California Department of Public Health
Food and Drug Branch

Food Safety Modernization Act
California’s Regulatory Perspective
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CDPH – FDA Relationship

CDPH routinely interacts with the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on workplanning, outbreak investigations, recalls, complaints, and enforcement activities.
CDPH’s Role in Produce Safety

- Ensuring adulterated foods do not enter the marketplace
- Identifying food vehicles responsible for food-borne illness outbreaks
- Determining the cause of food contamination to prevent its reoccurrence
Preventative Controls

The proposed rule on preventive controls for human food would apply to facilities that manufacture, process, pack or hold human food, with some exceptions and limitations:

- Produce warehouses
- Warehouses storing refrigerated foods
- Small businesses
- Foods such as dietary supplements, seafood, and juice that
Produce Safety Rule Implementation

The overarching goal is to improve the safety of produce in the marketplace and reduce incidence of food-borne illness.

What do we need to consider:
• Better prevention of produce safety problems in foreign supply chain
• More effective refusals of adulterated produce at the port of entry
• Better prevention of the produce safety problems in the domestic supply chain
• More effective response to known hazards
• Increased use of safe practices by consumers
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