



# **2012 ASTA Regulatory/Legislative Workshop**

Hyatt Regency Crystal City

Arlington, VA

Wednesday, October 10



# Welcome

**Roger Clarke**  
ASTA President



# 2012 Workshop

- 7th annual workshop
- Attendee statistics
- Issues to be covered
- Innovation – member interaction



# **Government Relations**

**Whitney Sayia**

ASTA Government Relations Committee (Chair)

# Government Relations

## ASTA Regulatory/Legislative Workshop Goals

- Increase ASTA's impact on legislative and regulatory policy.
- Provide timely and pertinent information on public policy to ASTA members to insure compliance with new and future laws and regulations.



# Government Relations

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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# Government Relations

## 2012 Activities & Accomplishments

- Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance
- Educational webinars
- Spice risk differentiation project
- Noxious weed seeds
- *Clean, Safe Spices* referred to in FDA 2<sup>nd</sup> RFR
- To come – FSMA webinars



# Government Relations

## Outreach

- Coalitions – GMA, USCoC, Alliance for a Stronger FDA
- Alliance activities – FSMA, Food Industry, FSPCA – subgroups (co-lead)
- Working groups – involvement led to invite on risk categorization
- Agency/executive branch – FDA, USDA, ITC, Commerce
- The Hill
- Results – seat at table on issues impacting daily operations







# **FSMA Update**

**Kelley Poole**

ASTA Government Relations

# FSMA Update

Where are we today?

What do we expect looking forward?



# FSMA Update

When will the rules be published

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That is the question on everyone's mind...

# FSMA Update

## Re-Registration

- Biennial – every two years in even numbered years
- October 1 – December 31
- Guidance to be issued
- Voluntary collection of facility profile information is possible
- Originally scheduled to begin last week
- Postponed indefinitely



# FSMA Update

## Re-Registration

*“While FDA was poised to roll out a new outreach program to notify U.S. and foreign food facilities of their new responsibility, the agency issued a short notice Sept. 28 saying it could not accept renewals and could not provide the date when its registration website will be live.*

*The reason for the delay? “The agency is still working to finalize related guidance documents and implement certain policies and processes,” FDA says.*

Food Chemical News – October 3, 2012



# FSMA Update

## Implementation & Compliance

### FDA Actions This Past Year

- FDA Frequently Asked Questions
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report to Congress
- IFR & guidance – records access
- Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance (FSPCA)



# FSMA Update

## FDA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report

- Close to 20,000 domestic inspections
- Almost 1,000 foreign inspections  
(up from 357 in FY 2011)
- Identified over 22,000 domestic food firms as high risk
  - Almost half (11,007) inspected in FY 2011



# FSMA Update

## FDA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report

Average costs of facility inspections:

\$21,100 high-risk

\$14,200 non high-risk

\$24,800 foreign





# FSMA Update

- ASTA Efforts
  - Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance (FSPCA)
    - Food Categories and Representative Processing
    - Supply Chain and Ingredient Management
  - GMA Task Force on Facility Profile Data Elements
  - Advocacy (Coalitions, Meetings, FSPCA)
  - Education



# FSMA Update

## Implementation & Compliance

- What's next/when?
- Once rules move
  - Webinar series to resume
  - Feedback to FDA
  - Continue to work with members to assist in understanding of compliance requirements
  - Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance (FSPCA)



# FSMA Update

How to stay informed:

- ASTA Advocate
- FYI ASTA
- FDA FSMA website link:

You can sign up for email updates from FDA on FSMA and get up to date information via this link:

(<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/FSMA/default.htm>)



# FSMA Update

Thank you!

