

Produce Safety Alliance – FDA Q&A Teleconferences on Food Safety Modernization Act

The Produce Safety Alliance, in collaboration with the FDA, will be hosting a series of Q & A teleconferences to discuss specific sections of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Proposed Produce Safety Rule. This is a great opportunity for you to ask questions directly to the FDA staff. Dr. Jim Gorny, Senior Advisor for Produce Safety, and Dr. Erick Snellman, Policy Analyst, will be available to answer questions.

Each teleconference will have a different focus; please refer to the schedule below. We ask that you keep your questions for each Q & A session relevant to the topic. Though Dr. Gorny and Dr. Snellman may not be able to answer every question, they will be able to direct and review specific sections of the proposed rule to enhance your understanding of what is being proposed. If specific details are not available or addressed in the proposed rule or through this Q & A series, we encourage you to write and submit a comment or question to the docket regarding issues that FDA should clarify or address in the final rule or in companion guidance documents. Comments must be submitted BEFORE May 16, 2013.

There are two ways to comment:

- 1.) Comment Electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FDA-2011-N-0921>
- 2.) Written comments may be faxed to the FDA at 301-827-6870 or mailed to:
Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305) Food and Drug Administration 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 Rockville, MD 20852

Q & A Session with the FDA

Date	Time (EST)	Topic
Mar 18, 2013	11 AM	Understanding Exemptions
Mar 25, 2013	11 AM	Agricultural Water
Apr 22, 2013	11 AM	Soil Amendments
Apr 25, 2013	11 AM	Domestic and Wild Animals
TBA		Growing, Harvesting, Packing, & Holding Activities
TBA		Equipment, Tools, Buildings, & Sanitation
TBA		Health, Hygiene, and Training of Workers
TBA		Recordkeeping, Compliance, & Enforcement

The full proposed produce rule and codified sections are attached to this message for your review. In addition, the links below will take you to other documents that may help clarify the proposed rule. We recommend reviewing this information before the teleconference.

Proposed Produce Safety Rule at a Glance:

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/FSMA/ucm334554.htm#coverage>

Proposed Produce Rule Subpart Fact Sheets:

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/FSMA/ucm334552.htm#L>

Call-in Information and Instructions

To participate in the teleconference, dial the toll-free number below 5 minutes prior to the presentation. No registration is required. All participants will be placed on mute upon entering the conference; however, the Q & A will be moderated by an operator who will provide instructions for how to ask questions using your telephone and individually unmute the lines of those who have questions. We ask that you call into the teleconference 5 minutes prior to the event start to ensure that all participants are available to receive instructions for the Q & A process at the beginning.

*Dial toll-free: 866-906-9888 *Enter passcode: 8140591 *These numbers will remain the same for ALL scheduled Q & A sessions.

We hope you can join us for one or more of the series! If you have any questions about this series, please contact Gretchen Wall at 607-255-6806 or glw53@cornell.edu.

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