

Economically Motivated Adulteration (Food Fraud)

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- Creating a Vulnerability Assessment Tool
- Key Takeaways

Definitions

Food Fraud*

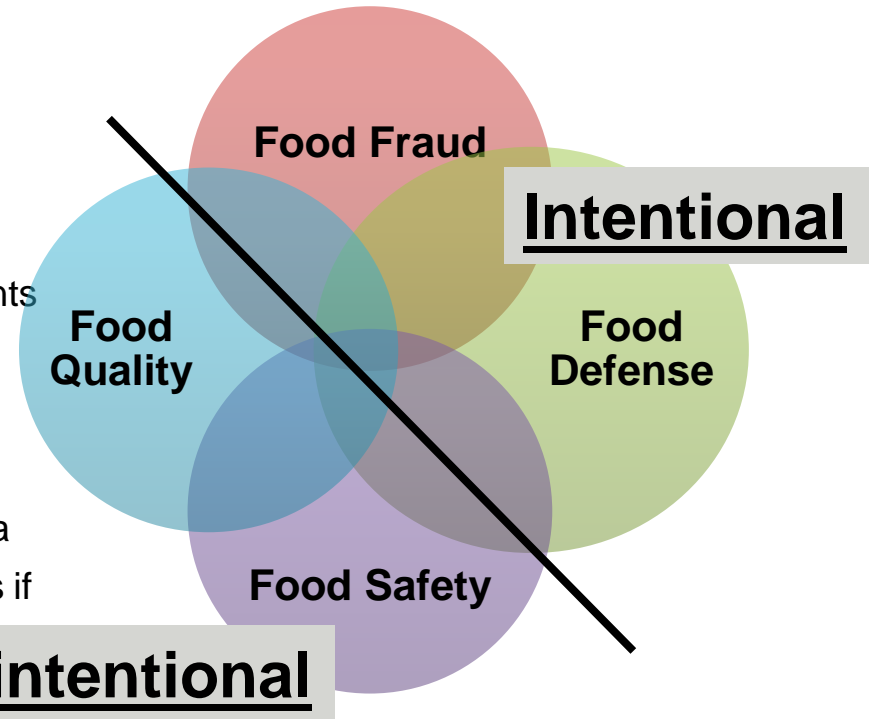
A collective term encompassing the deliberate and intentional substitution, addition, tampering or misrepresentation of food, food ingredients or food packaging, labelling, or false or misleading statements made about a product for economic gain.

Vulnerability

Susceptibility or exposure to a risk. A weakness or a deficiency that could lead to negative consequences if not addressed.

Authenticity

Food that is authentic, i.e. that is proven to be genuine, true and real and meets previously established specifications.

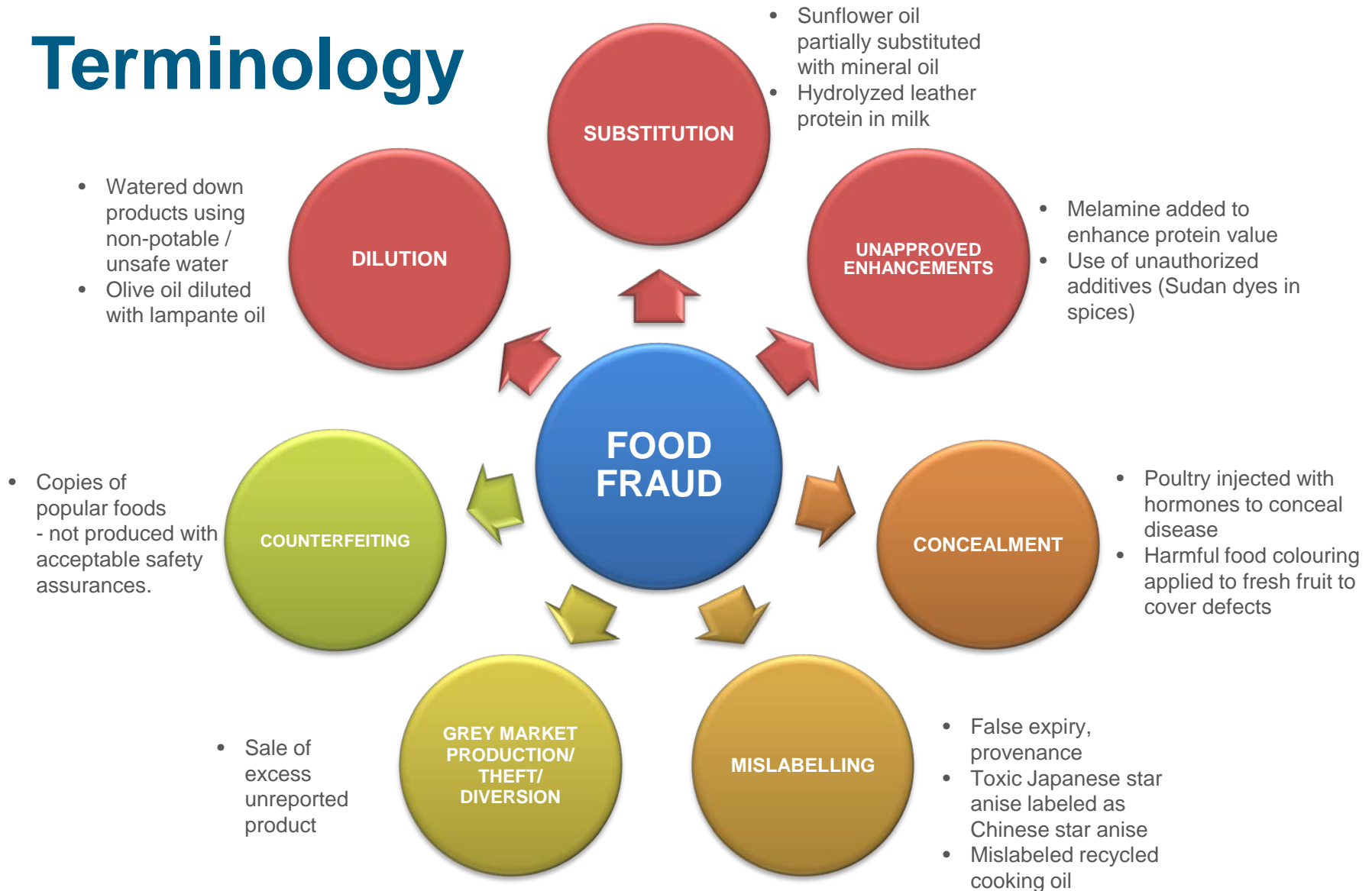


Integrity

The quality of being honest and fair; the state of being complete or whole.

* Source: J. Spink & D.C. Moyer, (2011) *Journal of Food Science*, 76(9), 157-163

Terminology



Food Industry Efforts

GMA Economic Adulteration WG

Identified WG Priorities:

- **Increase industry awareness**
- **Stakeholder collaboration**
 - NMSU Predict (Bob Silver)
 - A-CAPPP MSU (John Spink)
 - NCFPD UMN (Amy Kircher, Karen Everstine)
 - USP (Jeff Moore)
 - ☞ Roundtable meetings
 - ☞ Information sharing: actual incidents, potential incidents, sharing analytical info/methods
- **Alignment of Industry/Academia/Government**
- **Alignment of analytical vendors**



GMA EA WG – Awareness/Education



- **Published AT Kearney/GMA Science Education Foundation Report in 2010 –**
 - **“Consumer Product Fraud: Deterrence and Detection”**
 - <http://www.gmaonline.org/downloads/wygwam/consumerproductfraud.pdf>
- **Held a webinar Oct 2010**
 - **Strategies for Managing Risk**
 - **Case studies**



CONSUMER PRODUCT FRAUD: DETERRENCE AND DETECTION

Strengthening Collaboration to
Advance Brand Integrity and
Product Safety

2010

ATKEARNEY
ATKEARNEY in association with



Estimated Cost of Inaction – Aggregate Industry Impact

Figures from Preceding Cases			Assumptions on yearly EA cases		Estimated yearly cost to the market
Market	Incident	Cost of Inaction	Impact of incident	# of cases with comparable cost impact ⁽¹⁾	
Pet Food (US)	Melamine	\$2.4 B	High	1	\$2.4 B
Toys (US)	Lead Paint	\$0.9 B	Medium	5	\$4.5 B
Toothpaste (US)	Diethyl Glycol	\$0.1 B	Low	10	\$1.0 B
Total 2007		\$3.4 B		16	\$7.9 B
Milk (China)	Melamine	\$10 B	High	1	\$10 B
Peanut (US)	Salmonella	\$1.5 B	Medium	5	\$7.5 B
Pharma (Global)	Heparin	\$0.1 B	Low	10	\$1.0 B
Total 2008/2009		\$11.6 B		16	\$18.5 B

Sources: FDA, CDC, <http://www.mondaq.com/article.asp?articleid=57594>, Incident Repository, A.T. Kearney analysis

Notes: (1) Assumption on comparable cases considers that not all economic adulteration cases are reported publicly

Standards

PAS 96: 2014

- Provides guidance on approaches and procedures to improve resilience to deliberate attack
- Combines Food Defense and Food Fraud (EMA)
- Introduces a new risk management methodology – Threat Assessment Critical Control Point (TACCP)

PAS 96:2014

Guide to protecting and defending food and drink from deliberate attack

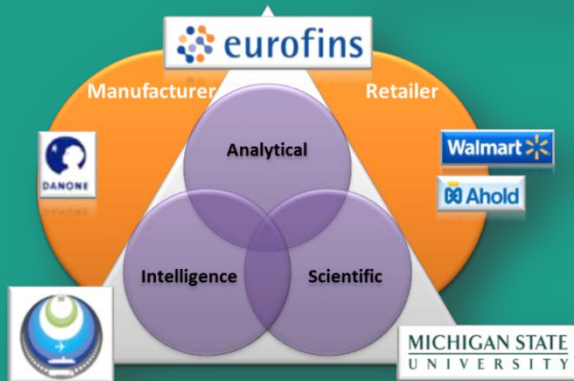


GFSI – Food Fraud

Food Fraud Think Tank

New concept for GFSI

EUROFINS – Early Warning
Analytical Methodologies



INSCATECH – Food Supply
Chain Protection Solution

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY –
Food Fraud Initiative



2012

2013

2014

2015



GFSI Food Fraud Requirements



Clause Name

Requirement

Food Fraud Vulnerability Assessment

The standard shall require that the organisation have a documented food fraud vulnerability assessment in place to identify potential vulnerability and prioritise food fraud vulnerability control measures.

Food Fraud Vulnerability Control Plan

The standard shall require that the organisation have a documented plan in place that specifies the control measures the organisation has implemented to minimize the public health risks from the identified food fraud vulnerabilities.

This plan shall cover the relevant GFSI scope and shall be supported by the organisation's Food Safety Management System.

GFSI Food Fraud Strategic Plan

Incorporation in
GFSI Guidance
Document Vs. 7
(2016)



Incorporation in
Food Safety
Management
Schemes



Implementation
and execution in
companies' FS
Management
System



Certification via
third party audits



FSMA

Things that might have seemed like just a good idea before, are now required under the law, will require records to support compliance, and those records are going to be available to FDA

FSMA – Economically Motivated Adulteration

FDA decided to include EMA under Preventive Control Rules

- Best addressed with a hazard analysis-type approach (versus a vulnerability approach)
- Believes that some EMA events are “known or reasonably foreseeable”
- Facilities must consider EMA as part of their Hazard Analysis (“hazards that may be intentionally introduced for purposes of economic gain”)

Designing a Food Fraud Protection Plan

Food Fraud Prevention

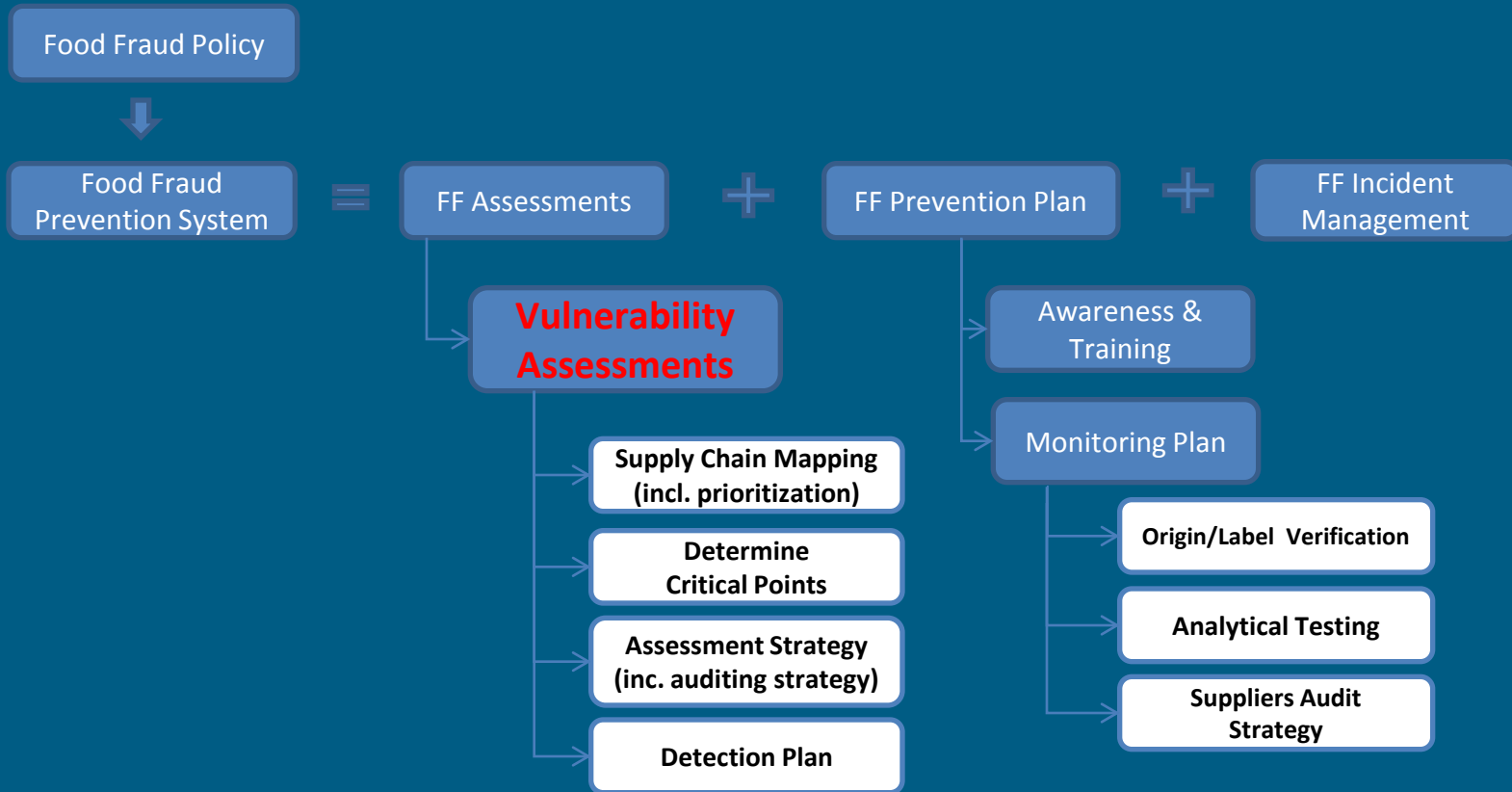
Vulnerability Assessments

- Supply Chain Mapping
 - Socio-economic
 - Behavioural
 - Geo-political
 - Historical

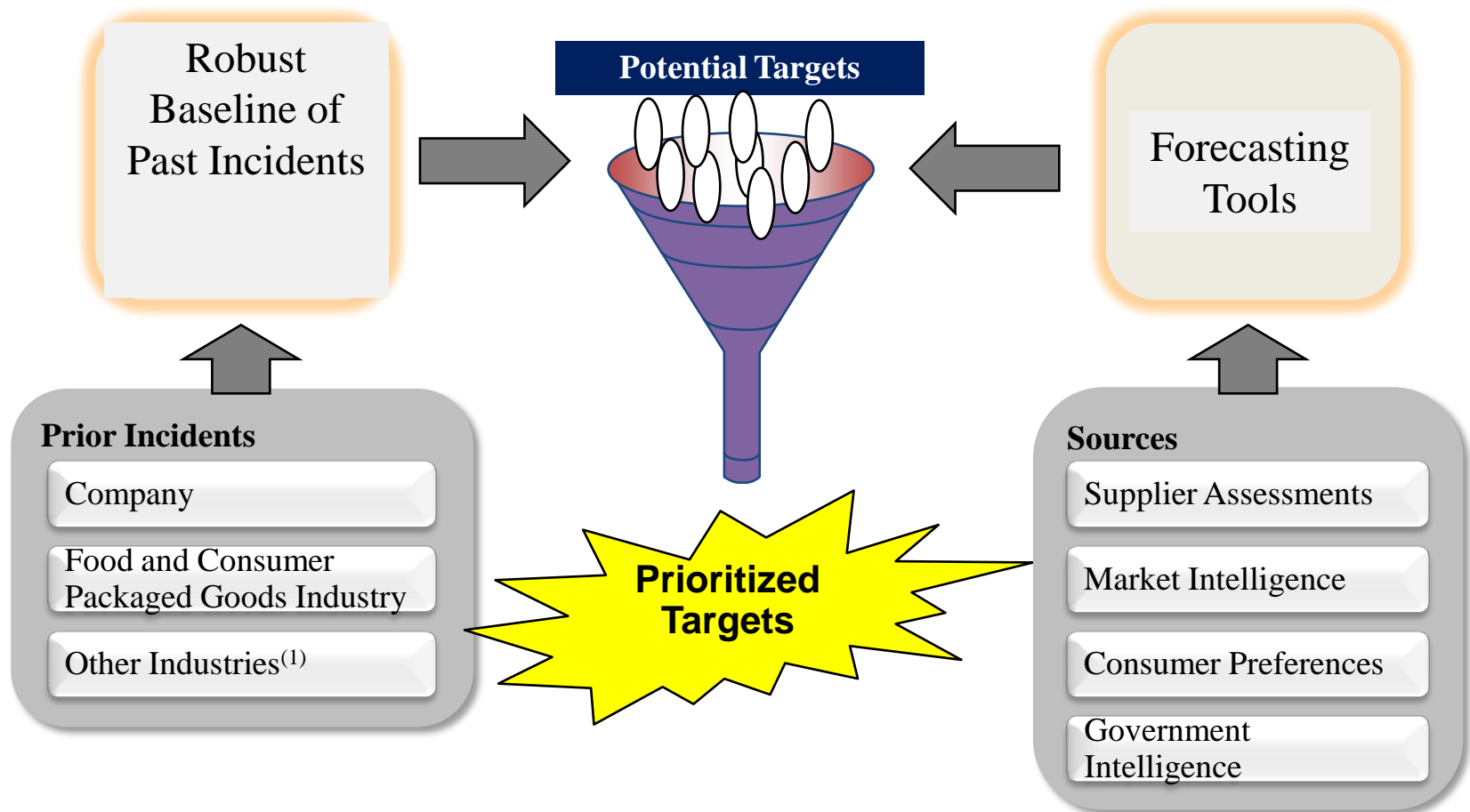
Vulnerability Control Plan

- Monitoring strategy
- Origin/Label verification
- Specification management
- Supplier audits
- Analytical testing strategy
- Anti-counterfeit technologies

Key Elements of Food Fraud Protection



Identification and Prioritization



Note: (1) Other industries may include pharma, chemicals, automotive, etc.

Source: A.T. Kearney analysis, 2009

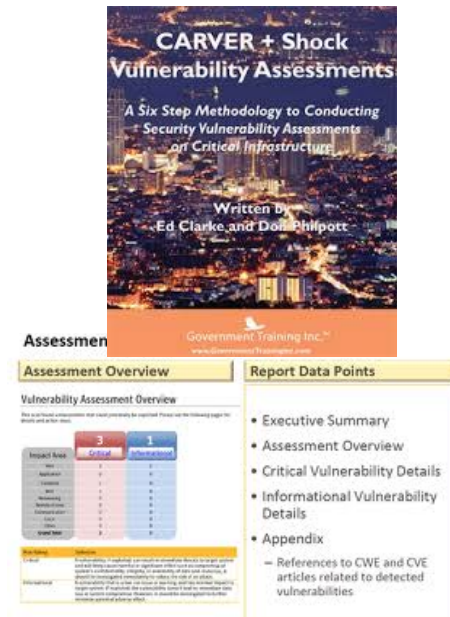
Creating a Vulnerability Assessment Tool

EMA Vulnerability Assessment Tool

GOAL: Develop a tool *similar* to “Carver + Shock” that quantitatively assess vulnerability of **supply chains** to EMA

Design a tool that integrates data streams with input from multiple subject matter experts that:

- uses surveillance/historical data
- incorporates “real-time” environmental events
- considers criminalistics approach
- involves predictive modeling



➡ resulting in quantitative vulnerability risk determinations

EMA Vulnerability Assessment Tool

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Will need to define key elements that drive EMA:

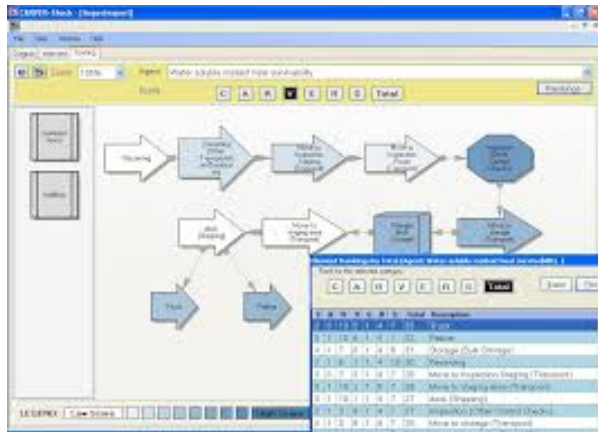
- **Economic**
 - Product value
 - Volume
 - Scarcity
- **Ease**
 - Testing
 - Governance
 - Inherent properties
- **Cultural**
 - Historic
 - Sourcing/origination



Must also consider:

- Dynamic vs Static
- Weighting Factors

GMA EA WG – Designing the blueprint



**Integrate
information**
into EMA Vulnerability
Assessment Model

Capture trend analysis
information that helps to **predict**
vulnerabilities
e.g., trade flow, economic
information, climate change
Consider various models

NCFPD EMA Database Info
Utilize US Pharmacopeia Resource
FCC Monograph Evaluation
Open Source Info

Key Attributes of the Tool

- User friendly interface
- Easily accessible with various devices
- Incorporate a range of user inputs regarding threat attributes
- Output should be quantitative vs qualitative
- Graphical display and intuitive
- Securely protects user identity and data inputs
- Needs to be predictive and not just regurgitate historical events
- Quantifiable outputs that are actionable



EMA Vulnerability Assessment Tool

Status Update:

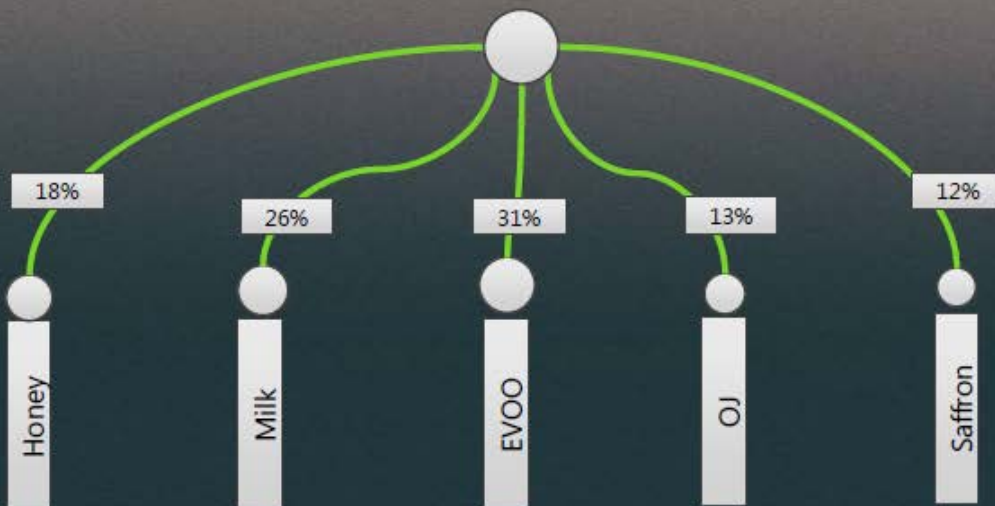
- **Designed blueprint for EMA Vulnerability Assessment Tool**
- **Sent out RFP to solicit vendors to develop Model**
- **Selected vendor/negotiated contract**
- **Validate the tool**
 - **Supply chain's known high risk foods (e.g., fruit juice, olive oil, etc.)**
 - **Ensure usefulness in the supply chain**
- **Make tool available for utilization across food industry**



Example Visual of Tool

Economically Motivated Adulteration (EMA) Vulnerability Tool (VT)

EMA User



More Uncertainty
Less Uncertainty



Honey



Milk



EVOO

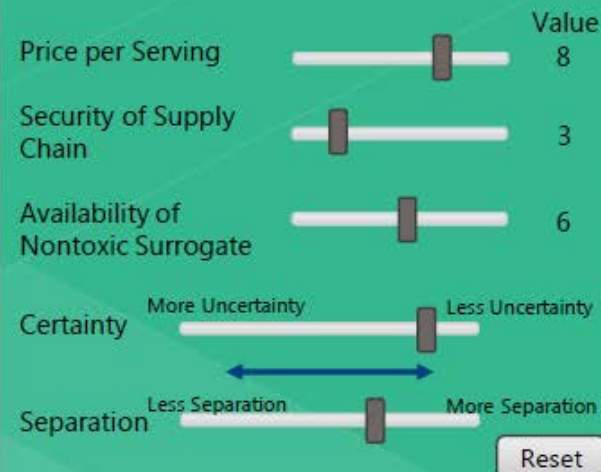


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Saffron

Event Level 1: Attribute Selection



You have indicated that the most likely choice is EVOO which will be chosen 31% percent of the time. Selecting EVOO is 2.6 times more likely than the least likely choice, Saffron

*The color of the connectors (lines) correspond to uncertainty with green being the least uncertain and red being the most certain

An Integrated Future



Key Takeaways

- Need to develop EMA Protection Plan
- Gain visibility of supply chain down through origination
- Perform vulnerability assessment
- Map supply chain vulnerability identifying key priorities for mitigation
- Trust but verify throughout the supply chain



Thank You