Enterprise-wide Assessments to Mitigate Food Safety Risks

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## Today's Discussion

- 1. Something's Not Right
- 2. Three Key Discoveries
- 3. Enterprise Risk Assessment
- 4. Resources
- 5. Q&A



# Something's Not Right





# Something's Not Right

We want to shine a light on a big gap in how companies are getting ready for FSMA – and what we all need to do about it.



#### Consistent Themes Around FSMA

# Something is not right...

- "I have been to training and attended a webinar"
- "We know how to handle audits."
- "That's QA's job to take care of that."

We need to change our mindset and not just our QA Programs



#### **POLL**

# Do you think your company is ready for FSMA?

- Yes
- No, but we're close
- No, just no





#### The Rules of the Game Have Changed



#### FDA Audits have begun

- Inside intel is that FDA is not happy with FSMA readiness
- They're feeling is industry is taking it business as usual
- Are expecting much more organized Food Safety Plans
- Dangerous implications when grace period ends if industry doesn't step up

#### **Blue Bell Ice Cream**

- Serious systemic failure
- FDA investigation/ CDC Database
- Corporate investigation/ Subpoenas went back years!
- DOJ Investigation / Park Doctrine

# **Three Key Discoveries**





#### Three Key Discoveries

# These are the things no one wants to talk about....

- 1. Food manufacturing processes contain inherent food safety flaws
- 2. Corporate is **not** thinking about these problems
- 3. You need to remove the skeletons in your closet

#### Discovery Number One

# Food Manufacturing processes contain inherent food safety flaws

- What products are made?
- Whom do you sell to?
- What is your messaging?
- Are your departments aligned?
  - What is the objective of Procurement?
  - What is the objective of Marketing?
  - What is the objective of Operations?





## **Discovery Number Two**

#### **Corporate is** not thinking about these problems

- Current design does nothing to protect you
  - Narrow vs. wide for audits
  - Who is performing evaluation (calibration and expertise)
    - Specialist vs. Generalist
    - Legal/QA/Procurement
- FDA is coming to visit...not just the facilities
  - FDA will be coming to corporate offices
  - Only thing stopping them now is software...which they are fixing
- How can you help mitigate this risk?





### **Discovery Number Three**



#### You need to remove the skeletons in your closet

- The risk is too great to hide them
- Who's providing advice to do this at strategic level?
  - FDA is making templates
  - The story you tell is as important as what you do
- How is your company addressing this new risk?

# Wow! That's a lot of stuff!

That's what we said, too.

It's scary.

It's overwhelming.

#### Where do you start?

You need a roadmap, you need a plan.

# **Enterprise Risk Assessment: The Evolution of Corporate Compliance**



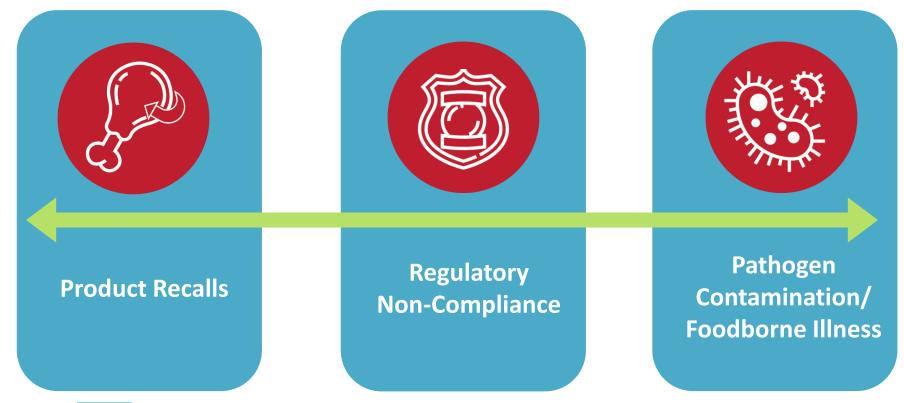


#### What's an Enterprise Risk Assessment?

- Process of planning, organizing, leading and controlling activities of an organization in order to minimize the effects of risk on an organization's capital and earnings
- Enterprise-wide, not plant centric
- Executed by senior-level experts in their functional fields
  - E.g., QA, Legal, Ops
- Strategic approach to identify concerns
  - Understand where risks are in whole company
- Tactical process to solve issues
  - Prioritized plan based on gap assessment



### What type of risks are we referring to?





# Which of these risks are you most concerned about?

- Product Recall
- Regulatory Non-compliance
- Pathogen Contamination





#### Where are the risks?

# Company

- Inherent product and process risks
- Geographic locations

# Corporate

- Management sponsorship and resources
- Boilerplate programs

# Programs

- Adequacy to meet regulatory and audit expectations
- Program verification and validation

## **Plants**

- Plant design, process flow
- Management culture and execution

## Records

- Recordkeeping errors
- Deficiency management



### A New Approach with Enterprise Risk Management

- Strategic prioritization by function (comprehensive or by desired sections)
  - Corporate
  - Supply Chain
  - Food Safety and Quality Systems
  - Microbial Control
  - Compliance
  - Due diligence approach
- Corrective action and closure
- Risk Reassessments
- Executive view and reporting



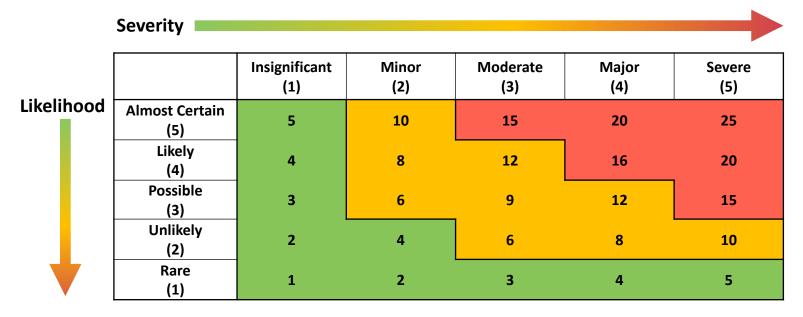
What needs to be assessed? (All or Part)

Allergens REGULATORY Complaints SUPPLY CHAIN WARNINGS Micro
Audit Management PRODUCT RECALL Traceabilitysanitation
SWab-A-Thon CORPORATE/CULTURE
Food Safety Plan Non-Conforming
Product
Non-Conforming
Product Food Safety Plan
Raw Material
Product
Micro
SUPI



#### How is the risk assessed?

- Likelihood and Severity Ratings on a scale of 1 to 5
- Risk Assessment Matrix with High, Moderate and Low rankings





#### Live Demo: Enterprise Risk Assessment Model

- Strategic summary pages
  - Reporting
  - Company profile
  - Risk assessment
  - Corrective action
- Tactical risk assessment
  - Prioritization based company profile
  - Systematic and Functional approaches



#### **Swab-A-Thon Challenge**

- FDA focus on Control of Listeria Monocytogenes
- FDA Inspections Broad Assessment PC Inspection (500) or Full Preventive Control Inspections (140) to date
- Be proactive to challenge your own operation prior to regulatory actions
- Complete intensified swabbing of all 4 zones to assess effectiveness of Listeria Control Programs
- Be prepared to take corrective actions for positive results
- Improve your environmental control program with better targeted testing
- Manage your results with attorney-client privileges for confidentiality



#### Post Assessment Action Plan

- Focus on areas of high and moderate risk
- Revise programs as needed to make them more robust
- Mitigate the risks down to acceptable levels
- Reassess periodically to re-evaluate risk levels





#### **POLL**

Do you think an enterprise risk assessment would benefit your company?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe



#### Assess Your Enterprise-wide Risk

# Next Steps

- What is your company's risk profile?
- Have you left no stone unturned?
- What is your plan to manage it?
- Will your relationships doom you or enable your success?
- Do you really know your liability?

#### Raise C-Suite Awareness

# Next Steps

- Be proactive
- Your CEO and board needs to know, and be engaged
- You've always wanted more resources, here's how you can get them
- Be clear that the rules have changed
- The feeling "we're GFSI certified" does not mean you aren't at risk
- Reminder: FDA will soon be coming to corporate, not just facilities

# Resources





### Resource: Alchemy Professional Services









#### Training

**Gap Analysis** 

Development

Reanalysis

HARPC Workshop based on FDA recognized standardized curriculum

- Public courses or on-site
- On-line courses coming soon
- On site review to evaluate existing programs, products and facility to new regulatory requirements
- Off site desk top review of existing HACCP Plans comparison to new regulatory requirements

Creation of new Food Safety Plan documentation customized for your products and processes

- Desk top review of client created Food Safety Plan
- On Site Reanalysis to validate food safety system and written program compliance



#### Resource: PCQI Blended eLearning Course

#### No Travel. No Hassle. No Worries.

- New FSMA regulations require that key personnel in charge of managing the Food Safety Plan at a company must be a "Preventive Control Qualified Individual."
- With the combination of a self-paced eLearning environment and a live virtual instructor led session, this course enables you to become a PCQI on your terms.
- Alchemy's course features industry best practices developed right on the manufacturing floor by Alchemy Professional Services consultants to ensure you walk away with a comprehensive and complete understanding of the new FSMA requirements.



#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- QA Directors and Managers
- QA Supervisors
- Operations Managers
- SQF/BRC Practitioners and Auditors

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# Q&A





# **QUESTIONS?**

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