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Action Levels for Lead in Juice: Guidance for Industry
Speakers’ Biographies

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Conrad Choiniere, PhD, is the Director of the Office of Analytics and Outreach at the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. Dr. Choiniere provides executive leadership for a broad portfolio of scientific and regulatory functions including risk and decision analysis, social and behavioral sciences, epidemiology, biostatistics and informatics, education and outreach, and food defense. Dr. Choiniere chairs FDA’s Toxic Elements Working Group which prioritizes the agency’s efforts to reduce exposures to lead, arsenic and other heavy metals from foods to the greatest extent feasible. Dr. Choiniere has a PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics from the University of Maryland and a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Johns Hopkins University.

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Susan T. Mayne, PhD, is the Director of the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. In this position, Dr. Mayne leads the Center’s development and implementation of programs and policies related to the composition, quality, safety, and labeling of foods, food and color additives, and cosmetics. CFSAN also oversees diet and health initiatives, which include fostering the development of healthier foods and ensuring that consumers have access to accurate and useful information to make healthy food choices. The FDA foods program is responsible for approximately 80% of the U.S. food supply, which includes approximately $400 billion in domestic food and $50 billion in imported food. An internationally recognized public health leader and scientist, Dr. Mayne received a BA in chemistry from the University of Colorado. She earned a PhD in nutritional sciences, with minors in biochemistry and toxicology, from Cornell University. She came to the FDA from Yale University, where she was the C.-E.A. Winslow Professor of Epidemiology and the Associate Director of the Yale Comprehensive Cancer Center.

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Paul South is Director for the Division of Plant Products and Beverages at FDA’s Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition in the Office of Food Safety. He is responsible for developing policy, regulations, regulatory guidance, and compliance strategies on issues related to the safety of plant products and beverages. Dr. South received a Ph.D. in food science from Cornell University.