

## World Food Safety Day – June 7, 2023



Today @FDA\_Global is celebrating the fifth World Food Safety Day, but in practice, our office is dedicated to ensuring the safety of imported foods every single day.

This year's theme, *Food Standards Save Lives*, was designated by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations which sponsors World Food Safety Day, along with the World Health Organization.

The *Standards* theme coincides with the 60th anniversary of Codex Alimentarius, a collection of food standards, guidelines, and codes of practice adopted by the international Codex Alimentarius Commission (with which the FDA participates across many committees) to encourage governments and food safety advocates around the world to focus on the importance of applying safety standards in every aspect of food production — from the source to the table.

The importance of food standards certainly resonates with the FDA's Office of Global Policy and Strategy. In any given year, our office supports the development of strong safety standards and works across the globe to advance regulatory practices.

Consider these recent activities, reported in our most recent newsletter:

- Helping to establish a new food safety technical working group to address scientific, technical, and policy issues between the European Union and the United States.
- Participating in the Joint Steering Committee Meeting of the Food Safety Partnership (FSP) with Mexico’s food safety authorities — the Federal Commission for the Protection from Sanitary Risks (COFEPRIS) and the National Service of Agro-Alimentary Health, Safety, and Quality (SENASICA) — as part of the ongoing effort to help ensure the safety of food imported from Mexico and to advance protections for consumers in both countries.
- Supporting trainings in multiple countries to advance knowledge of internationally recognized food safety standards and practices.

**Read about the above activities — and more — in the [May 2023 issue of our \*Global Update\* newsletter.](#)**

**Additional FDA Resources:**

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[Food Safety Modernization Act \(FSMA\) | FDA](#)

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