

FDA Progress Report on Implementing the Food Safety Modernization Act: April – June 2012

The FDA intends to provide regular updates to inform the public and Congress on its progress in implementing the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). This summary does not reference all actions taken by FDA.

June 2012

FDA's Plan to Build Foreign Food Safety Capacity

On June 19, FDA held a public meeting for stakeholders to discuss FDA's comprehensive plan to expand the technical, scientific, and regulatory capacity of foreign governments and their respective food industries in countries that export foods to the United States. FDA is also establishing a docket to collect comments, data, and information relevant to the capacity-building plan.

Transcript and video

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/FSMA/ucm303463.htm>

Docket

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FDA-2012-N-0437-0001>

May 2012

FDA To Survey State and Local Government Agencies on Food Safety Capacity

On May 31, FDA announced that it had submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review a survey it intends to field of 1,400 state and local agencies to assess state and local food safety capacity. FDA is required under FSMA to make a report to Congress on the needs for enhancement in the areas of staffing levels, laboratory capacities and information technologies at the state and local levels.

Federal Register Notice on Survey

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-05-31/html/2012-13140.htm>

FDA Provides Information on Food Facility Registration and Categorization

In May, FDA updated the FSMA webpage with a number of new “Frequently Asked Questions” on risk characterization for domestic food facilities and the registration process for food facilities.

Frequently Asked Questions on food facilities

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/FSMA/ucm247559.htm#IC>

April 2012

Deputy Commissioner Blogs on Produce Safety

On April 17, Deputy Commissioner for Foods Michael R. Taylor posted the blog, “Succeeding on Produce Safety,” to discuss what he heard from stakeholders from the U.S. and Mexico at the America Trades Produce conference in Tubac, Arizona.

Succeeding on Produce Safety blog

<http://blogs.fda.gov/fdavoce/index.php/2012/04/succeeding-on-produce-safety/>

Deputy Commissioner Speaks on Pet Food Safety

On April 4, Deputy Commissioner for Foods Michael R. Taylor addressed the Pet Food Forum on what FSMA principles mean for the manufacturing of safe pet food.

Speech on Pet Food Safety

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/FSMA/ucm298665.htm>