



2011 ASTA Regulatory/Legislative Workshop

The Food Safety Modernization Act and Its Impact on the Spice Industry

Hyatt Regency Crystal City

Arlington, VA

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ASTA President

2011 ASTA Regulatory/Legislative Workshop



6th Annual Workshop

- Record attendance
- Strong line up of speakers
- Important industry issues



Kelley Poole

- Verto Solutions (The Roberts Group)
- Experience with industry issues
 - Food safety
 - Import/export issues
 - Food labeling
- Participant in GMA FSMA working groups
- Participant in other FSMA efforts



Noxious Weed Seeds

- Steve Steinborn, Hogan Lovells US LLP
- Experience with noxious weed seed and other industries
- ASTA Board of Directors has committed funds to project



Welcome



Meeting Overview

Susan Brown, Chair

Government Relations Committee

2011 ASTA Legislative/Regulatory Workshop



Goals for ASTA' s Legislative/Regulatory Program

- Increase ASTA's impact on legislation and regulations
- Provide timely and pertinent public policy information to ASTA members so they can comply with new laws and prepare for future laws and regulations.



Increase ASTA's Outreach

- Work with other organizations that share the same position on an issue -
 - **GMA Food Safety Coalition**
 - **Lacey Act Coalition**
- Develop strong relationships with policy makers at federal agencies and on Capitol Hill.
- Communicate ASTA's position to decision makers via letters to Capitol Hill, submit comments to agencies and at congressional hearings, meet with decision makers.
- Result: ASTA's position will be considered when regulatory/legislative policy is developed and policy makers have more insight into our industry.



Legislative and Regulatory Resources for Members

- ASTA Website
www.astaspice.org
- ASTA's legislative/regulatory newsletter:
ASTA Advocate
- Regulatory/Legislative Meeting
- Government Relations
info@astaspice.org
- Government Relations Committee



ASTA Government Relations Committee

**Susan Brown, Chair
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**Karen Burns
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Cosmed Group**

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Kalustyan Corporation**

**Phil Kaczmariski
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**Manoj Ruparelia
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**Whitney Sayia
A.A. Sayia & Co., Inc.**

**Tim Sonntag
Wixon, Inc.**

**Floyd Stone
Griffith Laboratories**



GR Committee Accomplishments

- Develop ASTA positions for Board approval on legislative and regulatory issues emphasis on FSMA.
 - GSP renewal
 - FDA Preventive Controls
- May result in comments to federal agencies
 - Lacey Act and exemption for spices & herbs
 - FDA Preventive Controls
 - Objection to excluding small businesses from FSMA



GR Committee Accomplishments

- Participation with others
 - FIRST (Food Importers-Regulators Strategy Team) to address import issues
 - Chamber of Commerce to assure FSMA is not burdensome to small business
 - GMA Coalition on FSMA
- Noxious Weed Seed
 - Support the project with Hogan Lovells



