

Closing Remarks

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(Sema Hashemi): Good afternoon everyone, my name is Sema Hashemi. I am the current Acting Deputy Director for the Asia-Pacific Office. I think you had an opportunity to meet our colleagues so thank you for joining us today.

Since we ended a little early, I was going to start with closing remarks. But I wanted to give everyone in the room an opportunity to ask any questions from throughout the day. Or if you have any questions specifically about what the agency is doing internationally.

So if there are any questions, I'd like to take the next few moments and give everyone an opportunity to raise their hands; any lingering questions? Okay well if not, if you think of anything, myself and my colleagues will be here for at least the next half an hour. And we welcome you to join us in the front of the room and we'll answer your questions at that time.

So today we had a very exciting day. We started off with imports and then we ended off talking about the Food Safety Modernization Act. This is very exciting time for FDA. So for you taking time out of your busy schedule and joining us here at our White Oak facilities, we're very happy about that.

So enjoy the rest of your day. Thank you very much. Did you have a question?

Brian Pendleton: Yes I actually have the information about the Systems Recognition Initiative.

Sema Hashemi: Would you like to come up? Okay so Brian has a couple more of statements before we close out for the rest of the day.

Brian Pendleton: So I mentioned that the process initiates with a submission of an ICAT and that's an International Comparability Assessment Tool.

So if a foreign food safety system wants to be reviewed under this systems recognition initiative, they will complete this document and submit it to FDA. And that starts the process going. And that's discussed in some length in this document.

So hopefully this will help you at least to start for how the systems recognition initiative works.

Sema Hashemi: So again from our main webpage, at fda.gov, we'll ask that you click on the tab for Food. And once the page loads then you'll find our section on international and agency coordination, you click on this link and that will direct you to international cooperation.

Once there then we have our section on systems recognition. And to click on this link where it says Information for Foreign Governments, Frequently Asked Questions on Systems Recognition is what you should be submitting to your colleagues and country.

Sema Hashemi: Great, thank you for that Marie. And again, thank you everyone for joining us today. Just a last reminder, if there's any additional questions, we will be in the front of the room for the next 30 minutes and we'll be happy to answer your questions at that time.

So drive safely and we look forward to seeing you in about approximately six months when we have our next forum. Thank you and good night.