



Statement on Passage of Food Safety Bill

On January 4, 2011, President Obama signed the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act into law. The measure reflects a significant change in our nation's food safety laws. The legislation mandates preventive measures by growers, processors and distributors, provides for increased inspections and gives FDA greater regulatory authorities. Another important component of the legislation provides for FDA recognition of accredited third-party inspection and certification programs for imported foods - a category that has grown steadily over the years, presenting an increasing challenge for food safety officials. Currently, the FDA is holding listening meetings and receiving comments at www.regulations.gov on how to best implement the new law, and produce effective regulations.

For more information on this bill, or how it can impact you, contact Stan Hazan, Sr. Director, Regulatory Affairs, at 734-769-5105 or hazan@nsf.org or visit <http://www.nsf.org/regulatory> to register for a free webinar on FSMA.