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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
Department of Health and Human Services  
5630 Fishers Lane  
Room 2061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Establishment and Maintenance of Records Under the Public Health  
Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002;  
Docket No. 02N-0277

Dear Sir or Madam:

UniPro Foodservice appreciates this opportunity to submit comments to the FDA regarding the agency's proposed rule on establishment, maintenance, and availability of records under Section 306 of the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002.

UniPro Foodservice is a foodservice distribution network comprised of over 300 shareholder companies, each distributor independently owned, marketing the products and services provided by UniPro Foodservice. Our members represent a collective sales volume of over \$27 billion and service accounts in all segments of the foodservice industry, including independent and multi-unit restaurants, healthcare facilities, schools, military feeding, and other mass-feeding operations.

Our membership strongly supports the purposes of the Bioterrorism Act and of this proposed rule. However, we are deeply concerned that some of the record keeping and records access requirements will place unnecessary burdens on food distributors. We have expressed these concerns to the International Foodservice Distributors Association (IFDA) and have worked with them to craft appropriate comments on our behalf.

We urge FDA to make the changes expressed in IFDA's comments of July 7, 2003.

UniPro Foodservice thanks FDA for the opportunity to comment on the proposed rule.

Sincerely,



Roger Toomey

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