webinar

Laws and Regulations Committee Survey
The Committee would like to focus on webinars and content that would best serve the AFDO membership. Please take the short survey below to provide your feedback.

Take Survey

National Restaurant Association and Quality Assurance Executive Study Group

The National Restaurant Association Food Safety and Quality Assurance Executive Study Group met last week in Chicago. CAFDO put together a presentation discussing State and Local Inspections Investigations: From Relationships to the CSI of Food Safety

Speakers were: Steven Mandernach, AFDO; Kemi Oni, Iowa Department of Public Health; and Adam Kramer from CDC.

It's time to start thinking about AFDO Awards...
Do you know of someone that deserves recognition? AFDO’s awards are presented annually at the Annual Educational Conference during the Wiley Award banquet. The awards are administered by the Awards Committee Chair, with subcommittees for the Wiley and Associate Member that are chaired by the immediate past recipient.

Here’s a list of each AFDO Award:

- Achievement
- Industry Associate Member
  - Elliot O. Grosvenor
- Scholarship

MCAFDO Save the Date

Save the Date for the 2020 MCAFDO Conference!

When: February 25-26, 2019
When: Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas, Rogers AR

Stay tuned for details!

View the Flyer
MCAFDO Website
Call for Nominations - FMI Food Safety Innovation Award

The FMI Food Safety Innovation Award presented annually in conjunction with the International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) to a company or organization for demonstrating a commitment to the advancement of food protection through performance, practice, creation, sustainment, or leadership.

Download Nomination Form

Joint Institute for Food safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN) Global Water and Food Safety Summit

When: November 19-21, 2019
Where: The Hotel at the University of Maryland 7777 Baltimore Ave College Park, MD

Theme: The Power of Genomics-Based Water Surveillance: The Fusion of Food Safety, Water Sampling, and Whole Genome Sequencing Provides Insights into Global Pathogen Detection and Spread

More information go to: https://jifsan.umd.edu/events/water-safety.
Required Under FSVP

The Foreign Supplier Verification Programs (FSVP) final rule, established through the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), requires importers to verify that the food they are importing into the United States has been produced in a manner that meets applicable U.S. food safety standards.

To do this, importers are required to develop, implement, and maintain a Foreign Supplier Verification Program which includes verification activities and records of those activities for each imported food from each foreign supplier. During an FSVP inspection, the FDA investigator will review the importer’s records to determine their compliance with the FSVP regulation. To help importers determine the FSVP records they should develop and maintain, the FDA has made available a list of records required by the FSVP regulation.

When utilizing the list importers should note that not every record on the list will be applicable to them, so they will need to determine whether they are subject to an exemption, standard FSVP requirements, or modified FSVP requirements.

FSVP compliance dates differ according to a number of factors including the size of the foreign supplier; the nature of the importer; and whether the foreign supplier is required to meet the requirements of the Preventive Controls for Human Food, the Preventive Controls for Animal Food, or the Produce Safety regulations. For more information on FSVP compliance dates visit the FSMA Compliance Dates webpage.

For More Information

- FSMA Final Rule on Foreign Supplier Verification Programs (FSVP) for Importers of Food for Humans and Animals
- What Do Importers Need to Know About FSVP: A Conversation with Sharon Mayl
- Compliance Dates for FSMA FSVP rule
- Am I Subject to FSVP?

2019 Manufactured Food Regulatory Program
The Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS) have been updated! The Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Alliance (MFRPA) which consists of state programs enrolled in the program standards, evaluated the existing standards, identified proposed changes, and recommended specific modifications to FDA for consideration. FDA accepted the recommended changes and recently published the new standards, which became effective on September 30, 2019. Access a copy of the 2019 MFRPS.
EAS Consulting Group Training

Dietary Supplement GMP Enforcement - A Look at Recent FDA Conversations and Warning Letters
November 7, 2019
Cutting Edge Technologies & Analytical Methods for Detecting Food Fraud
November 12, 2019
Dietary Supplement Labeling Compliance Review Seminar
November 12-13 2019, Irvine, CA
Food Labeling Compliance Seminar
November 14-15, 2019, Irvine, CA
Dietary Supplement Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) Compliance Seminar
November 14-15, 2019, Irvine, CA

Laws and Regulations Committee Updates

Laws and Regulations Committee Update
A collection of current food, drug, device, and consumer product regulatory issues and news

October 14 - 15, 2019
October 16 - 17, 2019
October 21, 2019 - AFDO Enews - FDA Holds Public Meeting Today

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