



Eurofins Responds to Upcoming Changes in US Food Safety Legislation

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Recently, the Food Safety Modernization Act (S.510) has become US law. All in all, this bill will increase the regulatory authority of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) over the US food production system in order to put into action additional food safety measures and to aid in the prevention of contamination and food-borne illness outbreaks. In addition, the legislation would give the FDA mandatory recall authority, require food producers to have qualifying plans in place for identifying and addressing safety risks, require importers to verify the safety of all imported foods, and much more – all part of a larger food defense strategy. The timeline for the implementation of different aspects of the Act is unknown and will greatly depend on the speed with which government officials establish the enabling regulations. The main highlights and implications of the bill include:

- Mandatory Risk Prevention plans for all handlers and processors of food
- Updates required to Fish & Fisheries Hazards & Controls Guidance
- Stronger interventions and standards to be set for produce safety, including requiring 3 public meetings for input on best practices for growing, harvesting, packaging and shipping produce
- Updates required to the Foodborne Contaminant list every 2 years
- Mandatory measures for traceability, sanitation, and testing performed by accredited laboratories
- More animal feed products required to meet food safety standards
- Bioterrorism vulnerability assessments to be conducted
- Foreign supplier verification programs required for US food importers
- Establishment of a National Agriculture and Food Defense Strategy
- Hazard and risk prevention programs (e.g. HACCP) required for regulated products, including on-farm products and processes
- Environmental monitoring programs are now considered an integral part of hazard and risk prevention programs

In light of the new demands that will be placed on food producers, processors, and importers as result of this new legislation, Eurofins provides the following services to help companies stay ahead of these developments and ensure maximum compliance:

- Comprehensive microbiological testing capabilities by multiple facilities including assays for process control, spoilage, pathogens, and other specialized services such as challenge studies and environmental monitoring sampling programs
- Broad contaminant testing portfolio including chemical residues, antibiotics, mycotoxins and heavy metals

- GFSI Auditing Services (SQF, BRC, IFS)
- Safe Food / Safe Feed FAMI-QS audits for feed production and processing facilities
- Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures (SSOPs) development, auditing, and reassessment
- Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) plan development, auditing, verification, validation, training, and recall management
- Good Manufacturing Practices development, auditing and review, coordination with SSOPs and HACCP
- Process verification and thermal process establishment
- Experienced import detention testing and support in accordance with guidelines set forth by FDA compliance policy guides

With multiple food laboratories across the US, Eurofins offers the most complete food testing portfolio in the country and stands ready to assist the food industry in complying with the new legislation. Additionally, the Group's global network of more than 150 laboratories and Competence Centers spread across 30 countries allows for maximum support of companies serving global markets.

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Notes for the editor:

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The Eurofins Group is the world leader in food testing and one of the global market leaders in pharmaceuticals and environmental testing. It intends to pursue its dynamic growth strategy and expand both its technology portfolio and its geographic reach. Through R&D and acquisitions, the Group draws on the latest developments in the field of biotechnology to offer its clients unique analytical solutions and the most comprehensive range of testing methods.

As one of the most innovative and quality oriented international players in its industry, Eurofins is ideally positioned to support its clients' increasingly stringent quality and safety standards and the demands of regulatory authorities around the world.

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