



# FSMA Imports Team: International Capacity Building

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# Background

- Began Spring 2010
- Learned from other groups about metrics (USAID, FAS, ORA, FSIS)
- Learned from several global evaluations of food safety training and capacity building programs that we need to **be proactive**, not reactive
  - E.g., training given in response to a regulatory problem is not successful; partnering; evaluations
- Developed affirmative agenda

# Section 305

- FDA shall develop a plan to expand the technical, scientific and regulatory food safety capacity of foreign governments and their respective food industries that export foods to US
- Due in 2 years, 1/04/13

# Consultations

- In developing the plan, FDA shall consult with:
  - USDA,
  - State Department,
  - Transportation Department,
  - Department of Homeland Security,
  - US Trade Representatives,
  - Commerce Department,
  - Food industry representatives,
  - Foreign governments officials
  - Non governmental organizations representing consumers,
  - Other stakeholders

# The Plan shall include:

1. Recommendations for agreements, including ensuring exporter responsibility
2. Secure electronic data sharing
3. Mutual recognition of inspection reports
4. Training of U.S. requirements
5. Recommendations on whether/how to harmonize requirements with Codex
6. Multilateral acceptance of lab methods and testing/detection techniques

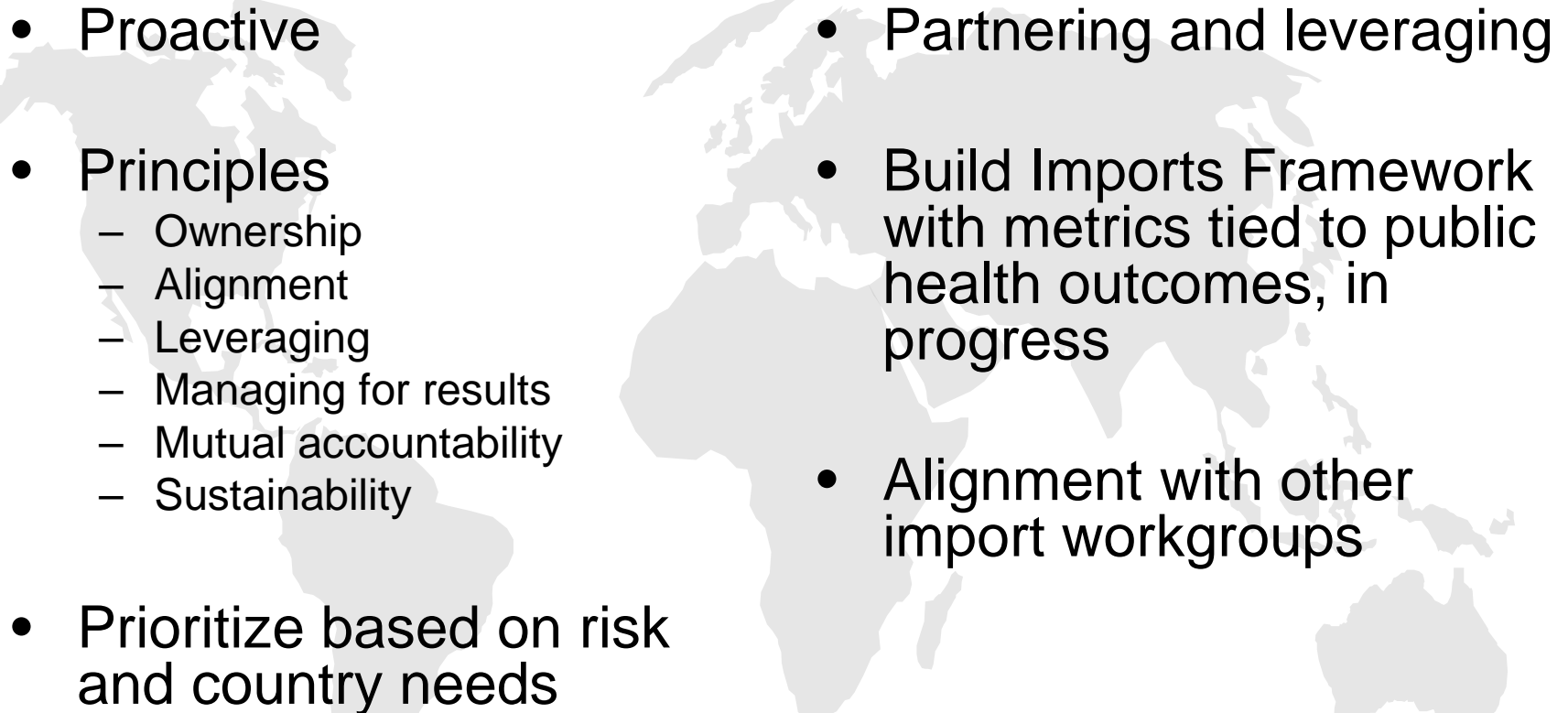
# Overlaps

- Sec 303(b)/FFDCA § 801(q)(7), Assessment of Foreign Food Safety Programs, Systems and Standards
  - To inform capacity building prioritization for plan implementation
  - Factor for Import Certification, determine approach
  
- Sec 308, directs FDA foreign offices to provide assistance to foreign governments with respect to food safety
  - Capacity building plan will provide direction and support to foreign offices

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- Sec 306(a)/FFDCA § 807(a)(1), which allows FDA to enter into arrangements and agreements with foreign governments to facilitate the inspection of foreign food facilities.
  - Capacity building plan will support this work

# Plan in progress...

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- Proactive
  - Principles
    - Ownership
    - Alignment
    - Leveraging
    - Managing for results
    - Mutual accountability
    - Sustainability
  - Prioritize based on risk and country needs
  - Partnering and leveraging
  - Build Imports Framework with metrics tied to public health outcomes, in progress
  - Alignment with other import workgroups



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**Thank you!**