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To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of the food supply.

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Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. DODD, Mr. BURR, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. ALEXANDER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of the food supply.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES; TABLE OF CON-**
4 **TENTS.**

5 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
6 “FDA Food Safety Modernization Act”.

7 (b) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise specified,
8 whenever in this Act an amendment is expressed in terms
9 of an amendment to a section or other provision, the ref-

1 erence shall be considered to be made to a section or other
 2 provision of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
 3 (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.).

4 (c) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
 5 this Act is as follows:

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1 **TITLE I—GENERAL FOOD**
2 **PROVISIONS**

3 **SEC. 101. INSPECTIONS OF RECORDS.**

4 Section 414(a) (21 U.S.C. 350c(a)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking the heading and all follows
6 through “of food is” and inserting the following:
7 “RECORDS INSPECTION.—

8 “(1) ADULTERATED FOOD.—If the Secretary
9 has a reasonable belief that an article of food, and
10 any other article of food that the Secretary reason-
11 ably believes is likely to be affected in a similar man-
12 ner, is”;

13 (2) by inserting “, and to any other article of
14 food that the Secretary reasonably believes is likely
15 to be affected in a similar manner,” after “relating
16 to such article”;

17 (3) by striking the last sentence; and

18 (4) by inserting at the end the following:

19 “(2) SERIOUS ADVERSE HEALTH CON-
20 SEQUENCES.—If the Secretary believes that there is
21 a reasonable probability that the use of or exposure
22 to an article of food, and any other article of food
23 that the Secretary reasonably believes is likely to be
24 affected in a similar manner, will cause serious ad-
25 verse health consequences or death to humans or

1 animals, each person (excluding farms and res-
2 taurants) who manufactures, processes, packs, dis-
3 tributes, receives, holds, or imports such article
4 shall, at the request of an officer or employee duly
5 designated by the Secretary, permit such officer or
6 employee, upon presentation of appropriate creden-
7 tials and a written notice to such person, at reason-
8 able times and within reasonable limits and in a rea-
9 sonable manner, to have access to and copy all
10 records relating to such article and to any other ar-
11 ticle of food that the Secretary reasonably believes is
12 likely to be affected in a similar manner, that are
13 needed to assist the Secretary in determining wheth-
14 er there is a reasonable probability that the use of
15 or exposure to the food will cause serious adverse
16 health consequences or death to humans or animals.

17 “(3) APPLICATION.—The requirement under
18 paragraphs (1) and (2) applies to all records relating
19 to the manufacture, processing, packing, distribu-
20 tion, receipt, holding, or importation of such article
21 maintained by or on behalf of such person in any
22 format (including paper and electronic formats) and
23 at any location.”.

1 **SEC. 102. REGISTRATION OF FOOD FACILITIES.**

2 (a) UPDATING OF FOOD CATEGORY REGULATIONS;
3 BIENNIAL REGISTRATION RENEWAL.—Section 415(a) (21
4 U.S.C. 350d(a)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (2), by—

6 (A) striking “conducts business and” and
7 inserting “conducts business, the e-mail address
8 for the contact person of the facility, and”; and

9 (B) inserting “, or any other food cat-
10 egories as determined appropriate by the Sec-
11 retary, including by guidance)” after “Code of
12 Federal Regulations”;

13 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as
14 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and

15 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(3) BIENNIAL REGISTRATION RENEWAL.—
18 During the period beginning on October 1 and end-
19 ing on December 31 of each even-numbered year, a
20 registrant that has submitted a registration under
21 paragraph (1) shall submit to the Secretary a re-
22 newal registration containing the information de-
23 scribed in paragraph (2). The Secretary shall pro-
24 vide for an abbreviated registration renewal process
25 for any registrant that has not had any changes to
26 such information since the registrant submitted the

1 preceding registration or registration renewal for the
2 facility involved.”.

3 (b) SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 415 (21 U.S.C.
5 350d) is amended—

6 (A) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting after
7 the first sentence the following: “The registra-
8 tion shall contain a consent to permit the Sec-
9 retary to inspect such facility.”;

10 (B) by redesignating subsections (b) and
11 (c) as subsections (e) and (d), respectively; and

12 (C) by inserting after subsection (a) the
13 following:

14 “(b) SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines
16 that food manufactured, processed, packed, or held
17 by a facility registered under this section has a rea-
18 sonable probability of causing serious adverse health
19 consequences or death to humans or animals, the
20 Secretary may by order suspend the registration of
21 the facility under this section in accordance with this
22 subsection.

23 “(2) HEARING ON SUSPENSION.—The Secretary
24 shall provide the registrant subject to an order
25 under paragraph (1) with an opportunity for an in-

1 formal hearing, to be held as soon as possible but
2 not later than 2 days after the issuance of the order,
3 on the actions required for reinstatement of registra-
4 tion and why the registration that is subject to sus-
5 pension should be reinstated. The Secretary may re-
6 instate a registration if the Secretary determines,
7 based on evidence presented, that adequate grounds
8 do not exist to continue the suspension of the reg-
9 istration.

10 “(3) POST-HEARING CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN;
11 VACATING OF ORDER.—

12 “(A) CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.—If, after
13 providing opportunity for an informal hearing
14 under paragraph (2), the Secretary determines
15 that the suspension of registration remains nec-
16 essary, the Secretary shall require the reg-
17 istrant to submit a corrective action plan to
18 demonstrate how the registrant plans to correct
19 the conditions found by the Secretary. The Sec-
20 retary shall review such plan in a timely man-
21 ner.

22 “(B) VACATING OF ORDER.—Upon a de-
23 termination by the Secretary that adequate
24 grounds do not exist to continue the suspension
25 actions required by the order, or that such ac-

1 tions should be modified, the Secretary shall va-
2 cate the order or modify the order.

3 “(4) EFFECT OF SUSPENSION.—If the registra-
4 tion of a facility is suspended under this subsection,
5 such facility shall not import food or offer to import
6 food into the United States, or otherwise introduce
7 food into interstate commerce in the United States.

8 “(5) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall pro-
9 mulgate regulations that describe the standards offi-
10 cials will use in making a determination to suspend
11 a registration, and the format such officials will use
12 to explain to the registrant the conditions found at
13 the facility.

14 “(6) NO DELEGATION.—The authority con-
15 ferred by this subsection to issue an order to sus-
16 pend a registration or vacate an order of suspension
17 shall not be delegated to any officer or employee
18 other than the Commissioner.”.

19 (2) IMPORTED FOOD.—Section 801(l) (21
20 U.S.C. 381(l)) is amended by inserting “(or for
21 which a registration has been suspended under such
22 section)” after “section 415”.

23 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

24 (1) Section 301(d) (21 U.S.C. 331(d)) is
25 amended by inserting “415,” after “404,”.

1 (2) Section 415(d), as redesignated by sub-
2 section (b), is amended by adding at the end before
3 the period “for a facility to be registered, except
4 with respect to the reinstatement of a registration
5 that is suspended under subsection (b)”.

6 **SEC. 103. MANDATORY RECALL AUTHORITY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter IV (21 U.S.C. 341 et
8 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

9 **“SEC. 418. MANDATORY RECALL AUTHORITY.**

10 “(a) VOLUNTARY PROCEDURES.—If the Secretary
11 determines, based on information gathered through the re-
12 portable food registry under section 417 or through any
13 other means, that there is a reasonable probability that
14 an article of food (other than infant formula) is adulter-
15 ated under section 402 or misbranded under section
16 403(w) and the use of or exposure to such article will
17 cause serious adverse health consequences or death to hu-
18 mans or animals, the Secretary shall provide the respon-
19 sible party (as defined in section 417) with an opportunity
20 to cease distribution and recall such article.

21 “(b) PREHEARING ORDER TO CEASE DISTRIBUTION
22 AND GIVE NOTICE.—If the responsible party refuses to
23 or does not voluntarily cease distribution or recall such
24 article within the time and in the manner prescribed by
25 the Secretary (if so prescribed), the Secretary may, by

1 order require, as the Secretary deems necessary, such per-
2 son to—

3 “(1) immediately cease distribution of such arti-
4 cle; or

5 “(2) immediately notify all persons—

6 “(A) manufacturing, processing, packing,
7 transporting, distributing, receiving, holding, or
8 importing and selling such article; and

9 “(B) to which such article has been dis-
10 tributed, transported, or sold, to immediately
11 cease distribution of such article.

12 “(c) HEARING ON ORDER.—The Secretary shall pro-
13 vide the responsible party subject to an order under sub-
14 section (b) with an opportunity for an informal hearing,
15 to be held as soon as possible but not later than 2 days
16 after the issuance of the order, on the actions required
17 by the order and on why the article that is the subject
18 of the order should not be recalled.

19 “(d) POST-HEARING RECALL ORDER AND MODIFICA-
20 TION OF ORDER.—

21 “(1) AMENDMENT OF ORDER.—If, after pro-
22 viding opportunity for an informal hearing under
23 subsection (c), the Secretary determines that re-
24 moval of the article from commerce is necessary, the
25 Secretary shall, as appropriate—

1 “(A) amend the order to require recall of
2 such article or other appropriate action;

3 “(B) specify a timetable in which the recall
4 shall occur;

5 “(C) require periodic reports to the Sec-
6 retary describing the progress of the recall; and

7 “(D) provide notice to consumers to whom
8 such article was, or may have been, distributed.

9 “(2) VACATING OF ORDER.—If, after such hear-
10 ing, the Secretary determines that adequate grounds
11 do not exist to continue the actions required by the
12 order, or that such actions should be modified, the
13 Secretary shall vacate the order or modify the order.

14 “(e) COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION.—The Sec-
15 retary shall work with State and local public health offi-
16 cials in carrying out this section, as appropriate.

17 “(f) PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.—In conducting a recall
18 under this section, the Secretary shall ensure that a press
19 release is published regarding the recall, as well as alerts
20 and public notices, as appropriate, in order to provide noti-
21 fication of the recall to consumers and retailers to whom
22 such article was, or may have been, distributed. The notifi-
23 cation shall include, at a minimum—

24 “(1) the name of the article of food subject to
25 the recall; and

1 “(2) a description of the risk associated with
2 such article.

3 “(g) NO DELEGATION.—The authority conferred by
4 this section to order a recall or vacate a recall order shall
5 not be delegated to any officer or employee other than the
6 Commissioner.

7 “(h) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section shall affect
8 the authority of the Secretary to request or participate
9 in a voluntary recall.”.

10 (b) CIVIL PENALTY.—Section 303(f)(2)(A) (21
11 U.S.C. 333(f)(2)(A)) is amended by inserting “or any per-
12 son who does not comply with a recall order under section
13 418” after “section 402(a)(2)(B)”.

14 (c) PROHIBITED ACTS.—Section 301 (21 U.S.C. 331
15 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

16 “(oo) The refusal or failure to follow an order under
17 section 418.”.

18 **SEC. 104. HAZARD ANALYSIS AND RISK-BASED PREVENTIVE**

19 **CONTROLS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter IV (21 U.S.C. 341 et
21 seq.), as amended by section 103, is amended by adding
22 at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 419. HAZARD ANALYSIS AND RISK-BASED PREVEN-**
2 **TIVE CONTROLS.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Each owner, operator, or agent
4 in charge of a facility shall, in accordance with this sec-
5 tion, evaluate the hazards that could affect food manufac-
6 tured, processed, packed, or held by such facility, identify
7 and implement preventive controls to significantly mini-
8 mize or prevent their occurrence and provide assurances
9 that such food is not adulterated under section 402 or
10 misbranded under section 403(w), monitor the perform-
11 ance of those controls, and maintain records of this moni-
12 toring as a matter of routine practice.

13 “(b) HAZARD ANALYSIS.—The owner, operator, or
14 agent in charge of a facility shall—

15 “(1) identify and evaluate known or reasonably
16 foreseeable hazards that may be associated with the
17 facility, including—

18 “(A) biological, chemical, physical, and ra-
19 diological hazards, natural toxins, pesticides,
20 drug residues, decomposition, parasites, aller-
21 gens, and unapproved food and color additives;
22 and

23 “(B) hazards that occur naturally, may be
24 unintentionally introduced, or may be inten-
25 tionally introduced, including by acts of ter-
26 rorism; and

1 “(2) develop a written analysis of the hazards.

2 “(c) PREVENTIVE CONTROLS.—The owner, operator,
3 or agent in charge of a facility shall identify and imple-
4 ment preventive controls, including at critical control
5 points, if any, to provide assurances that—

6 “(1) hazards identified in the hazard analysis
7 conducted under subsection (b) will be significantly
8 minimized or prevented; and

9 “(2) the food manufactured, processed, packed,
10 or held by such facility will not be adulterated under
11 section 402 or misbranded under section 403(w).

12 “(d) MONITORING OF EFFECTIVENESS.—The owner,
13 operator, or agent in charge of a facility shall monitor the
14 effectiveness of the preventive controls implemented under
15 subsection (c) to provide assurances that the outcomes de-
16 scribed in subsection (c) shall be achieved.

17 “(e) CORRECTIVE ACTIONS.—The owner, operator,
18 or agent in charge of a facility shall establish procedures
19 that a facility will implement if the preventive controls im-
20 plemented under subsection (c) are found to be ineffective
21 through monitoring under subsection (d).

22 “(f) VERIFICATION.—The owner, operator, or agent
23 in charge of a facility shall verify that—

1 “(1) the preventive controls implemented under
2 subsection (c) are adequate to control the hazards
3 identified under subsection (b);

4 “(2) the owner, operator, or agent is conducting
5 monitoring in accordance with subsection (d);

6 “(3) the owner, operator, or agent is making
7 appropriate decisions about corrective actions taken
8 under subsection (e); and

9 “(4) there is documented, periodic reanalysis of
10 the plan under subsection (i) to ensure that the plan
11 is still relevant to the raw materials, as well as to
12 conditions and processes in the facility, and to new
13 and emerging threats.

14 “(g) RECORDKEEPING.—The owner, operator, or
15 agent in charge of a facility shall maintain, for not less
16 than 2 years, records documenting the monitoring of the
17 preventive controls implemented under subsection (c), in-
18 stances of nonconformance material to food safety, in-
19 stances when corrective actions were implemented, and the
20 efficacy of preventive controls and corrective actions.

21 “(h) WRITTEN PLAN AND DOCUMENTATION.—Each
22 owner, operator, or agent in charge of a facility shall pre-
23 pare a written plan that documents and describes the pro-
24 cedures used by the facility to comply with the require-
25 ments of this section, including analyzing the hazards

1 under subsection (b) and identifying the preventive con-
2 trols adopted to address those hazards under subsection
3 (c). Such written plan, together with documentation that
4 the plan is being implemented, shall be made promptly
5 available to a duly authorized representative of the Sec-
6 retary upon oral or written request.

7 “(i) REQUIREMENT TO REANALYZE.—Each owner,
8 operator, or agent in charge of a facility shall conduct a
9 reanalysis under subsection (b) whenever a significant
10 change is made in the activities conducted at a facility
11 operated by such owner, operator, or agent if the change
12 creates a reasonable potential for a new hazard or a sig-
13 nificant increase in a previously identified hazard or not
14 less frequently than once every 3 years, whichever is ear-
15 lier. Such reanalysis shall be completed and additional pre-
16 ventive controls needed to address the hazard identified,
17 if any, shall be implemented before the change in activities
18 at the facility is commenced. Such owner, operator, or
19 agent shall revise the written plan required under sub-
20 section (h) if such a significant change is made or docu-
21 ment the basis for the conclusion that no additional or
22 revised preventive controls are needed. The Secretary may
23 require a reanalysis under this section to respond to new
24 hazards and developments in scientific understanding.

1 “(j) DEEMED COMPLIANCE OF SEAFOOD, JUICE,
2 AND LOW-ACID CANNED FOOD FACILITIES IN COMPLI-
3 ANCE WITH HACCP.—An owner, operator, or agent in
4 charge of a facility required to comply with 1 of the fol-
5 lowing standards and regulations with respect to such fa-
6 cility shall be deemed to be in compliance with this section,
7 with respect to such facility:

8 “(1) The Seafood Hazard Analysis Critical
9 Control Points Program of the Food and Drug Ad-
10 ministration.

11 “(2) The Juice Hazard Analysis Critical Con-
12 trol Points Program of the Food and Drug Adminis-
13 tration.

14 “(3) The Thermally Processed Low-Acid Foods
15 Packaged in Hermetically Sealed Containers stand-
16 ards of the Food and Drug Administration (or any
17 successor standards).

18 “(k) EXCEPTION FOR FACILITIES IN COMPLIANCE
19 WITH SECTION 420.—This section shall not apply to a
20 facility that is subject to section 420.

21 “(l) AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN FA-
22 CILITIES.—The Secretary may, by regulation, exempt or
23 modify the requirements for compliance under this section
24 with respect to facilities that are solely engaged in the

1 storage of packaged foods that are not exposed to the envi-
2 ronment.

3 “(m) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

4 “(1) CRITICAL CONTROL POINT.—The term
5 ‘critical control point’ means a point, step, or proce-
6 dure in a food process at which control can be ap-
7 plied and is essential to prevent or eliminate a food
8 safety hazard or reduce it to an acceptable level.

9 “(2) FACILITY.—The term ‘facility’ means a
10 domestic facility or a foreign facility that is required
11 to register under section 415.

12 “(3) PREVENTIVE CONTROLS.—The term ‘pre-
13 ventive controls’ means those risk-based, reasonably
14 appropriate procedures, practices, and processes that
15 a person knowledgeable about the safe manufac-
16 turing, processing, packing, or holding of food would
17 have employed to significantly minimize or prevent
18 the hazards identified under the hazard analysis con-
19 ducted under subsection (a) and that are consistent
20 with the current scientific understanding of safe
21 food manufacturing, processing, packing, or holding
22 at the time of the analysis. Those procedures, prac-
23 tices, and processes may include the following:

1 “(A) Sanitation procedures for food con-
2 tact surfaces and utensils and food-contact sur-
3 faces of equipment.

4 “(B) Supervisor, manager, and employee
5 hygiene training.

6 “(C) An environmental monitoring pro-
7 gram to verify the effectiveness of pathogen
8 controls.

9 “(D) An allergen control program.

10 “(E) A recall contingency plan.

11 “(F) Good Manufacturing Practices
12 (GMPs).

13 “(G) Supplier verification activities.”.

14 (b) REGULATIONS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
16 Human Services (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
17 retary”) shall promulgate regulations to establish
18 science-based minimum standards for conducting a
19 hazard analysis, documenting hazards, implementing
20 preventive controls, and documenting the implemen-
21 tation of the preventive controls under section 419
22 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (as
23 added by subsection (a)).

24 (2) CONTENT.—The regulations promulgated
25 under paragraph (1) shall provide sufficient flexi-

1 bility to be applicable in all situations, including in
2 the operations of small businesses.

3 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
4 subsection shall be construed to provide the Sec-
5 retary with the authority to apply specific tech-
6 nologies, practices, or critical controls to an indi-
7 vidual facility.

8 (4) REVIEW.—In promulgating the regulations
9 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall review reg-
10 ulatory hazard analysis and preventive control pro-
11 grams in existence on the date of enactment of this
12 Act to ensure that the program under such section
13 419 is consistent, to the extent practicable, with ap-
14 plicable internationally recognized standards in exist-
15 ence on such date.

16 (c) GUIDANCE DOCUMENT.—The Secretary shall
17 issue a guidance document related to hazard analysis and
18 preventive controls required under section 419 of the Fed-
19 eral Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (as added by sub-
20 section (a)).

21 (d) PROHIBITED ACTS.—Section 301 (21 U.S.C.
22 331), as amended by section 103, is amended by adding
23 at the end the following:

24 “(pp) The operation of a facility that manufacturers,
25 processes, packs, or holds food for sale in the United

1 States if the owner, operator, or agent in charge of such
2 facility is not in compliance with section 419.”.

3 (e) NO EFFECT ON HACCP AUTHORITIES.—Noth-
4 ing in the amendments made by this section limits the au-
5 thority of the Secretary under the Federal Food, Drug,
6 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) or the Public
7 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) to revise, issue,
8 or enforce product and category-specific regulations, such
9 as the Seafood Hazard Analysis Critical Controls Points
10 Program, the Juice Hazard Analysis Critical Control Pro-
11 gram, and the Thermally Processed Low-Acid Foods
12 Packaged in Hermetically Sealed Containers standards.

13 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

14 (1) GENERAL RULE.—The amendments made
15 by this section shall take effect 18 months after the
16 date of enactment of this Act.

17 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—Notwithstanding paragraph
18 (1)—

19 (A) the amendments made by this section
20 shall apply to a small business (as defined by
21 the Secretary) after the date that is 2 years
22 after the date of enactment of this Act; and

23 (B) the amendments made by this section
24 shall apply to a very small business (as defined

1 by the Secretary) after the date that is 3 years
2 after the date of enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 105. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.**

4 The Secretary shall, not less frequently than every
5 2 years, review and evaluate epidemiological data and
6 other appropriate sources of information to determine the
7 most significant food-borne contaminants and the most
8 significant resulting hazards, and may issue science-based
9 guidance documents, action levels, and regulations to help
10 prevent adulteration under section 402 of the Federal
11 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 342). Such
12 standards shall be applicable to products and product
13 classes and shall not be written to be facility-specific.

14 **SEC. 106. STANDARDS FOR PRODUCE SAFETY.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter IV (21 U.S.C. 341 et
16 seq.), as amended by section 104, is amended by adding
17 at the end the following:

18 **“SEC. 420. STANDARDS FOR PRODUCE SAFETY.**

19 “(a) PROPOSED RULEMAKING.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
21 the date of enactment of the FDA Food Safety Mod-
22 ernization Act, the Secretary, in consultation with
23 the Secretary of Agriculture and representatives of
24 State departments of agriculture, shall publish a no-
25 tice of proposed rulemaking to establish science-

1 based minimum standards for the safe production
2 and harvesting of those types of fruits and vegeta-
3 bles that are raw agricultural commodities for which
4 the Secretary has determined that such standards
5 minimize the risk of serious adverse health con-
6 sequences or death.

7 “(2) PUBLIC INPUT.—During the comment pe-
8 riod on the notice of proposed rulemaking under
9 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall conduct not less
10 than 3 public meetings in diverse geographical areas
11 of the United States to provide persons in different
12 regions an opportunity to comment.

13 “(3) CONTENT.—The proposed rulemaking
14 under paragraph (1) shall—

15 “(A) include, with respect to growing, har-
16 vesting, sorting, and storage operations, min-
17 imum standards related to fertilizer use, nutri-
18 ents, hygiene, packaging, temperature controls,
19 animal encroachment, and water; and

20 “(B) consider hazards that occur naturally,
21 may be unintentionally introduced, or may be
22 intentionally introduced, including by acts of
23 terrorism.

24 “(4) PRIORITIZATION.—The Secretary shall
25 prioritize the implementation of the regulations for

1 specific fruits and vegetables that are raw agricul-
2 tural commodities that have been associated with
3 food-borne illness outbreaks.

4 “(b) FINAL REGULATION.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
6 the close of the comment period for the proposed
7 rulemaking under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
8 adopt a final regulation to provide for minimum
9 standards for those types of fruits and vegetables
10 that are raw agricultural commodities for which the
11 Secretary has determined that such standards mini-
12 mize the risk of serious adverse health consequences
13 or death.

14 “(2) FINAL REGULATION.—The final regulation
15 shall—

16 “(A) provide a reasonable period of time
17 for compliance, taking into account the needs of
18 small businesses for additional time to comply;

19 “(B) provide for coordination of education
20 and enforcement activities by State and local
21 officials, as designated by the Governors of the
22 respective States; and

23 “(C) include a description of the variance
24 process under subsection (c) and the types of
25 permissible variances the Secretary may grant.

1 “(c) CRITERIA.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The regulations adopted
3 under subsection (b) shall—

4 “(A) set forth those procedures, processes,
5 and practices as the Secretary determines to be
6 reasonably necessary to prevent the introduc-
7 tion of known or reasonably foreseeable biologi-
8 cal, chemical, and physical hazards, including
9 hazards that occur naturally, may be uninten-
10 tionally introduced, or may be intentionally in-
11 troduced, including by acts of terrorism, into
12 fruits and vegetables that are raw agricultural
13 commodities and to provide reasonable assur-
14 ances that the produce is not adulterated under
15 section 402; and

16 “(B) permit States and foreign countries
17 from which food is imported into the United
18 States, subject to paragraph (2), to request
19 from the Secretary variances from the require-
20 ments of the regulations, where upon approval
21 of the Secretary, the variance is considered per-
22 missible under the requirements of the regula-
23 tions adopted under subsection (b)(1)(C) and
24 where the State or foreign country determines
25 that the variance is necessary in light of local

1 growing conditions and that the procedures,
2 processes, and practices to be followed under
3 the variance are reasonably likely to ensure that
4 the produce is not adulterated under section
5 402 to the same extent as the requirements of
6 the regulation adopted under subsection (b).

7 “(2) APPROVAL OF VARIANCES.—A State or
8 foreign country from which food is imported into the
9 United States shall request a variance from the Sec-
10 retary in writing. The Secretary may deny such a re-
11 quest as not reasonably likely to ensure that the
12 produce is not adulterated under section 402 to the
13 same extent as the requirements of the regulation
14 adopted under subsection (b).

15 “(d) ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary may coordinate
16 with the Secretary of Agriculture and shall contract and
17 coordinate with the agency or department designated by
18 the Governor of each State to perform activities to ensure
19 compliance with this section.

20 “(e) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 1 year after the
21 date of enactment of the FDA Food Safety Modernization
22 Act, the Secretary shall publish, after consultation with
23 the Secretary of Agriculture and representatives of State
24 departments of agriculture, updated good agricultural

1 practices and guidance for the safe production and har-
2 vesting of specific types of fresh produce.

3 “(f) EXCEPTION FOR FACILITIES IN COMPLIANCE
4 WITH SECTION 419.—This section shall not apply to a
5 facility that is subject to section 419.”.

6 (b) PROHIBITED ACTS.—Section 301 (21 U.S.C.
7 331), as amended by section 104, is amended by adding
8 at the end the following:

9 “(qq) The production or harvesting of produce not
10 in accordance with minimum standards as provided by
11 regulation under section 420(b) or a variance issued under
12 section 420(c).”.

13 (c) NO EFFECT ON HACCP AUTHORITIES.—Nothing
14 in the amendments made by this section limits the author-
15 ity of the Secretary under the Federal Food, Drug, and
16 Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) or the Public Health
17 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) to revise, issue, or
18 enforce product and category-specific regulations, such as
19 the Seafood Hazard Analysis Critical Controls Points Pro-
20 gram, the Juice Hazard Analysis Critical Control Pro-
21 gram, and the Thermally Processed Low-Acid Foods
22 Packaged in Hermetically Sealed Containers standards.

1 **SEC. 107. TARGETING OF INSPECTION RESOURCES FOR DO-**
2 **MESTIC FACILITIES, FOREIGN FACILITIES,**
3 **AND PORTS OF ENTRY; ANNUAL REPORT.**

4 (a) TARGETING OF INSPECTION RESOURCES FOR
5 DOMESTIC FACILITIES, FOREIGN FACILITIES, AND PORTS
6 OF ENTRY.—Chapter IV (21 U.S.C. 341 et seq.), as
7 amended by section 106, is amended by adding at the end
8 the following:

9 **“SEC. 421. TARGETING OF INSPECTION RESOURCES FOR**
10 **DOMESTIC FACILITIES, FOREIGN FACILITIES,**
11 **AND PORTS OF ENTRY; ANNUAL REPORT.**

12 “(a) IDENTIFICATION AND INSPECTION OF FACILI-
13 TIES.—

14 “(1) IDENTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall al-
15 locate resources to inspect facilities according to the
16 risk profile of the facilities, which shall be based on
17 the following factors:

18 “(A) The risk profile of the food manufac-
19 tured, processed, packed, or held at the facility.

20 “(B) The facility’s history of food recalls,
21 outbreaks, and violations of food safety stand-
22 ards.

23 “(C) The rigor of the facility’s hazard
24 analysis and risk-based preventive controls.

25 “(D) Whether the food manufactured,
26 processed, packed, handled, prepared, treated,

1 distributed, or stored at the facility meets the
2 criteria for priority under section 801(h)(1).

3 “(E) Whether the facility has received a
4 certificate as described in section 809(b).

5 “(F) Any other criteria deemed necessary
6 and appropriate by the Secretary for purposes
7 of allocating inspection resources.

8 “(2) INSPECTIONS.—The Secretary shall in-
9 crease the frequency of inspection of all facilities,
10 and shall increase the frequency of inspection of fa-
11 cilities identified under paragraph (1) as high-risk
12 facilities such that—

13 “(A) for the first 2 years after the date of
14 enactment of the FDA Food Safety Moderniza-
15 tion Act, each high-risk facility is inspected not
16 less often than once every 2 years; and

17 “(B) for each succeeding year, each high-
18 risk facility is inspected not less often than once
19 each year.

20 “(b) IDENTIFICATION AND INSPECTION AT PORTS OF
21 ENTRY.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Sec-
22 retary of Homeland Security, shall allocate resources to
23 inspect articles of food imported into the United States
24 according to the risk profile of the article of food, which
25 shall be based on the following factors:

1 “(1) The risk profile of the food imported.

2 “(2) The risk profile of the countries of origin
3 and countries of transport of the food imported.

4 “(3) The history of food recalls, outbreaks, and
5 violations of food safety standards of the food im-
6 porter.

7 “(4) The rigor of the foreign supplier
8 verification program under section 805.

9 “(5) Whether the food importer participates in
10 the Voluntary Qualified Importer Program under
11 section 806.

12 “(6) Whether the food meets the criteria for
13 priority under section 801(h)(1).

14 “(7) Whether the food is from a facility that
15 has received a certificate as described in section
16 809(b).

17 “(8) Any other criteria deemed appropriate by
18 the Secretary for purposes of allocating inspection
19 resources.

20 “(c) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall improve
21 coordination and cooperation with the Secretary of Agri-
22 culture to target food inspection resources.

23 “(d) FACILITY.—For purposes of this section, the
24 term ‘facility’ means a domestic facility or a foreign facil-
25 ity that is required to register under section 415.”.

1 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 903 (21 U.S.C. 393)
2 is amended by adding at the end the following:

3 “(h) ANNUAL REPORT REGARDING FOOD.—Not
4 later than February 1 of each year, the Secretary shall
5 submit to Congress a report regarding—

6 “(1) information about food facilities includ-
7 ing—

8 “(A) the appropriations used to inspect fa-
9 cilities registered pursuant to section 415 in the
10 previous fiscal year;

11 “(B) the average cost of both a non-high-
12 risk food facility inspection and a high-risk food
13 facility inspection, if such a difference exists, in
14 the previous fiscal year;

15 “(C) the number of domestic facilities and
16 the number of foreign facilities registered pur-
17 suant to section 415 that the Secretary in-
18 spected in the previous fiscal year;

19 “(D) the number of domestic facilities and
20 the number of foreign facilities registered pur-
21 suant to section 415 that the Secretary did not
22 inspect in the previous fiscal year;

23 “(E) the number of high-risk facilities
24 identified pursuant to section 421 that the Sec-
25 retary inspected in the previous fiscal year; and

1 “(F) the number of high-risk facilities
2 identified pursuant to section 421 that the Sec-
3 retary did not inspect in the previous fiscal
4 year;

5 “(2) information about food imports includ-
6 ing—

7 “(A) the number of lines of food imported
8 into the United States that the Secretary phys-
9 ically inspected or sampled in the previous fiscal
10 year;

11 “(B) the number of lines of food imported
12 into the United States that the Secretary did
13 not physically inspect or sample in the previous
14 fiscal year; and

15 “(C) the average cost of physically inspect-
16 ing or sampling a food line subject to this Act
17 that is imported or offered for import into the
18 United States; and

19 “(3) information on the foreign offices estab-
20 lished under section 309 of the FDA Food Safety
21 Modernization Act including—

22 “(A) the number of foreign offices estab-
23 lished; and

24 “(B) the number of personnel permanently
25 stationed in each foreign office.

1 “(i) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF ANNUAL FOOD RE-
2 PORTS.—The Secretary shall make the reports required
3 under subsection (h) available to the public on the Internet
4 Web site of the Food and Drug Administration.”.

5 **SEC. 108. ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION OF FOOD.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 304(h)(1)(A) (21 U.S.C.
7 334(h)(1)(A)) is amended by—

8 (1) striking “credible evidence or information
9 indicating” and inserting “reason to believe”; and

10 (2) striking “presents a threat of serious ad-
11 verse health consequences or death to humans or
12 animals” and inserting “is adulterated or mis-
13 branded”.

14 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 120 days after
15 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue
16 an interim final rule amending subpart K of part 1 of title
17 21, Code of Federal Regulations, to implement the amend-
18 ment made by this section.

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
20 this section shall take effect 180 days after the date of
21 enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 109. PROTECTION AGAINST INTENTIONAL ADULTERA-**
2 **TION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter IV (21 U.S.C. 341 et
4 seq.), as amended by section 107, is amended by adding
5 at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 422. PROTECTION AGAINST INTENTIONAL ADULTERA-**
7 **TION.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 24 months after
9 the date of enactment of the FDA Food Safety Moderniza-
10 tion Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary
11 of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Agriculture,
12 shall promulgate regulations to protect against the inten-
13 tional adulteration of food subject to this Act.

14 “(b) CONTENT OF REGULATIONS.—Regulations
15 under subsection (a) shall only apply to food—

16 “(1) for which the Secretary has identified clear
17 vulnerabilities (such as short shelf-life or suscepti-
18 bility to intentional contamination at critical control
19 points);

20 “(2) in bulk or batch form, prior to being pack-
21 aged for the final consumer; and

22 “(3) for which there is a high risk of intentional
23 contamination, as determined by the Secretary, that
24 could cause serious adverse health consequences or
25 death to humans or animals.

1 “(c) DETERMINATIONS.—In making the determina-
2 tion under subsection (b)(3), the Secretary shall—

3 “(1) conduct vulnerability assessments of the
4 food system;

5 “(2) consider the best available understanding
6 of uncertainties, risks, costs, and benefits associated
7 with guarding against intentional adulteration at
8 vulnerable points; and

9 “(3) determine the types of science-based miti-
10 gation strategies or measures that are necessary to
11 protect against the intentional adulteration of food.

12 “(d) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply to
13 food produced on farms, except for milk.

14 “(e) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
15 term ‘farm’ has the meaning given that term in section
16 1.227 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or any suc-
17 cessor regulation).”.

18 (b) GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
20 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in
21 consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
22 rity and the Secretary of Agriculture, shall issue
23 guidance documents related to protection against the
24 intentional adulteration of food, including mitigation
25 strategies or measures to guard against such adul-

1 teration as required under section 422 of the Fed-
2 eral Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as added by
3 subsection (a).

4 (2) CONTENT.—The guidance document issued
5 under paragraph (1) shall—

6 (A) specify how a person shall assess
7 whether the person is required to implement
8 mitigation strategies or measures intended to
9 protect against the intentional adulteration of
10 food;

11 (B) specify appropriate science-based miti-
12 gation strategies or measures to prepare and
13 protect the food supply chain at specific vulner-
14 able points, as appropriate;

15 (C) include a model assessment for a per-
16 son to use under subparagraph (A);

17 (D) include examples of mitigation strate-
18 gies or measures described in subparagraph
19 (B); and

20 (E) specify situations in which the exam-
21 ples of mitigation strategies or measures de-
22 scribed in subparagraph (D) are appropriate.

23 (3) LIMITED DISTRIBUTION.—In the interest of
24 national security, the Secretary, in consultation with
25 the Secretary of Homeland Security, may determine

1 the time and manner in which the guidance docu-
2 ments issued under paragraph (1) are made public,
3 including by releasing such documents to targeted
4 audiences.

5 (c) PERIODIC REVIEW.—The Secretary shall periodi-
6 cally review and, as appropriate, update the regulation
7 under subsection (a) and the guidance documents under
8 subsection (b).

9 (d) PROHIBITED ACTS.—Section 301 (21 U.S.C. 331
10 et seq.), as amended by section 106, is amended by adding
11 at the end the following:

12 “(rr) The failure to comply with section 422.”.

13 **SEC. 110. NATIONAL AGRICULTURE AND FOOD DEFENSE**
14 **STRATEGY.**

15 (a) DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION OF STRAT-
16 EGY.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
18 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
19 Health and Human Services and the Secretary of
20 Agriculture, in coordination with the Secretary of
21 Homeland Security, shall prepare and submit to the
22 relevant committees of Congress, and make publicly
23 available on the Internet Web site of the Depart-
24 ment of Health and Human Services and the De-

1 department of Agriculture, the National Agriculture
2 and Food Defense Strategy.

3 (2) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—The strategy
4 shall include an implementation plan for use by the
5 Secretaries described under paragraph (1) in car-
6 rying out the strategy.

7 (3) RESEARCH.—The strategy shall include a
8 coordinated research agenda for use by the Secre-
9 taries described under paragraph (1) in conducting
10 research to support the goals and activities described
11 in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b).

12 (4) REVISIONS.—Not later than 4 years after
13 the date on which the strategy is submitted to the
14 relevant committees of Congress under paragraph
15 (1), and not less frequently than every 4 years there-
16 after, the Secretary of Health and Human Services
17 and the Secretary of Agriculture, in coordination
18 with the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall re-
19 vise and submit to the relevant committees of Con-
20 gress the strategy.

21 (5) CONSISTENCY WITH EXISTING PLANS.—The
22 strategy described in paragraph (1) shall be con-
23 sistent with—

24 (A) the National Incident Management
25 System;

- 1 (B) the National Response Framework;
2 (C) the National Infrastructure Protection
3 Plan;
4 (D) the National Preparedness Goals; and
5 (E) other relevant national strategies.

6 (b) COMPONENTS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The strategy shall include a
8 description of the process to be used by the Depart-
9 ment of Health and Human Services, the Depart-
10 ment of Agriculture, and the Department of Home-
11 land Security—

12 (A) to achieve each goal described in para-
13 graph (2); and

14 (B) to evaluate the progress made by Fed-
15 eral, State, local, and tribal governments to-
16 wards the achievement of each goal described in
17 paragraph (2).

18 (2) GOALS.—The strategy shall include a de-
19 scription of the process to be used by the Depart-
20 ment of Health and Human Services, the Depart-
21 ment of Agriculture, and the Department of Home-
22 land Security to achieve the following goals:

23 (A) PREPAREDNESS GOAL.—Enhance the
24 preparedness of the agriculture and food system
25 by—

- 1 (i) conducting vulnerability assess-
2 ments of the agriculture and food system;
- 3 (ii) mitigating vulnerabilities of the
4 system;
- 5 (iii) improving communication and
6 training relating to the system;
- 7 (iv) developing and conducting exer-
8 cises to test decontamination and disposal
9 plans;
- 10 (v) developing modeling tools to im-
11 prove event consequence assessment and
12 decision support; and
- 13 (vi) preparing risk communication
14 tools and enhancing public awareness
15 through outreach.

16 (B) DETECTION GOAL.—Improve agri-
17 culture and food system detection capabilities
18 by—

- 19 (i) identifying contamination in food
20 products at the earliest possible time; and
- 21 (ii) conducting surveillance to prevent
22 the spread of diseases.

23 (C) EMERGENCY RESPONSE GOAL.—En-
24 sure an efficient response to agriculture and
25 food emergencies by—

- 1 (i) immediately investigating animal
2 disease outbreaks and suspected food con-
3 tamination;
- 4 (ii) preventing additional human ill-
5 nesses;
- 6 (iii) organizing, training, and equip-
7 ping animal, plant, and food emergency re-
8 sponse teams of—
- 9 (I) the Federal Government; and
10 (II) State, local, and tribal gov-
11 ernments;
- 12 (iv) designing, developing, and evalu-
13 ating training and exercises carried out
14 under agriculture and food defense plans;
15 and
- 16 (v) ensuring consistent and organized
17 risk communication to the public by—
- 18 (I) the Federal Government;
19 (II) State, local, and tribal gov-
20 ernments; and
21 (III) the private sector.
- 22 (D) RECOVERY GOAL.—Secure agriculture
23 and food production after an agriculture or food
24 emergency by—

1 (i) working with the private sector to
2 develop business recovery plans to rapidly
3 resume agriculture and food production;

4 (ii) conducting exercises of the plans
5 described in subparagraph (C) with the
6 goal of long-term recovery results;

7 (iii) rapidly removing, and effectively
8 disposing of—

9 (I) contaminated agriculture and
10 food products; and

11 (II) infected plants and animals;
12 and

13 (iv) decontaminating and restoring
14 areas affected by an agriculture or food
15 emergency.

16 **SEC. 111. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE COORDINATING COUN-**
17 **CILS.**

18 The Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation
19 with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the
20 Secretary of Agriculture, shall within 180 days of enact-
21 ment of this Act, and annually thereafter, submit to the
22 relevant committees of Congress, and make publicly avail-
23 able on the Internet Web site of the Department of Home-
24 land Security, a report on the activities of the Food and
25 Agriculture Government Coordinating Council and the

1 Food and Agriculture Sector Coordinating Council, includ-
2 ing the progress of such Councils on—

3 (1) facilitating partnerships between public and
4 private entities to help unify and enhance the protec-
5 tion of the agriculture and food system of the
6 United States;

7 (2) providing for the regular and timely inter-
8 change of information between each council relating
9 to the security of the agriculture and food system
10 (including intelligence information);

11 (3) identifying best practices and methods for
12 improving the coordination among Federal, State,
13 local, and private sector preparedness and response
14 plans for agriculture and food defense; and

15 (4) recommending methods by which to protect
16 the economy and the public health of the United
17 States from the effects of—

18 (A) animal or plant disease outbreaks;

19 (B) food contamination; and

20 (C) natural disasters affecting agriculture
21 and food.

22 **SEC. 112. DECONTAMINATION AND DISPOSAL STANDARDS**
23 **AND PLANS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Envi-
25 ronmental Protection Agency (referred to in this section

1 as the “Administrator”), in coordination with the Sec-
2 retary of Health and Human Services, Secretary of Home-
3 land Security, and Secretary of Agriculture, shall provide
4 support for, and technical assistance to, State, local, and
5 tribal governments in preparing for, assessing, decontami-
6 nating, and recovering from an agriculture or food emer-
7 gency.

8 (b) DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS.—In carrying out
9 subsection (a), the Administrator, in coordination with the
10 Secretary of Health and Human Services, Secretary of
11 Homeland Security, Secretary of Agriculture, and State,
12 local, and tribal governments, shall develop and dissemi-
13 nate specific standards and protocols to undertake clean-
14 up, clearance, and recovery activities following the decon-
15 tamination and disposal of specific threat agents and for-
16 eign animal diseases.

17 (c) DEVELOPMENT OF MODEL PLANS.—In carrying
18 out subsection (a), the Administrator, the Secretary of
19 Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Agri-
20 culture shall jointly develop and disseminate model plans
21 for—

22 (1) the decontamination of individuals, equip-
23 ment, and facilities following an intentional contami-
24 nation of agriculture or food; and

1 (2) the disposal of large quantities of animals,
2 plants, or food products that have been infected or
3 contaminated by specific threat agents and foreign
4 animal diseases.

5 (d) EXERCISES.—In carrying out subsection (a), the
6 Administrator, in coordination with the entities described
7 under subsection (b), shall conduct exercises at least annu-
8 ally to evaluate and identify weaknesses in the decon-
9 tamination and disposal model plans described in sub-
10 section (c). Such exercises shall be carried out, to the max-
11 imum extent practicable, as part of the national exercise
12 program under section 648(b)(1) of the Post-Katrina
13 Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C.
14 748(b)(1)).

15 (e) MODIFICATIONS.—Based on the exercises de-
16 scribed in subsection (d), the Administrator, in coordina-
17 tion with the entities described in subsection (b), shall re-
18 view and modify as necessary the plans described in sub-
19 section (c) not less frequently than biennially.

20 (f) PRIORITIZATION.—The Administrator, in coordi-
21 nation with the entities described in subsection (b), shall
22 develop standards and plans under subsections (b) and (c)
23 in an identified order of priority that takes into account—

24 (1) highest-risk biological, chemical, and radio-
25 logical threat agents;

1 (2) agents that could cause the greatest eco-
2 nomic devastation to the agriculture and food sys-
3 tem; and

4 (3) agents that are most difficult to clean or re-
5 mediate.

6 **SEC. 113. AUTHORITY TO COLLECT FEES.**

7 (a) FEES FOR REINSPECTION, RECALL, AND IMPOR-
8 TATION ACTIVITIES.—Subchapter C of chapter VII (21
9 U.S.C. 379f et seq.) is amended by inserting after section
10 740 the following:

11 **“PART 5—FEES RELATED TO FOOD**

12 **“SEC. 740A. AUTHORITY TO COLLECT AND USE FEES.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

14 “(1) PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY.—For fiscal
15 year 2009 and each subsequent fiscal year, the Sec-
16 retary shall, in accordance with this section, assess
17 and collect fees from—

18 “(A) domestic facilities required to register
19 under section 415, to cover reinspection-related
20 costs for each such year;

21 “(B) domestic facilities required to register
22 under section 415, to cover food recall activities
23 performed by the Secretary, including technical
24 assistance, follow-up effectiveness checks, and
25 public notifications, for each such year;

1 “(C) importers required to register under
2 section 415, to cover the administrative costs of
3 participating in the voluntary qualified importer
4 program under section 806 for each such year;
5 and

6 “(D) importers, to cover reinspection-re-
7 lated costs at ports of entry for each such year.

8 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sec-
9 tion—

10 “(A) the term ‘reinspection’ means 1 or
11 more inspections conducted under section 704
12 of this Act subsequent to an inspection con-
13 ducted under such provision which identified
14 noncompliance materially related to a food safe-
15 ty requirement of this Act, specifically to deter-
16 mine whether compliance has been achieved to
17 the Secretary’s satisfaction; and

18 “(B) the term ‘reinspection-related costs’
19 means all expenses, including administrative ex-
20 penses, incurred in connection with—

21 “(i) arranging, conducting, and evalu-
22 ating the results of reinspections; and

23 “(ii) assessing and collecting reinspec-
24 tion fees under this section.

25 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsections (c)
2 and (d), the Secretary shall establish the fees to be
3 collected under this section for each fiscal year speci-
4 fied in subsection (a)(1), based on the methodology
5 described under paragraph (2), and shall publish
6 such fees in a Federal Register notice not later than
7 60 days before the start of each such year.

8 “(2) FEE METHODOLOGY.—

9 “(A) FEES.—Fees amounts established for
10 collection—

11 “(i) under subparagraph (A) of sub-
12 section (a)(1) for a fiscal year shall be
13 based on the Secretary’s estimate of 100
14 percent of the costs of the reinspection-re-
15 lated activities (including by type or level
16 of reinspection activity, as the Secretary
17 determines applicable) described in such
18 subparagraph (A) for such year;

19 “(ii) under subparagraph (B) of sub-
20 section (a)(1) for a fiscal year shall be
21 based on the Secretary’s estimate of 100
22 percent of the costs of the activities de-
23 scribed in such subparagraph (B) for such
24 year;

1 “(iii) under subparagraph (C) of sub-
2 section (a)(1) for a fiscal year shall be
3 based on the Secretary’s estimate of 100
4 percent of the costs of the activities de-
5 scribed in such subparagraph (C) for such
6 year; and

7 “(iv) under subparagraph (D) of sub-
8 section (a)(1) for a fiscal year shall be
9 based on the Secretary’s estimate of 100
10 percent of the costs of the activities de-
11 scribed in such subparagraph (D) for such
12 year.

13 “(B) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.—In estab-
14 lishing the fee amounts for a fiscal year, the
15 Secretary shall provide for the crediting of fees
16 from the previous year to the next year if the
17 Secretary overestimated the amount of fees
18 needed to carry out such activities, and consider
19 the need to account for any adjustment of fees
20 and such other factors as the Secretary deter-
21 mines appropriate.

22 “(3) COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL
23 AGREEMENTS.—Nothing in this section shall be con-
24 strued to authorize the assessment of any fee incon-
25 sistent with the agreement establishing the World

1 Trade Organization or any other treaty or inter-
2 national agreement to which the United States is a
3 party.

4 “(c) LIMITATIONS.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Fees under subsection (a)
6 shall be refunded for a fiscal year beginning after
7 fiscal year 2009 unless appropriations for the Center
8 for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition and the Cen-
9 ter for Veterinary Medicine and related activities of
10 the Office of Regulatory Affairs at the Food and
11 Drug Administration for such fiscal year (excluding
12 the amount of fees appropriated for such fiscal year)
13 are equal to or greater than the amount of appro-
14 priations for the Center for Food Safety and Applied
15 Nutrition and the Center for Veterinary Medicine
16 and related activities of the Office of Regulatory Af-
17 fairs at the Food and Drug Administration for the
18 preceding fiscal year (excluding the amount of fees
19 appropriated for such fiscal year) multiplied by 1
20 plus 4.5 percent.

21 “(2) AUTHORITY.—If the Secretary does not
22 assess fees under subsection (a) during any portion
23 of a fiscal year because of paragraph (1) and if at
24 a later date in such fiscal year the Secretary may as-
25 sess such fees, the Secretary may assess and collect

1 such fees, without any modification in the rate,
2 under subsection (a), notwithstanding the provisions
3 of subsection (a) relating to the date fees are to be
4 paid.

5 “(3) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF CERTAIN
6 FEES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this
7 section, in no case may the amount of the fees col-
8 lected for a fiscal year—

9 “(A) under subparagraph (B) of subsection
10 (a)(1) exceed \$20,000,000; and

11 “(B) under subparagraphs (A) and (D) of
12 subsection (a)(1) exceed \$25,000,000 combined.

13 “(d) CREDITING AND AVAILABILITY OF FEES.—Fees
14 authorized under subsection (a) shall be collected and
15 available for obligation only to the extent and in the
16 amount provided in appropriations Acts. Such fees are au-
17 thorized to remain available until expended. Such sums
18 as may be necessary may be transferred from the Food
19 and Drug Administration salaries and expenses account
20 without fiscal year limitation to such appropriation ac-
21 count for salaries and expenses with such fiscal year limi-
22 tation. The sums transferred shall be available solely for
23 the purpose of paying the operating expenses of the Food
24 and Drug Administration employees and contractors per-
25 forming activities associated with these food safety fees.

1 “(e) COLLECTION OF FEES.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall specify
3 in the Federal Register notice described in sub-
4 section (b)(1) the time and manner in which fees as-
5 sessed under this section shall be collected.

6 “(2) COLLECTION OF UNPAID FEES.—In any
7 case where the Secretary does not receive payment
8 of a fee assessed under this section within 30 days
9 after it is due, such fee shall be treated as a claim
10 of the United States Government subject to provi-
11 sions of subchapter II of chapter 37 of title 31,
12 United States Code.

13 “(f) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later
14 than 120 days after each fiscal year for which fees are
15 assessed under this section, the Secretary shall submit a
16 report to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
17 Pensions of the United States Senate and the Committee
18 on Energy and Commerce of the United States House of
19 Representatives, to include a description of fees assessed
20 and collected for each such year and a summary descrip-
21 tion of the entities paying such fees and the types of busi-
22 ness in which such entities engage.

23 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For fis-
24 cal year 2009 and each fiscal year thereafter, there is au-
25 thorized to be appropriated for fees under this section an

1 amount equal to the total revenue amount determined
2 under subsection (b) for the fiscal year, as adjusted or
3 otherwise affected under the other provisions of this sec-
4 tion.”.

5 (b) EXPORT CERTIFICATION FEES FOR FOODS AND
6 ANIMAL FEED.—

7 (1) AUTHORITY FOR EXPORT CERTIFICATIONS
8 FOR FOOD, INCLUDING ANIMAL FEED.—Section
9 801(e)(4)(A) (21 U.S.C. 381(e)(4)(A)) is amend-
10 ed—

11 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
12 striking “a drug” and inserting “a food, drug”;

13 (B) in clause (i) by striking “exported
14 drug” and inserting “exported food, drug”; and

15 (C) in clause (ii) by striking “the drug”
16 each place it appears and inserting “the food,
17 drug”.

18 (2) CLARIFICATION OF CERTIFICATION.—Sec-
19 tion 801(e)(4) (21 U.S.C. 381(e)(4)) is amended by
20 inserting after subparagraph (B) the following new
21 subparagraph:

22 “(C) For purposes of this paragraph, a
23 certification by the Secretary shall be made on
24 such basis, and in such form (including a pub-

1 licely available listing) as the Secretary deter-
2 mines appropriate.”.

3 **SEC. 114. FINAL RULE FOR PREVENTION OF SALMONELLA**
4 **ENTERITIDIS IN SHELL EGGS DURING PRO-**
5 **DUCTION.**

6 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
7 of this Act, the Secretary shall issue a final rule based
8 on the proposed rule issued by the Commissioner of Food
9 and Drugs entitled “Prevention of Salmonella Enteritidis
10 in Shell Eggs During Production”, 69 Fed. Reg. 56824,
11 (September 22, 2004).

12 **SEC. 115. SANITARY TRANSPORTATION OF FOOD.**

13 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
14 of this Act, the Secretary shall promulgate regulations de-
15 scribed in section 416(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and
16 Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 350e(b)).

17 **SEC. 116. FOOD ALLERGY AND ANAPHYLAXIS MANAGE-**
18 **MENT.**

19 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PRO-
21 GRAM.—The term “early childhood education pro-
22 gram” means—

23 (A) a Head Start program or an Early
24 Head Start program carried out under the
25 Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.);

1 (B) a State licensed or regulated child care
2 program or school; or

3 (C) a State prekindergarten program that
4 serves children from birth through kinder-
5 garten.

6 (2) ESEA DEFINITIONS.—The terms “local
7 educational agency”, “secondary school”, “elemen-
8 tary school”, and “parent” have the meanings given
9 the terms in section 9101 of the Elementary and
10 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

11 (3) SCHOOL.—The term “school” includes pub-
12 lic—

13 (A) kindergartens;

14 (B) elementary schools; and

15 (C) secondary schools.

16 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF VOLUNTARY FOOD AL-
17 LERGY AND ANAPHYLAXIS MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES.—

18 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
20 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
21 retary, in consultation with the Secretary of
22 Education, shall—

23 (i) develop guidelines to be used on a
24 voluntary basis to develop plans for indi-
25 viduals to manage the risk of food allergy

1 and anaphylaxis in schools and early child-
2 hood education programs; and

3 (ii) make such guidelines available to
4 local educational agencies, schools, early
5 childhood education programs, and other
6 interested entities and individuals to be im-
7 plemented on a voluntary basis only.

8 (B) APPLICABILITY OF FERPA.—Each plan
9 described in subparagraph (A) that is developed
10 for an individual shall be considered an edu-
11 cation record for the purpose of the Family
12 Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974
13 (20 U.S.C. 1232g).

14 (2) CONTENTS.—The voluntary guidelines de-
15 veloped by the Secretary under paragraph (1) shall
16 address each of the following, and may be updated
17 as the Secretary deems necessary:

18 (A) Parental obligation to provide the
19 school or early childhood education program,
20 prior to the start of every school year, with—

21 (i) documentation from their child’s
22 physician or nurse—

23 (I) supporting a diagnosis of food
24 allergy and the risk of anaphylaxis;

- 1 (II) identifying any food to which
2 the child is allergic;
- 3 (III) describing, if appropriate,
4 any prior history of anaphylaxis;
- 5 (IV) listing any medication pre-
6 scribed for the child for the treatment
7 of anaphylaxis;
- 8 (V) detailing emergency treat-
9 ment procedures in the event of a re-
10 action;
- 11 (VI) listing the signs and symp-
12 toms of a reaction; and
- 13 (VII) assessing the child's readi-
14 ness for self-administration of pre-
15 scription medication; and
- 16 (ii) a list of substitute meals that may
17 be offered to the child by school or early
18 childhood education program food service
19 personnel.
- 20 (B) The creation and maintenance of an
21 individual health care plan for food allergy
22 management, in consultation with the parent,
23 tailored to the needs of each child with a docu-
24 mented risk for anaphylaxis, including any pro-

1 cedures for the self-administration of medica-
2 tion by such children in instances where—

3 (i) the children are capable of self-ad-
4 ministering medication; and

5 (ii) such administration is not prohib-
6 ited by State law.

7 (C) Communication strategies between in-
8 dividual schools or early childhood education
9 programs and local providers of emergency
10 medical services, including appropriate instruc-
11 tions for emergency medical response.

12 (D) Strategies to reduce the risk of expo-
13 sure to anaphylactic causative agents in class-
14 rooms and common school or early childhood
15 education program areas such as cafeterias.

16 (E) The dissemination of general informa-
17 tion on life-threatening food allergies to school
18 or early childhood education program staff, par-
19 ents, and children.

20 (F) Food allergy management training of
21 school or early childhood education program
22 personnel who regularly come into contact with
23 children with life-threatening food allergies.

24 (G) The authorization and training of
25 school or early childhood education program

1 personnel to administer epinephrine when the
2 nurse is not immediately available.

3 (H) The timely accessibility of epinephrine
4 by school or early childhood education program
5 personnel when the nurse is not immediately
6 available.

7 (I) The creation of a plan contained in
8 each individual health care plan for food allergy
9 management that addresses the appropriate re-
10 sponse to an incident of anaphylaxis of a child
11 while such child is engaged in extracurricular
12 programs of a school or early childhood edu-
13 cation program, such as non-academic outings
14 and field trips, before- and after-school pro-
15 grams or before- and after-early child education
16 program programs, and school-sponsored or
17 early childhood education program-sponsored
18 programs held on weekends.

19 (J) Maintenance of information for each
20 administration of epinephrine to a child at risk
21 for anaphylaxis and prompt notification to par-
22 ents.

23 (K) Other elements the Secretary deems
24 necessary for the management of food allergies

1 and anaphylaxis in schools and early childhood
2 education programs.

3 (3) RELATION TO STATE LAW.—Nothing in this
4 section or the guidelines developed by the Secretary
5 under paragraph (1) shall be construed to preempt
6 State law, including any State law regarding wheth-
7 er students at risk for anaphylaxis may self-admin-
8 ister medication.

9 (c) SCHOOL-BASED FOOD ALLERGY MANAGEMENT
10 GRANTS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award
12 grants to local educational agencies to assist such
13 agencies with implementing voluntary food allergy
14 and anaphylaxis management guidelines described in
15 subsection (b).

16 (2) APPLICATION.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive
18 a grant under this subsection, a local edu-
19 cational agency shall submit an application to
20 the Secretary at such time, in such manner,
21 and including such information as the Secretary
22 may reasonably require.

23 (B) CONTENTS.—Each application sub-
24 mitted under subparagraph (A) shall include—

1 (i) an assurance that the local edu-
2 cational agency has developed plans in ac-
3 cordance with the food allergy and anaphy-
4 laxis management guidelines described in
5 subsection (b);

6 (ii) a description of the activities to be
7 funded by the grant in carrying out the
8 food allergy and anaphylaxis management
9 guidelines, including—

10 (I) how the guidelines will be car-
11 ried out at individual schools served
12 by the local educational agency;

13 (II) how the local educational
14 agency will inform parents and stu-
15 dents of the guidelines in place;

16 (III) how school nurses, teachers,
17 administrators, and other school-based
18 staff will be made aware of, and given
19 training on, when applicable, the
20 guidelines in place; and

21 (IV) any other activities that the
22 Secretary determines appropriate;

23 (iii) an itemization of how grant funds
24 received under this subsection will be ex-
25 pended;

1 (iv) a description of how adoption of
2 the guidelines and implementation of grant
3 activities will be monitored; and

4 (v) an agreement by the local edu-
5 cational agency to report information re-
6 quired by the Secretary to conduct evalua-
7 tions under this subsection.

8 (3) USE OF FUNDS.—Each local educational
9 agency that receives a grant under this subsection
10 may use the grant funds for the following:

11 (A) Purchase of materials and supplies, in-
12 cluding limited medical supplies such as epi-
13 nephrine and disposable wet wipes, to support
14 carrying out the food allergy and anaphylaxis
15 management guidelines described in subsection
16 (b).

17 (B) In partnership with local health de-
18 partments, school nurse, teacher, and personnel
19 training for food allergy management.

20 (C) Programs that educate students as to
21 the presence of, and policies and procedures in
22 place related to, food allergies and anaphylactic
23 shock.

24 (D) Outreach to parents.

1 (E) Any other activities consistent with the
2 guidelines described in subsection (b).

3 (4) DURATION OF AWARDS.—The Secretary
4 may award grants under this subsection for a period
5 of not more than 2 years. In the event the Secretary
6 conducts a program evaluation under this sub-
7 section, funding in the second year of the grant,
8 where applicable, shall be contingent on a successful
9 program evaluation by the Secretary after the first
10 year.

11 (5) LIMITATION ON GRANT FUNDING.—The
12 Secretary may not provide grant funding to a local
13 educational agency under this subsection after such
14 local educational agency has received 2 years of
15 grant funding under this subsection.

16 (6) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ANNUAL AWARDS.—
17 A grant awarded under this subsection may not be
18 made in an amount that is more than \$50,000 an-
19 nually.

20 (7) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
21 subsection, the Secretary shall give priority to local
22 educational agencies with the highest percentages of
23 children who are counted under section 1124(c) of
24 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
25 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6333(c)).

1 (8) MATCHING FUNDS.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may not
3 award a grant under this subsection unless the
4 local educational agency agrees that, with re-
5 spect to the costs to be incurred by such local
6 educational agency in carrying out the grant ac-
7 tivities, the local educational agency shall make
8 available (directly or through donations from
9 public or private entities) non-Federal funds to-
10 ward such costs in an amount equal to not less
11 than 25 percent of the amount of the grant.

12 (B) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT OF NON-
13 FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION.—Non-Federal funds
14 required under subparagraph (A) may be cash
15 or in kind, including plant, equipment, or serv-
16 ices. Amounts provided by the Federal Govern-
17 ment, and any portion of any service subsidized
18 by the Federal Government, may not be in-
19 cluded in determining the amount of such non-
20 Federal funds.

21 (9) ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS.—A local edu-
22 cational agency that receives a grant under this sub-
23 section may use not more than 2 percent of the
24 grant amount for administrative costs related to car-
25 rying out this subsection.

1 (10) PROGRESS AND EVALUATIONS.—At the
2 completion of the grant period referred to in para-
3 graph (4), a local educational agency shall provide
4 the Secretary with information on how grant funds
5 were spent and the status of implementation of the
6 food allergy and anaphylaxis management guidelines
7 described in subsection (b).

8 (11) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Grant
9 funds received under this subsection shall be used to
10 supplement, and not supplant, non-Federal funds
11 and any other Federal funds available to carry out
12 the activities described in this subsection.

13 (12) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
14 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
15 this subsection \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2009 and
16 such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4
17 succeeding fiscal years.

18 (d) VOLUNTARY NATURE OF GUIDELINES.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The food allergy and ana-
20 naphylaxis management guidelines developed by the
21 Secretary under subsection (b) are voluntary. Noth-
22 ing in this section or the guidelines developed by the
23 Secretary under subsection (b) shall be construed to
24 require a local educational agency to implement such
25 guidelines.

1 (2) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding paragraph
 2 (1), the Secretary may enforce an agreement by a
 3 local educational agency to implement food allergy
 4 and anaphylaxis management guidelines as a condi-
 5 tion of the receipt of a grant under subsection (c).

6 **TITLE II—DETECTION AND** 7 **SURVEILLANCE**

8 **SEC. 201. RECOGNITION OF LABORATORY ACCREDITATION** 9 **FOR ANALYSES OF FOODS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter IV (21 U.S.C. 341 et
 11 seq.), as amended by section 109, is amended by adding
 12 at the end the following:

13 **“SEC. 423. RECOGNITION OF LABORATORY ACCREDITATION** 14 **FOR ANALYSES OF FOODS.**

15 “(a) RECOGNITION OF LABORATORY ACCREDITA-
 16 TION.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years
 18 after the date of enactment of the FDA Food Safety
 19 Modernization Act, the Secretary shall—

20 “(A) provide for the recognition of accredi-
 21 tation bodies that accredit laboratories, includ-
 22 ing laboratories run and operated by a State or
 23 locality, with a demonstrated capability to con-
 24 duct analytical testing of food products; and

1 “(B) establish a publicly available registry
2 of accreditation bodies, including the name of,
3 contact information for, and other information
4 deemed necessary by the Secretary about such
5 bodies.

6 “(2) MODEL ACCREDITATION STANDARDS.—
7 The Secretary shall develop model standards that an
8 accreditation body shall require laboratories to meet
9 in order to be included in the registry provided for
10 under paragraph (1). In developing the model stand-
11 ards, the Secretary shall look to existing standards
12 for guidance. The model standards shall include
13 methods to ensure that—

14 “(A) appropriate sampling and analytical
15 procedures are followed and reports of analyses
16 are certified as true and accurate;

17 “(B) internal quality systems are estab-
18 lished and maintained;

19 “(C) procedures exist to evaluate and re-
20 spond promptly to complaints regarding anal-
21 yses and other activities for which the labora-
22 tory is recognized;

23 “(D) individuals who conduct the analyses
24 are qualified by training and experience to do
25 so; and

1 “(E) any other criteria determined appro-
2 priate by the Secretary.

3 “(3) REVIEW OF ACCREDITATION.—To assure
4 compliance with the requirements of this section, the
5 Secretary shall—

6 “(A) periodically, or at least every 5 years,
7 reevaluate accreditation bodies recognized under
8 paragraph (1); and

9 “(B) promptly revoke the recognition of
10 any accreditation body found not to be in com-
11 pliance with the requirements of this section.

12 “(b) TESTING PROCEDURES.—Food testing shall be
13 conducted by either Federal laboratories or non-Federal
14 laboratories that have been accredited by an accreditation
15 body on the registry established by the Secretary under
16 subsection (a) whenever such testing is either conducted
17 by or on behalf of an owner or consignee—

18 “(1) in support of admission of an article of
19 food under section 801(a);

20 “(2) due to a specific testing requirement in
21 this Act or implementing regulations;

22 “(3) under an Import Alert that requires suc-
23 cessful consecutive tests; or

24 “(4) is so required by the Secretary as the Sec-
25 retary deems appropriate.

1 The results of any such sampling or testing shall be sent
2 directly to the Food and Drug Administration.

3 “(c) REVIEW BY SECRETARY.—If food sampling and
4 testing performed by a laboratory run and operated by a
5 State or locality that is accredited by an accreditation
6 body on the registry established by the Secretary under
7 subsection (a) result in a State recalling a food, the Sec-
8 retary shall review the sampling and testing results for
9 the purpose of determining the need for a national recall
10 or other compliance and enforcement activities.”.

11 (b) FOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK.—The
12 Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of Agri-
13 culture, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and State,
14 local, and tribal governments shall, not later than 180
15 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and biennially
16 thereafter, submit to the relevant committees of Congress,
17 and make publicly available on the Internet Web site of
18 the Department of Health and Human Services, a report
19 on the progress in implementing a national food emer-
20 gency response laboratory network that—

21 (1) provides ongoing surveillance, rapid detec-
22 tion, and surge capacity for large-scale food-related
23 emergencies, including intentional adulteration of
24 the food supply;

1 (2) coordinates the food laboratory capacities of
2 State food laboratories, including the sharing of data
3 between State laboratories to develop national situa-
4 tional awareness;

5 (3) provides accessible, timely, accurate, and
6 consistent food laboratory services throughout the
7 United States;

8 (4) develops and implements a methods reposi-
9 tory for use by Federal, State, and local officials;

10 (5) responds to food-related emergencies; and

11 (6) is integrated with relevant laboratory net-
12 works administered by other Federal agencies.

13 **SEC. 202. INTEGRATED CONSORTIUM OF LABORATORY**
14 **NETWORKS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
16 rity, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and
17 Human Services, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the
18 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency,
19 shall maintain an agreement through which relevant lab-
20 oratory network members, as determined by the Secretary
21 of Homeland Security, shall—

22 (1) agree on common laboratory methods in
23 order to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and in-
24 formation relating to animal health, agriculture, and
25 human health;

1 (2) identify the means by which each laboratory
2 network member could work cooperatively—

3 (A) to optimize national laboratory pre-
4 paredness; and

5 (B) to provide surge capacity during emer-
6 gencies; and

7 (3) engage in ongoing dialogue and build rela-
8 tionships that will support a more effective and inte-
9 grated response during emergencies.

10 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of
11 Homeland Security shall, on a biennial basis, submit to
12 the relevant committees of Congress, and make publicly
13 available on the Internet Web site of the Department of
14 Homeland Security, a report on the progress of the inte-
15 grated consortium of laboratory networks, as established
16 under subsection (a), in carrying out this section.

17 **SEC. 203. BUILDING DOMESTIC CAPACITY.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—

19 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—The Secretary shall, not
20 later than 2 years after the date of enactment of
21 this Act, submit to Congress a comprehensive report
22 that identifies programs and practices that are in-
23 tended to promote the safety and security of food
24 and to prevent outbreaks of food-borne illness and
25 other food-related hazards that can be addressed

1 through preventive activities. Such report shall in-
2 clude a description of the following:

3 (A) Analysis of the need for regulations or
4 guidance to industry.

5 (B) Outreach to food industry sectors, in-
6 cluding through the Food and Agriculture Co-
7 ordinating Councils referred to in section 111,
8 to identify potential sources of emerging threats
9 to the safety and security of the food supply
10 and preventive strategies to address those
11 threats.

12 (C) Systems to ensure the prompt distribu-
13 tion to the food industry of information and
14 technical assistance concerning preventive strat-
15 egies.

16 (D) Communication systems to ensure that
17 information about specific threats to the safety
18 and security of the food supply are rapidly and
19 effectively disseminated.

20 (E) Surveillance systems and laboratory
21 networks to rapidly detect and respond to food-
22 borne illness outbreaks and other food-related
23 hazards, including how such systems and net-
24 works are integrated.

1 (F) Outreach, education, and training pro-
2 vided to States to build State food safety and
3 food defense capabilities, including progress im-
4 plementing strategies developed under sections
5 110 and 205.

6 (G) The estimated resources needed to ef-
7 fectively implement the programs and practices
8 identified in the report developed in this section
9 over a 5-year period.

10 (2) BIENNIAL REPORTS.—On a biennial basis
11 following the submission of the report under para-
12 graph (1), the Secretary shall submit to Congress a
13 report that—

14 (A) reviews previous food safety programs
15 and practices;

16 (B) outlines the success of those programs
17 and practices;

18 (C) identifies future programs and prac-
19 tices; and

20 (D) includes information related to any
21 matter described in subparagraphs (A) through
22 (G) of paragraph (1), as necessary.

23 (b) RISK-BASED ACTIVITIES.—The report developed
24 under subsection (a)(1) shall describe methods that seek
25 to ensure that resources available to the Secretary for food

1 safety-related activities are directed at those actions most
2 likely to reduce risks from food, including the use of pre-
3 ventive strategies and allocation of inspection resources.
4 The Secretary shall promptly undertake those risk-based
5 actions that are identified during the development of the
6 report as likely to contribute to the safety and security
7 of the food supply.

8 (c) CAPABILITY FOR LABORATORY ANALYSES; RE-
9 SEARCH.—The report developed under subsection (a)(1)
10 shall provide a description of methods to increase capacity
11 to undertake analyses of food samples promptly after col-
12 lection, to identify new and rapid analytical techniques,
13 including techniques that can be employed at ports of
14 entry and through Food Emergency Response Network
15 laboratories, and to provide for well-equipped and staffed
16 laboratory facilities.

17 (d) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.—The report devel-
18 oped under subsection (a)(1) shall include a description
19 of such information technology systems as may be needed
20 to identify risks and receive data from multiple sources,
21 including foreign governments, State, local, and tribal gov-
22 ernments, other Federal agencies, the food industry, lab-
23 oratories, laboratory networks, and consumers. The infor-
24 mation technology systems that the Secretary describes
25 shall also provide for the integration of the facility reg-

1 istration system under section 415 of the Federal Food,
2 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 350d), and the prior
3 notice system under section 801(m) of such Act (21
4 U.S.C. 381(m)) with other information technology systems
5 that are used by the Federal Government for the proc-
6 essing of food offered for import into the United States.

7 (e) AUTOMATED RISK ASSESSMENT.—The report de-
8 veloped under subsection (a)(1) shall include a description
9 of progress toward developing and improving an auto-
10 mated risk assessment system for food safety surveillance
11 and allocation of resources.

12 (f) TRACEBACK AND SURVEILLANCE REPORT.—The
13 Secretary shall include in the report developed under sub-
14 section (a)(1) an analysis of the Food and Drug Adminis-
15 tration’s performance in food-borne illness outbreaks dur-
16 ing the 5-year period preceding the date of enactment of
17 this Act involving fruits and vegetables that are raw agri-
18 cultural commodities (as defined in section 201(r) of the
19 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(r))
20 and recommendations for enhanced surveillance, outbreak
21 response, and traceability. Such findings and rec-
22 ommendations shall address communication and coordina-
23 tion with the public and industry, outbreak identification,
24 and traceback.

1 (g) BIENNIAL FOOD SAFETY AND FOOD DEFENSE
2 RESEARCH PLAN.—The Secretary and the Secretary of
3 Agriculture shall, on a biennial basis, submit to Congress
4 a joint food safety and food defense research plan which
5 may include studying the long-term health effects of food-
6 borne illness. Such biennial plan shall include a list and
7 description of projects conducted during the previous 2-
8 year period and the plan for projects to be conducted dur-
9 ing the following 2-year period.

10 **SEC. 204. ENHANCING TRACEBACK AND RECORDKEEPING.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation
12 with the Secretary of Agriculture and representatives of
13 State departments of health and agriculture, shall improve
14 the capacity of the Secretary to effectively and rapidly
15 track and trace, in the event of an outbreak, fruits and
16 vegetables that are raw agricultural commodities.

17 (b) PILOT PROJECT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 9 months
19 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
20 retary shall establish a pilot project in coordination
21 with the produce industry to explore and evaluate
22 new methods for rapidly and effectively tracking and
23 tracing fruits and vegetables that are raw agricul-
24 tural commodities so that, if an outbreak occurs in-
25 volving such a fruit or vegetable, the Secretary may

1 quickly identify the source of the outbreak and the
2 recipients of the contaminated food.

3 (2) CONTENT.—The Secretary shall select par-
4 ticipants from the produce industry to run projects
5 which overall shall include at least 3 different types
6 of fruits or vegetables that have been the subject of
7 outbreaks during the 5-year period preceding the
8 date of enactment of this Act, and shall be selected
9 in order to develop and demonstrate—

10 (A) methods that are applicable and appro-
11 priate for small businesses; and

12 (B) technologies, including existing tech-
13 nologies, that enhance traceback and trace for-
14 ward.

15 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
16 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall report
17 to Congress on the findings of the pilot project under sub-
18 section (b) together with recommendations for establishing
19 more effective traceback and trace forward procedures for
20 fruits and vegetables that are raw agricultural commod-
21 ities.

22 (d) TRACEBACK PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS.—
23 Not later than 24 months after the date of enactment of
24 this Act, the Secretary shall publish a notice of proposed
25 rulemaking to establish standards for the type of informa-

1 tion, format, and timeframe for persons to submit records
2 to aid the Secretary in effectively and rapidly tracking and
3 tracing, in the event of an outbreak, fruits and vegetables
4 that are raw agricultural commodities. Nothing in this sec-
5 tion shall be construed as giving the Secretary the author-
6 ity to prescribe specific technologies for the maintenance
7 of records.

8 (e) PUBLIC INPUT.—During the comment period in
9 the notice of proposed rulemaking under subsection (d),
10 the Secretary shall conduct not less than 3 public meetings
11 in diverse geographical areas of the United States to pro-
12 vide persons in different regions an opportunity to com-
13 ment.

14 (f) RAW AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY.—In this sec-
15 tion, the term “raw agricultural commodity” has the
16 meaning given that term in section 201(r) of the Federal
17 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(r)).

18 **SEC. 205. SURVEILLANCE.**

19 (a) DEFINITION OF FOOD-BORNE ILLNESS OUT-
20 BREAK.—In this section, the term “food-borne illness out-
21 break” means the occurrence of 2 or more cases of a simi-
22 lar illness resulting from the ingestion of a food.

23 (b) FOOD-BORNE ILLNESS SURVEILLANCE SYS-
24 TEMS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
2 through the Director of the Centers for Disease
3 Control and Prevention, shall enhance food-borne ill-
4 ness surveillance systems to improve the collection,
5 analysis, reporting, and usefulness of data on food-
6 borne illnesses by—

7 (A) coordinating Federal, State and local
8 food-borne illness surveillance systems, includ-
9 ing complaint systems, and increasing participa-
10 tion in national networks of public health and
11 food regulatory agencies and laboratories;

12 (B) facilitating sharing of findings on a
13 more timely basis among governmental agen-
14 cies, including the Food and Drug Administra-
15 tion, the Department of Agriculture, and State
16 and local agencies, and with the public;

17 (C) developing improved epidemiological
18 tools for obtaining quality exposure data, and
19 microbiological methods for classifying cases;

20 (D) augmenting such systems to improve
21 attribution of a food-borne illness outbreak to a
22 specific food;

23 (E) expanding capacity of such systems,
24 including working toward automatic electronic
25 searches, for implementation of fingerprinting

1 strategies for food-borne infectious agents, in
2 order to identify new or rarely documented
3 causes of food-borne illness and submit stand-
4 ardized information to a centralized database;

5 (F) allowing timely public access to aggre-
6 gated, de-identified surveillance data;

7 (G) at least annually, publishing current
8 reports on findings from such systems;

9 (H) establishing a flexible mechanism for
10 rapidly initiating scientific research by academic
11 institutions;

12 (I) integrating food-borne illness surveil-
13 lance systems and data with other biosurveil-
14 lance and public health situational awareness
15 capabilities at the state and federal levels; and

16 (J) other activities as determined appro-
17 priate by the Secretary.

18 (2) PARTNERSHIPS.—The Secretary shall sup-
19 port and maintain a diverse working group of ex-
20 perts and stakeholders from Federal, State, and
21 local food safety and health agencies, the food indus-
22 try, consumer organizations, and academia. Such
23 working group shall provide the Secretary, through
24 at least annual meetings of the working group and
25 an annual public report, advice and recommenda-

1 tions on an ongoing and regular basis regarding the
2 improvement of food-borne illness surveillance and
3 implementation of this section, including advice and
4 recommendations on—

5 (A) the priority needs of regulatory agen-
6 cies, the food industry, and consumers for infor-
7 mation and analysis on food-borne illness and
8 its causes;

9 (B) opportunities to improve the effective-
10 ness of initiatives at the Federal, State, and
11 local levels, including coordination and integra-
12 tion of activities among Federal agencies, and
13 between the Federal, State, and local levels of
14 government;

15 (C) improvement in the timeliness and
16 depth of access by regulatory and health agen-
17 cies, the food industry, academic researchers,
18 and consumers to food-borne illness surveillance
19 data collected by government agencies at all lev-
20 els, including data compiled by the Centers for
21 Disease Control and Prevention;

22 (D) key barriers to improvement in food-
23 borne illness surveillance and its utility for pre-
24 venting food-borne illness at Federal, State, and
25 local levels;

1 (E) the capabilities needed for establishing
2 automatic electronic searches of surveillance
3 data; and

4 (F) specific actions to reduce barriers to
5 improvement, implement the working group's
6 recommendations, and achieve the purposes of
7 this section, with measurable objectives and
8 timelines, and identification of resource and
9 staffing needs.

10 (c) IMPROVING FOOD SAFETY AND DEFENSE CAPAC-
11 ITY AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop
13 and implement strategies to leverage and enhance
14 the food safety and defense capacities of State and
15 local agencies in order to achieve the following goals:

16 (A) Improve food-borne illness outbreak re-
17 sponse and containment.

18 (B) Accelerate food-borne illness surveil-
19 lance and outbreak investigation, including
20 rapid shipment of clinical isolates from clinical
21 laboratories to appropriate State laboratories,
22 and conducting more standardized illness out-
23 break interviews.

1 (C) Strengthen the capacity of State and
2 local agencies to carry out inspections and en-
3 force safety standards.

4 (D) Improve the effectiveness of Federal-
5 State partnerships to coordinate food safety
6 and defense resources and reduce the incidence
7 of food-borne illness.

8 (E) Share information on a timely basis
9 among public health and food regulatory agen-
10 cies, with the food industry, with health care
11 providers, and with the public.

12 (F) Strengthen the capacity of State and
13 local agencies to achieve the goals described in
14 section 110.

15 (2) REVIEW.—In developing of the strategies
16 required by paragraph (1), the Secretary shall, not
17 later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the
18 FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, complete a re-
19 view of State and local capacities, and needs for en-
20 hancement, which may include a survey with respect
21 to—

22 (A) staffing levels and expertise available
23 to perform food safety and defense functions;

1 (B) laboratory capacity to support surveil-
 2 lance, outbreak response, inspection, and en-
 3 forcement activities;

4 (C) information systems to support data
 5 management and sharing of food safety and de-
 6 fense information among State and local agen-
 7 cies and with counterparts at the Federal level;
 8 and

9 (D) other State and local activities and
 10 needs as determined appropriate by the Sec-
 11 retary.

12 (d) FOOD SAFETY CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS.—
 13 Section 317R(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42
 14 U.S.C. 247b–20(b)) is amended—

15 (1) by striking “2002” and inserting “2009”;
 16 and

17 (2) by striking “2003 through 2006” and in-
 18 serting “2010 through 2013”.

19 **TITLE III—SPECIFIC PROVI-**
 20 **SIONS FOR IMPORTED FOOD**

21 **SEC. 301. FOREIGN SUPPLIER VERIFICATION PROGRAM.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter VIII (21 U.S.C. 381 et
 23 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

24 **“SEC. 805. FOREIGN SUPPLIER VERIFICATION PROGRAM.**

25 **“(a) IN GENERAL.—**

1 “(1) VERIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Each
2 United States importer of record shall perform risk-
3 based foreign supplier verification activities in ac-
4 cordance with regulations promulgated under sub-
5 section (c) for the purpose of verifying that the food
6 imported by the importer of record or its agent is—

7 “(A) produced in compliance with the re-
8 quirements of section 419 or 420, as appro-
9 priate; and

10 “(B) is not adulterated under section 402
11 or misbranded under section 403(w).

12 “(2) IMPORTER EXCLUSION.—For purposes of
13 this section, an ‘importer of record’ shall not include
14 a person holding a valid license under section 641 of
15 the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1641) (referred
16 to as a ‘customs broker’) if the customs broker has
17 executed a written agreement with another person
18 who has agreed to comply with the requirements of
19 this section with regard to food imported or offered
20 for import by the customs broker.

21 “(b) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 1 year after the
22 date of enactment of the FDA Food Safety Modernization
23 Act, the Secretary shall issue guidance to assist United
24 States importers of record in developing foreign supplier
25 verification programs.

1 “(c) REGULATIONS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
3 the date of enactment of the FDA Food Safety Mod-
4 ernization Act, the Secretary shall promulgate regu-
5 lations to provide for the content of the foreign sup-
6 plier verification program established under sub-
7 section (a). Such regulations shall, as appropriate,
8 include a process for verification by a United States
9 importer of record, with respect to each foreign sup-
10 plier from which it obtains food, that the imported
11 food is produced in compliance with the require-
12 ments of section 419 or 420, as appropriate, and is
13 not adulterated under section 402 or misbranded
14 under section 403(w).

15 “(2) VERIFICATION.—The regulations under
16 paragraph (1) shall require that the foreign supplier
17 verification program of each importer of record be
18 adequate to provide assurances that each foreign
19 supplier to the importer of record produces the im-
20 ported food employing processes and procedures, in-
21 cluding risk-based reasonably appropriate preventive
22 controls, equivalent in preventing adulteration and
23 reducing hazards as those required by section 419 or
24 section 420, as appropriate.

1 “(3) ACTIVITIES.—Verification activities under
2 a foreign supplier verification program under this
3 section may include monitoring records for ship-
4 ments, lot-by-lot certification of compliance, annual
5 on-site inspections, checking the hazard analysis and
6 risk-based preventive control plan of the foreign sup-
7 plier, and periodically testing and sampling ship-
8 ments.

9 “(d) RECORD MAINTENANCE AND ACCESS.—Records
10 of a United States importer of record related to a foreign
11 supplier verification program shall be maintained for a pe-
12 riod of not less than 2 years and shall be made available
13 promptly to a duly authorized representative of the Sec-
14 retary upon request.

15 “(e) DEEMED COMPLIANCE OF SEAFOOD, JUICE,
16 AND LOW-ACID CANNED FOOD FACILITIES IN COMPLI-
17 ANCE WITH HACCP.—An owner, operator, or agent in
18 charge of a facility required to comply with 1 of the fol-
19 lowing standards and regulations with respect to such fa-
20 cility shall be deemed to be in compliance with this section
21 with respect to such facility:

22 “(1) The Seafood Hazard Analysis Critical
23 Control Points Program of the Food and Drug Ad-
24 ministration.

1 “(2) The Juice Hazard Analysis Critical Con-
2 trol Points Program of the Food and Drug Adminis-
3 tration.

4 “(3) The Thermally Processed Low-Acid Foods
5 Packaged in Hermetically Sealed Containers stand-
6 ards of the Food and Drug Administration (or any
7 successor standards).

8 “(f) PUBLICATION OF LIST OF PARTICIPANTS.—The
9 Secretary shall publish and maintain on the Internet Web
10 site of the Food and Drug Administration a current list
11 that includes the name of, location of, and other informa-
12 tion deemed necessary by the Secretary about, importers
13 participating under this section.”.

14 (b) PROHIBITED ACT.—Section 301 (21 U.S.C. 331),
15 as amended by section 109, is amended by adding at the
16 end the following:

17 “(ss) The importation or offering for importation of
18 a food if the importer of record does not have in place
19 a foreign supplier verification program in compliance with
20 section 805.”.

21 (c) IMPORTS.—Section 801(a) (21 U.S.C. 381(a)) is
22 amended by adding “or the importer of record is in viola-
23 tion of section 805” after “or in violation of section 505”.

1 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall take effect 2 years after the date of en-
3 actment of this Act.

4 **SEC. 302. VOLUNTARY QUALIFIED IMPORTER PROGRAM.**

5 Chapter VIII (21 U.S.C. 381 et seq.), as amended
6 by section 301, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 **“SEC. 806. VOLUNTARY QUALIFIED IMPORTER PROGRAM.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 1 year
10 after the date of enactment of the FDA Food Safety Mod-
11 ernization Act, the Secretary shall—

12 “(1) establish a program, in consultation with
13 the Department of Homeland Security, to provide
14 for the expedited review and importation of food of-
15 fered for importation by United States importers
16 who have voluntarily agreed to participate in such
17 program; and

18 “(2) issue a guidance document related to par-
19 ticipation and compliance with such program.

20 “(b) VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.—An importer may
21 request the Secretary to provide for the expedited review
22 and importation of designated foods in accordance with
23 the program procedures established by the Secretary.

24 “(c) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to be eligible, an im-
25 porter shall be offering food for importation from a facility

1 that has a certification described in section 809(b). In re-
2 viewing the applications and making determinations on
3 such requests, the Secretary shall consider the risk of the
4 food to be imported based on factors, such as the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(1) The nature of the food to be imported.

7 “(2) The compliance history of the foreign sup-
8 plier.

9 “(3) The capability of the regulatory system of
10 the country of export to ensure compliance with
11 United States food safety standards.

12 “(4) The compliance of the importer with the
13 requirements of section 805.

14 “(5) The recordkeeping, testing, inspections
15 and audits of facilities, traceability of articles of
16 food, temperature controls, and sourcing practices of
17 the importer.

18 “(6) The potential risk for intentional adultera-
19 tion of the food.

20 “(7) Any other factor that the Secretary deter-
21 mines appropriate.

22 “(d) REVIEW AND REVOCATION.—Any importer
23 qualified by the Secretary in accordance with the eligibility
24 criteria set forth in this section shall be reevaluated not
25 less often than once every 3 years and the Secretary shall

1 promptly revoke the qualified importer status of any im-
2 porter found not to be in compliance with such criteria.

3 “(e) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
4 term ‘importer’ means the person that brings food, or
5 causes food to be brought, from a foreign country into the
6 customs territory of the United States.”.

7 **SEC. 303. AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE IMPORT CERTIFI-**
8 **CATIONS FOR FOOD.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 801(a) (21 U.S.C.
10 381(a)) is amended by inserting after the third sentence
11 the following: “With respect to an article of food, if impor-
12 tation of such food is subject to, but not compliant with,
13 the requirement under subsection (p) that such food be
14 accompanied by a certification or other assurance that the
15 food meets some or all applicable requirements of this Act,
16 then such article shall be refused admission.”.

17 (b) ADDITION OF CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—
18 Section 801 (21 U.S.C. 381) is amended by adding at the
19 end the following new subsection:

20 “(p) CERTIFICATIONS CONCERNING IMPORTED
21 FOODS.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, based on
23 public health considerations, including risks associ-
24 ated with the food or its place of origin, may require
25 as a condition of granting admission to an article of

1 food imported or offered for import into the United
2 States, that an entity specified in paragraph (2) pro-
3 vide a certification or such other assurances as the
4 Secretary determines appropriate that the article of
5 food complies with some or all applicable require-
6 ments of this Act, as specified by the Secretary.
7 Such certification or assurances may be provided in
8 the form of shipment-specific certificates, a listing of
9 certified entities, or in such other form as the Sec-
10 retary may specify. Such certification shall be used
11 for designated food imported from countries with
12 which the Food and Drug Administration has an
13 agreement to establish a certification program.

14 “(2) CERTIFYING ENTITIES.—For purposes of
15 paragraph (1), entities that shall provide the certifi-
16 cation or assurances described in such paragraph
17 are—

18 “(A) an agency or a representative of the
19 government of the country from which the arti-
20 cle of food at issue originated, as designated by
21 such government or the Secretary; or

22 “(B) such other persons or entities accred-
23 ited pursuant to section 809 to provide such
24 certification or assurance.

1 “(3) RENEWAL AND REFUSAL OF CERTIFI-
2 CATIONS.—The Secretary may—

3 “(A) require that any certification or other
4 assurance provided by an entity specified in
5 paragraph (2) be renewed by such entity at
6 such times as the Secretary determines appro-
7 priate; and

8 “(B) refuse to accept any certification or
9 assurance if the Secretary determines that such
10 certification or assurance is no longer valid or
11 reliable.

12 “(4) ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION.—The Secretary
13 shall provide for the electronic submission of certifi-
14 cations under this subsection.”.

15 (c) CONFORMING TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Sec-
16 tion 801(b) (21 U.S.C. 381(b)) is amended in the second
17 sentence by striking “with respect to an article included
18 within the provision of the fourth sentence of subsection
19 (a)” and inserting “with respect to an article described
20 in subsection (a) relating to the requirements of sections
21 760 or 761,”.

22 (d) NO LIMIT ON AUTHORITY.—Nothing in the
23 amendments made by this section shall limit the authority
24 of the Secretary to conduct random inspections of im-
25 ported food or to take such other steps as the Secretary

1 deems appropriate to determine the admissibility of im-
2 ported food.

3 **SEC. 304. PRIOR NOTICE OF IMPORTED FOOD SHIPMENTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 801(m)(1) (21 U.S.C.
5 381(m)(1)) is amended by inserting “any country to which
6 the article has been refused entry;” after “the country
7 from which the article is shipped;”.

8 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 120 days after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue
10 an interim final rule amending subpart I of part 1 of title
11 21, Code of Federal Regulations, to implement the amend-
12 ment made by this section.

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
14 this section shall take effect 180 days after the date of
15 enactment of this Act.

16 **SEC. 305. REVIEW OF A REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF A**
17 **FOREIGN COUNTRY.**

18 Chapter VIII (21 U.S.C. 381 et seq.), as amended
19 by section 302, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing:

21 **“SEC. 807. REVIEW OF A REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF A**
22 **FOREIGN COUNTRY.**

23 “The Secretary may review information from a coun-
24 try outlining the statutes, regulations, standards, and con-
25 trols of such country, and conduct on-site audits in such

1 country to verify the implementation of those statutes,
2 regulations, standards, and controls. Based on such re-
3 view, the Secretary shall determine whether such country
4 can provide reasonable assurances that the food supply of
5 the country is equivalent in safety to food manufactured,
6 processed, packed, or held in the United States.”.

7 **SEC. 306. BUILDING CAPACITY OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS**
8 **WITH RESPECT TO FOOD.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, not later
10 than 2 years of the date of enactment of this Act, develop
11 a comprehensive plan to expand the technical, scientific,
12 and regulatory capacity of foreign governments, and their
13 respective food industries, from which foods are exported
14 to the United States.

15 (b) CONSULTATION.—In developing the plan under
16 subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with the Sec-
17 retary of Agriculture, Secretary of State, Secretary of the
18 Treasury, and the Secretary of Commerce, representatives
19 of the food industry, appropriate foreign government offi-
20 cials, and nongovernmental organizations that represent
21 the interests of consumers, and other stakeholders.

22 (c) PLAN.—The plan developed under subsection (a)
23 shall include, as appropriate, the following:

24 (1) Recommendations for bilateral and multilat-
25 eral arrangements and agreements, including provi-

1 sions to provide for responsibility of exporting coun-
2 tries to ensure the safety of food.

3 (2) Provisions for electronic data sharing.

4 (3) Provisions for mutual recognition of inspec-
5 tion reports.

6 (4) Training of foreign governments and food
7 producers on United States requirements for safe
8 food.

9 (5) Recommendations to harmonize require-
10 ments under the Codex Alimentarius.

11 (6) Provisions for the multilateral acceptance of
12 laboratory methods and detection techniques.

13 **SEC. 307. INSPECTION OF FOREIGN FOOD FACILITIES.**

14 Chapter VIII (21 U.S.C. 381 et seq.), as amended
15 by section 305, is amended by inserting at the end the
16 following:

17 **“SEC. 808. INSPECTION OF FOREIGN FOOD FACILITIES.**

18 “(a) INSPECTION.—The Secretary—

19 “(1) may enter into arrangements and agree-
20 ments with foreign governments to facilitate the in-
21 spection of foreign facilities registered under section
22 415; and

23 “(2) shall direct resources to inspections of for-
24 eign facilities, suppliers, and food types, especially
25 such facilities, suppliers, and food types that present

1 a high risk (as identified by the Secretary), to help
2 ensure the safety and security of the food supply of
3 the United States.

4 “(b) EFFECT OF INABILITY TO INSPECT.—Notwith-
5 standing any other provision of law, food shall be refused
6 admission into the United States if it is from a foreign
7 facility registered under section 415 of which the owner,
8 operator, or agent in charge of the facility, or the govern-
9 ment of the foreign country, refuses to permit entry of
10 United States inspectors, upon request, to inspect such fa-
11 cility. For purposes of this subsection, such an owner, op-
12 erator, or agent in charge shall be considered to have re-
13 fused an inspection if such owner, operator, or agent in
14 charge refuses such a request to inspect a facility more
15 than 48 hours after such request is submitted.”.

16 **SEC. 308. ACCREDITATION OF QUALIFIED THIRD-PARTY**
17 **AUDITORS.**

18 Chapter VIII (21 U.S.C. 381 et seq.), as amended
19 by section 307, is further amended by adding at the end
20 the following:

21 **“SEC. 809. ACCREDITATION OF QUALIFIED THIRD-PARTY**
22 **AUDITORS.**

23 “(a) ACCREDITATION OF CERTIFYING AGENTS.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 2
25 years after the date of enactment of the FDA Food

1 Safety Modernization Act, the Secretary shall estab-
2 lish and implement an accreditation system under
3 which a foreign government, a State or regional food
4 authority, a foreign or domestic cooperative that ag-
5 gregates the products of growers or processors, or
6 any other third party that the Secretary determines
7 appropriate, may request to be accredited as a certi-
8 fying agent to certify that eligible entities meet the
9 applicable requirements of this Act.

10 “(2) REVIEW BY SECRETARY.—When estab-
11 lishing the accreditation system under paragraph
12 (1), the Secretary shall review third-party accredita-
13 tion systems in existence on the date of enactment
14 of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, to avoid
15 unnecessary duplication of efforts and costs.

16 “(3) REQUEST BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.—
17 Prior to accrediting a foreign government as a certi-
18 fying agent, the Secretary shall perform such re-
19 views and audits of food safety programs, systems,
20 and standards of the government as the Secretary
21 deems necessary to determine that they are adequate
22 to ensure that eligible entities certified by such gov-
23 ernment meet the requirements of this Act with re-
24 spect to food manufactured, processed, packed, or
25 held for import to the United States.

1 “(4) REQUEST BY STATE OR REGIONAL FOOD
2 AUTHORITY.—Prior to accrediting a State or re-
3 gional food authority as a certifying agent, the Sec-
4 retary shall perform such reviews and audits of the
5 training and qualifications of auditors used by the
6 authority and conduct such reviews of internal sys-
7 tems and such other investigation of the authority as
8 the Secretary deems necessary to determine that
9 each eligible entity certified by the authority has sys-
10 tems and standards in use to ensure that such entity
11 meets the requirements of this Act.

12 “(5) COOPERATIVES AND OTHER THIRD PAR-
13 TIES.—Prior to accrediting a foreign or domestic co-
14 operative that aggregates the products of growers or
15 processors or any other third party that the Sec-
16 retary determines appropriate as a certifying agent,
17 the Secretary shall perform such reviews and audits
18 of the training and qualifications of auditors used by
19 the cooperative or party and conduct such reviews of
20 internal systems and such other investigation of the
21 cooperative or party as the Secretary deems nec-
22 essary to determine that each eligible entity certified
23 by the cooperative or party has systems and stand-
24 ards in use to ensure that such entity meets the re-
25 quirements of this Act.

1 “(6) LIMITATION ON THIRD PARTIES.—The
2 Secretary may not accredit a third party that the
3 Secretary determines appropriate as a certifying
4 agent unless each auditor used by such party pre-
5 pares the audit report for an audit under this sec-
6 tion in a form and manner designated by the Sec-
7 retary. An audit report shall include—

8 “(A) the identity of the persons at the au-
9 dited eligible entity responsible for compliance
10 with food safety requirements;

11 “(B) the dates of the audit;

12 “(C) the scope of the audit; and

13 “(D) any other information required by the
14 Secretary that relate to or may influence an as-
15 sessment of compliance with this Act.

16 “(b) IMPORTATION.—As a condition of accrediting a
17 foreign government, a State or regional food authority, a
18 foreign or domestic cooperative that aggregates the prod-
19 ucts of growers or processors, or any other third party
20 that the Secretary determines appropriate as a certifying
21 agent, such government, authority, cooperative, or party
22 shall agree to issue a written and electronic certification
23 to accompany each food shipment made for import from
24 an eligible entity certified by the certifying agent, subject
25 to requirements set forth by the Secretary. The Secretary

1 shall consider such certificates when targeting inspection
2 resources under section 421.

3 “(c) MONITORING.—Following any accreditation of a
4 certifying agent, the Secretary may at any time—

5 “(1) conduct an on-site audit of any eligible en-
6 tity certified by the agent, with or without the certi-
7 fying agent present; or

8 “(2) require the agent to submit to the Sec-
9 retary, for any eligible entity certified by the agent,
10 an onsite inspection report and such other reports or
11 documents the agent requires as part of the audit
12 process, including, for an eligible entity located out-
13 side the United States, documentation that the eligi-
14 ble is in compliance with any applicable registration
15 requirements.

16 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

17 “(1) AUDITOR.—The term ‘auditor’ means an
18 individual who—

19 “(A) is qualified to conduct food safety au-
20 dits; and

21 “(B) has successfully completed any train-
22 ing requirements established by the Secretary
23 for the conduct of food safety audits.

24 “(2) CERTIFYING AGENT.—The term ‘certifying
25 agent’ means a foreign government, a State or re-

1 regional food authority, a foreign or domestic coopera-
2 tive that aggregates the products of growers or proc-
3 essors, or any other third party that conducts audits
4 of eligible entities and that is accredited by the Sec-
5 retary under this section.

6 “(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
7 tity’ means any entity in the food supply chain that
8 chooses to be audited by a certifying agent.

9 “(e) AVOIDING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH CER-
10 TIFYING AGENTS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A certifying agent shall—

12 “(A) not be owned, managed, or controlled
13 by any person that owns or operates an eligible
14 entity to be certified by such agent;

15 “(B) have procedures to ensure against the
16 use, in carrying out audits of eligible entities
17 under this section, of any officer or employee of
18 such agent that has a financial conflict of inter-
19 est regarding an eligible entity to be certified by
20 such agent; and

21 “(C) annually make available to the Sec-
22 retary, disclosures of the extent to which such
23 agent, and the officers and employees of such
24 agent, have maintained compliance with sub-

1 paragraphs (A) and (B) relating to financial
2 conflicts of interest.

3 “(2) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall pro-
4 mulgate regulations not later than 18 months after
5 the date of enactment of the FDA Food Safety Mod-
6 ernization Act to ensure that there are protections
7 against conflicts of interest between a certifying
8 agent and the eligible entity to be certified by such
9 agent. Such regulations shall include—

10 “(A) requiring that domestic audits per-
11 formed under this section be unannounced;

12 “(B) a structure, including timing and
13 public disclosure, for fees paid by eligible enti-
14 ties to certifying agents to decrease the poten-
15 tial for conflicts of interest; and

16 “(C) appropriate limits on financial affili-
17 ations between a certifying agent and any per-
18 son that owns or operates an eligible entity to
19 be certified by such agent.

20 “(f) FALSE STATEMENTS.—Any statement of rep-
21 resentation made by an employee or agent of an eligible
22 entity to an auditor of a certifying agent or a certifying
23 agent shall be subject to section 1001 of title 18, United
24 States Code.

1 “(g) RISKS TO PUBLIC HEALTH.—If, at any time
2 during an audit, an auditor of a certifying agent discovers
3 a condition that could cause or contribute to a serious risk
4 to the public health, the auditor shall immediately notify
5 the Secretary of—

6 “(1) the identification of the eligible entity sub-
7 ject to the audit; and

8 “(2) such condition.

9 “(h) WITHDRAWAL OF ACCREDITATION.—The Sec-
10 retary may withdraw accreditation from a certifying
11 agent—

12 “(1) if food from eligible entities certified by
13 such agent is linked to an outbreak of human or ani-
14 mal illness;

15 “(2) following a performance audit and finding
16 by the Secretary that the agent no longer meets the
17 requirements for accreditation; or

18 “(3) following a refusal to allow United States
19 officials to conduct such audits and investigations as
20 may be necessary to ensure continued compliance
21 with the requirements set forth in this section.

22 “(i) PERFORMANCE AUDITS AND RENEWAL.—To en-
23 sure that accreditation of a certifying agent continues to
24 meet the standards of this section and this Act and to

1 allow for the renewal of accreditation of such certifying
2 agent, the Secretary shall—

3 “(1) audit the performance of such certifying
4 agent on a periodic basis, not less than every 4
5 years, through the review of audit reports by such
6 certifying agent and the compliance history, as avail-
7 able, of eligible entities certified by such certifying
8 agent; and

9 “(2) any other measures deemed necessary by
10 the Secretary.

11 “(j) PUBLICATION OF LIST OF CERTIFYING
12 AGENTS.—The Secretary shall publish and maintain on
13 the Internet Web site of the Food and Drug Administra-
14 tion a current list, including, the name, location and other
15 information deemed necessary by the Secretary, of certi-
16 fying agents under this section.

17 “(k) NEUTRALIZING COSTS.—The Secretary shall es-
18 tablish a method, similar to the method used by the De-
19 partment of Agriculture, by which certifying agents reim-
20 burse the Food and Drug Administration for the work per-
21 formed to accredit such certifying agents. The Secretary
22 shall make operating this program revenue-neutral and
23 shall not generate surplus revenue from such a reimburse-
24 ment mechanism.

1 “(l) NO EFFECT ON SECTION 704 INSPECTIONS.—
2 The audits performed under this section shall not be con-
3 sidered inspections under section 704.

4 “(m) NO EFFECT ON INSPECTION AUTHORITY.—
5 Nothing in this section affects the authority of the Sec-
6 retary to inspect any eligible entity pursuant to this Act.”.

7 **SEC. 309. FOREIGN OFFICES OF THE FOOD AND DRUG AD-**
8 **MINISTRATION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall by October 1,
10 2010, establish an office of the Food and Drug Adminis-
11 tration in not less than 5 foreign countries selected by the
12 Secretary, to provide assistance to the appropriate govern-
13 mental entities of such countries with respect to measures
14 to provide for the safety of articles of food and other prod-
15 ucts regulated by the Food and Drug Administration ex-
16 ported by such country to the United States, including by
17 directly conducting risk-based inspections of such articles
18 and supporting such inspections by such governmental en-
19 tity.

20 (b) CONSULTATION.—In establishing the foreign of-
21 fices described in subsection (a), the Secretary shall con-
22 sult with the Secretary of State and the United States
23 Trade Representative.

24 (c) REPORT.—Not later than October 1, 2011, the
25 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the basis

1 for the selection by the Secretary of the foreign countries
2 in which the Secretary established offices under subsection
3 (a), the progress which such offices have made with re-
4 spect to assisting the governments of such countries in
5 providing for the safety of articles of food and other prod-
6 ucts regulated by the Food and Drug Administration ex-
7 ported to the United States, and the plans of the Secretary
8 for establishing additional foreign offices of the Food and
9 Drug Administration, as appropriate.

10 **SEC. 310. FUNDING FOR FOOD SAFETY.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
12 priated to carry out the activities of the Center for Food
13 Safety and Applied Nutrition, the Center for Veterinary
14 Medicine, and related field activities in the Office of Regu-
15 latory Affairs of the Food and Drug Administration—

16 (1) \$775,000,000 for fiscal year 2009; and

17 (2) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal
18 years 2010 through 2013.

19 (b) INCREASED NUMBER OF FIELD STAFF.—To
20 carry out the activities of the Center for Food Safety and
21 Applied Nutrition, the Center for Veterinary Medicine,
22 and related field activities of the Office of Regulatory Af-
23 fairs of the Food and Drug Administration, the Secretary
24 of Health and Human Services shall increase the field

1 staff of such Centers and Office with a goal of not fewer
2 than—

- 3 (1) 3,600 staff members in fiscal year 2009;
- 4 (2) 3,800 staff members in fiscal year 2010;
- 5 (3) 4,000 staff members in fiscal year 2011;
- 6 (4) 4,200 staff members in fiscal year 2012;
- 7 and
- 8 (5) 4,600 staff members in fiscal year 2013.

9 **SEC. 311. JURISDICTION; AUTHORITIES.**

10 Nothing in this Act, or an amendment made by this
11 Act, shall be construed to—

12 (1) alter the jurisdiction between the Secretary
13 of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and
14 Human Services, under applicable statutes and regu-
15 lations;

16 (2) limit the authority of the Secretary of
17 Health and Human Services to issue regulations re-
18 lated to the safety of food under—

19 (A) the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
20 Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) as in effect on the
21 day before the date of enactment of this Act; or

22 (B) the Public Health Service Act (42
23 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) as in effect on the day be-
24 fore the date of enactment of this Act; or

1 (3) impede, minimize, or affect the authority of
2 the Secretary of Agriculture to prevent, control, or
3 mitigate a plant or animal health emergency, or a
4 food emergency involving products regulated under
5 the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry Prod-
6 ucts Inspection Act, or the Egg Products Inspection
7 Act.

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