

Food Safety Research Consortium

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The Food Safety Research Consortium and the
University of Florida Emerging Pathogens Institute present:

ASSURING SAFETY OF IMPORTED FOOD Public and Private Roles in a Risk-Based System

February 1-2, 2010

RFF Conference Center, 1616 P St NW, Washington, DC

The FSRC and the UF EPI presented a two-day workshop that brought together participants from the private sector, government, academia, and advocacy communities to discuss the obstacles and opportunities to improve the safety of food imported into the United States. The workshop focused on the implementation challenges to creating a more risk-based approach to food import safety built upon coordinated efforts of both government and the private sector. The goal of the forthcoming workshop summary will be to make concrete and actionable recommendations on such a system, particularly in light of pending food safety legislation. The workshop was funded by a conference grant awarded by the National Integrated Food Safety Initiative (NIFSI) of the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

Workshop Materials

Original announcement ([link](#))

Agenda: (revised) ([pdf](#)); (final) ([pdf](#))

Breakout Questions (final) ([pdf](#))

Speaker bios (revised) ([pdf](#))

Participants: Actual ([pdf](#)); Anticipated ([pdf](#))

FSRC backgrounder ([pdf](#))

Directions & parking ([pdf](#))

[Photos of the event](#)

Agenda

The agenda included five panel discussion sessions over two days, with two breakout sessions, one at the end of each day. Where speakers have given approval, PDFs of Powerpoint presentations or their notes have been provided.

SESSION 1: CHALLENGES IN FOOD IMPORT SAFETY

- Mark Cohen, Resources for the Future: [Welcome](#)
- J. Glenn Morris, Jr., Emerging Pathogens Institute, University of Florida: [Import Safety: Towards a Risk-Based Approach \(pdf\)](#)

Moderated Panel:

- Steve Solomon, US Food and Drug Administration: [Remarks](#)
- Ronald Jones, USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service: [Remarks](#)
- Art Liang, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [Remarks: Trends in Foodborne Illness Associated with Imports \(pdf\)](#)
- Marion Aller, Florida Dept of Agriculture and Consumer Services: [Remarks \(pdf\)](#)
- Tony Corbo, Food and Water Watch: [Remarks \(pdf\)](#)
- Bob Brackett, Grocery Manufacturers Association: [Remarks](#)
- Caroline Smith DeWaal, Center for Science in the Public Interest: [Implications for Import Safety in Pending US Food Safety Legislation](#)

SESSION 2: INFORMATION NEEDS FOR A RISK-BASED SYSTEM

- Frank Busta, National Center for Food Protection and Defense, University of Minnesota: [Risk Factors: Product and Process Specific Criteria \(pdf\)](#)
- Spencer Henson, University of Guelph, Canada, and Institute of Development Studies, UK: [Food Safety Risks in Global Supply Chains: A Behavioural Perspective \(pdf\)](#)
- Laurian Unnevehr, USDA Economic Research Service: [Information Needs for Creating Incentives in Global Supply Chains \(pdf\)](#)

SESSION 3: TOOLS AND APPROACHES FOR EVALUATING RISK AND TARGETING RESOURCES

- Sabine Hertveldt, International Finance Corporation: [Country-Level Indicators: Lessons from the World Bank Group's "Doing Business" Project \(pdf\)](#)
- Erin Dreyling, USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service: [Risk-Based Approach to Foreign Country Audits and Port-of-Entry Reinspections \(pdf\)](#)
- Steve Kendall, US Food and Drug Administration: [PREDICT: Predictive Risk-based Evaluation for Dynamic Import Compliance Targeting \(pdf\)](#)
- Bjarke Bak Christensen, DTU Food, National Food Institute, Denmark: [Case-by-Case Risk Assessments of Domestic and Imported Foods in Denmark \(pdf\)](#)

SESSION 4: COORDINATING PUBLIC OVERSIGHT AND PRIVATE FOOD SAFETY MANAGEMENT

- Bob Buchanan, University of Maryland: [The Emerging Role of Risk Management Metrics \(pdf\)](#)
- Albert Chambers, Monachus Consulting (Ottawa, Canada): [Understanding and Comparing Food Safety Schemes: Private Benchmarking & Government Recognition \(pdf\)](#)
- Linda Calvin, USDA Economic Research Service: [U.S. Fresh Produce Imports and Food Safety: The Case of Mexico \(pdf\)](#)

SESSION 5: MANAGING FOOD SAFETY IN GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS

- S. Andrew Starbird, Santa Clara University: [Incentivizing the Buyer/Supplier Relationship for Food Safety \(pdf\)](#)
- Jennifer McEntire, Institute of Food Technologists: [Food Supply Chain Complexities: Real World Challenges \(pdf\)](#)

Moderated Panel:

- Bob Bauer, Association of Food Industries: [Remarks \(pdf\)](#)
- Bobby Love, Phillips Foods: [Remarks](#)
- Jason Lambros, Coastal Sunbelt Produce: [Remarks](#)
- Susan Brown, McCormick and Co.: unable to attend
- Paul Hall, AIV Microbiology & Food Safety: [Remarks](#)
- Gale Prince, Your Food Safety Coach LLC: [Remarks](#)

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