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
Overlaps

• 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…

• 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
Thank you!