

# 2015 ASTA Regulatory Workshop



# WELCOME

Greg Lightfoot, ASTA President



# ASTA's 2015 Workshop

- 10th annual workshop
  - 88 participants
    - ❖ 67 - active members
    - ❖ 14 - associate members
    - ❖ 7 - non members
  - Issues to be covered

# ASTA Strategic Plan

**S**trong Association – strengthen resources to effectively represent the spice industry

**A**dvocacy – Monitor and shape U.S. policy issues affecting the spice industry

**F**ood Safety – Provide resources to support industry efforts ensuring clean, safe spice and utilize global alliances to reach the entire supply chain

**E**ducation – Ensure clean, safe spice throughout the supply chain by providing education



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## ASTA Regulatory/Legislative Workshop Goals

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



# ASTA Government Relations & Advocacy Committee

Carol Kitchen, Committee Chair



# ASTA Workshop

- Morning Session
- ASTA government relations activities
- FSMA
  - Implementation and enforcement
  - Criminal Enforcement Powers
- Economically Motivated Adulteration



# ASTA Workshop

- Afternoon Session
  - FSMA Readiness Self Assessment
  - ASTA Updates and Trending Issues



# ASTA Government Relations & Advocacy Committee

Darrell Portz, ASTA Government Relations  
& Advocacy Committee Member



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**Karen Burns**

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**Darrell Portz**

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ConAgra Foods



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**Whitney Sayia**

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**Sara Sanders**

Kalsec, Inc.

**Tim Sonntag**

Wixon, Inc.

**Vinay Sreekumar**

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**Bev Tschirhart** (Board Liaison)

McCormick & Co., Inc.

**JennieAnn Reitemeyer**

Van de Vries Spice Corporation



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Since April 2015

## FSMA

- Readiness
- Advocacy

## ASTA Website Improvements

- Resources added

## FDA Advocacy

## Allergens



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## FSMA Major Final Rules Timeline

**2015**

**August 30<sup>th</sup>**

- Preventive controls for human food
- Preventive controls for animal feed
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**October 31<sup>st</sup>**

- Produce safety
- Foreign Supplier Verification Program (FSVP)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Audit and Accreditation

**2016**

**March 31<sup>st</sup>**

- Sanitary Transportation

**May 31<sup>st</sup>**

- Intentional Adulteration



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## FSMA PC Compliance Dates

- Enforcement periods will be tiered. Clock begins upon publishing of the final regulation:
- - 1 year for large businesses
  - 2 years for small businesses
  - 3 years for very small businesses
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- *\*Due to Court order the FSMA final rules must be published no later than the dates indicated above. In any case a rule is published before the deadline, the enforcement period for the compliance date begins as of the date it is published.*

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## FSMA

### Readiness

- FDA National Kickoff on FSMA Implementation
- FSMA Webinar Series
  - Inspections under the New Food Safety Paradigm
  - Final Rule on Preventive Controls
- FSMA Roundtable with Embassies on International Outreach
- FSPCA Working Group on FSVP Module Development

### Advocacy

- Comments on FSMA VQIP



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What is on the horizon?

Rules. Rules. And More Rules.

- More FSMA Rules
- **FSMA Compliance and Implementation**



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# THANK YOU!

