

FDA Progress Report on Implementing the Food Safety Modernization Act: October – December 2011

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.

December 2011

FDA Partners with Industry, Academia on Preventive Controls Alliance

In anticipation of new rules under the Food Safety Modernization Act, the Food and Drug Administration, in partnership with industry and academia, announced the establishment of the Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance (FSPCA) to provide a basic curriculum and associated training materials on preventive controls for human and animal food companies.

The alliance will have members from FDA, local and state food protection agencies, the food industry and academia, and is funded by a one-year \$1 million grant to the Illinois Institute of Technology's Institute for Food Safety and Health (IIT IFSH), a nationally-recognized leader in food safety.

Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance Launched
<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/FSMA/ucm284406>

November 2011

Outreach to Trade Partners

As part of FDA's continuing outreach efforts to international trade partners, Deputy Commissioner for Foods Michael R. Taylor delivered a major speech at the China International Food Safety and Quality Conference and Expo in Beijing, China, on November 2.

Taylor's Speech in China
<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/FSMA/ucm278215>

October 2011

Commissioner Hamburg Speaks at National Policy Conference

FDA Commissioner Margaret A. Hamburg joined Agricultural Secretary Thomas Vilsack in addressing the 34th Annual National Food Policy Conference of the Consumer Federation.

Commissioner's Speech on Food Safety

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Speeches/ucm274449>

FDA Provides Guidance on FSMA Fees

FDA issued a guidance document in October that provided industry with questions and answers on fees that will be implemented under FSMA during fiscal year 2012.

FDA Guidance on FSMA fees

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/GuidanceDocuments/FoodSafety/ucm274176>

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FDA-2011-D-0721-0001>