



# History of the Proposed Produce Safety Rule / Rulemaking Process

January 4  
**2011**

Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) signed into law by President Obama

January 4  
**2013**

FDA released for public comment its Proposed Rule to establish science-based standards for growing, harvesting, packing & holding produce on domestic & foreign farms ("Produce Safety Rule")

January 16  
**2013**

FDA published Proposed Rule in the Federal Register

February 15  
**2013**

FDA extended the comment period for the Proposed Rule until May 16, 2013

March 19  
**2013**

FDA made technical corrections to the Proposed Rule

April 26  
**2013**

FDA extended the comment period for the Proposed Rule until September 16, 2013

August 16  
**2013**

FDA extended the comment period for the Proposed Rule until November 15, 2013

August 16  
**2013**

FDA announced its intent to prepare an EIS & the beginning of the "scoping process"

November 15  
**2013**

FDA extended the comment period on the Proposed Rule until November 22, 2013

August 19  
**2013**

FDA published Notice to Prepare an EIS in the Federal Register

December 19  
**2013**

FDA indicated that it plans to publish revised Proposed Rule language for select provisions and seek comment on it

November 18  
**2013**

FDA extended the comment period for the Notice to Prepare an EIS until March 15, 2014

March 11  
**2014**

FDA published NOI extending scoping to April 18 & announcing EIS Scoping Meeting

April 18  
**2014**

End of EIS Scoping Period