

**FMI RETAIL FOOD SAFETY FORUM
IDEA EXCHANGE SESSION
ROSEWOOD BALLROOM, NOVEMBER 5, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM**

Table # 1 – TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

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Discussion Questions:

1. What is important for retail training and certification programs?
2. What factors do you consider when selecting training and certification programs?
3. What are the challenges?
4. What do we do well?
5. What can we improve?
6. With unlimited resources, what would you include in a retail training and certification program and why? (might help to discuss training and certification separately)

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Discussion Questions:

1. What are the FSMA issues that are important to retailers?
2. What are the FSMA issues that are important to suppliers?
3. What do you need from FMI and NGA to help with FSMA implementation and compliance?
4. Are you aware of the provisions that impact warehouses and distribution centers?
5. Are you aware that FMI has already developed resources to help members meet the requirements?
6. What concerns to you have about FSMA or other government regulations?

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Discussion Questions:

1. What is traceability important?
2. What concerns do you have regarding traceability?
3. Are you using (or considering) any product tracing systems now?
4. What factors are you considering when selecting systems or programs?
5. What are the challenges?
6. With unlimited resources, what would you include in a product tracing system and why?

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Discussion Questions:

1. What are the challenges facing retailers regarding recalls?
2. What do we do well?
3. What can we improve?
4. Is product disposal an issue?
5. In thinking about communication with suppliers, what needs to be improved?
6. In thinking about communication with customers, what needs to be improved?
7. With unlimited resources, how would you fix the challenges retailers have with recalls?

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Discussion Questions:

1. What are the challenges with imports?
2. What programs do you have in place to monitor the safety of the imported products that you carry?
3. What are your thoughts about the FSMA Foreign Supplier Verification Program and the proposed rule that we are waiting to be published? Will it help?
4. What do we do well regarding imports as a retail industry?
5. What can we improve regarding imports as a retail industry?
6. With unlimited resources, what would you do to improve import safety for retailers and why?

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3. What do we do well?
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Discussion Questions:

1. What are your thoughts about the California Ballot Initiative (Prop 37) on labeling GMOs in foods? (we should have copies there for discussion purposes)
2. How will the outcome of the ballot initiative impact retailers?
3. How will the outcome of the ballot initiative impact consumers?
4. How will the outcome of the ballot initiative impact suppliers/manufacturers?
5. With unlimited resources, what would you propose as a solution to the GMO issue in the US?
6. What do you (retailers) need from FMI and NGA on GMOs?

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2. What factors do you consider when selecting training and certification programs?
3. What are the challenges?
4. What do we do well?
5. What can we improve?
6. With unlimited resources, what would you include in an auditing and third party certification program and why (from a retail point of view)?

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