

Intentional Adulteration Rule

FDA's final Intentional Adulteration (IA) rule is aimed at preventing intentional adulteration from acts intended to cause wide-scale harm to public health, including acts of terrorism targeting the food supply. Such acts, while not likely to occur, could cause illness, death, and economic disruption of the food supply, absent mitigation strategies. Rather than targeting specific foods or hazards, this rule requires mitigation (risk-reducing) strategies for processes in certain registered food facilities.

Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance (FSPCA) Intentional Adulteration courses were developed to provide a low-cost solution to complete the training requirement found within the Intentional Adulteration rule.

FSPCA Food Defense Awareness for the Intentional Adulteration Rule (Online Course)

The FDA's Food Safety Modernization Act rule: Mitigation Strategies to Protect Food Against Intentional Adulteration (21 CFR Part 121) (IA Rule) requires that covered facilities develop and implement a food defense plan that protects the facility's most vulnerable points from acts of intentional adulteration intended to cause wide scale public health harm. The points in a facility's operation that have these significant vulnerabilities are called "actionable process steps". According to the IA rule, individuals assigned to work at actionable process steps, and their supervisors, are required to receive training in food defense awareness (21 CFR 121.4(b)(2)). This "Food Defense Awareness for the Intentional Adulteration Rule" online course is designed specifically for those individuals and will meet the food defense awareness training requirement within the IA rule. It is important to note that the training requirement in the IA rule is flexible, and individuals may choose this training or a similar food defense awareness training to satisfy this requirement.

- **Delivery Format:** Online course
- **Estimated Seat Time:** 20-30 minutes. There is a 4-hour inactivity time-out, so once started, complete the entire course.
- **Certificate:** An FSPCA Certificate of Completion is issued at the end of the course that you must print off immediately. **This is the only time the certificate is available to be printed (no record is retained).** If you need a replacement certificate, you will need to complete the course again.
- **Cost:** Free

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The information provided by the FSPCA will vary in applicability to each food manufacturer. It is not possible for the FSPCA training curriculum to address every situation. Companies should implement practices and programs that are appropriate to their individual operations. FSPCA materials do not outline the only approach to developing and implementing a Food Defense Plan. Companies can follow any approach that satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations related to FSMA. The information provided by FSPCA does not create binding obligations for the Food and Drug Administration or industry.

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Launching FSPCA Food Defense Awareness for the Intentional Adulteration Rule Online Course

Follow these steps to access the **FSPCA Food Defense Awareness for the Intentional Adulteration Rule online course**:

1. Click this link: [Food Defense Awareness](#)
2. Log in with **username:** FSPCA.free1 and **password:** safe.food
 - 2.1 Click **My Courses** and select **Resume**
 - 2.2 Select **Click to Begin** button

REMEMBER!

- There is a 4-hour inactivity time-out, so once started, complete the entire course
- If you click too quickly through the course, it will freeze, and you will have to restart the course at the module where you left off. Within the course, click "Menu" and select the module where you left off.

3. Print Certificate(s)
 - 3.1. After finishing the course, make sure you print off your certificate. **No record is retained. If you lose your certificate, you will need to go through the course again.**
 - 3.2. **Individual Certificates:** To watch a screencast of how to print off your individual certificate, [click here](#).
 - 3.3. **Multiple Participants:** If you are taking this course as part of a group, you will be able to enter each participant's name and print individual certificates. You will continue this process for each individual person requiring a certificate. To watch a screencast of how to print off the certificate for multiple participants if taking this class as a group, [click here](#).
 - 3.4. **Google Chrome:** Select "Ctrl" + "P" on your keyboard. Once the print dialogue loads under "more settings", select "Margins" set to "None".
 - 3.5. **Microsoft Explorer:** Follow the same instructions above, and you want to remove the headers and footers of the certificate, right click in the white space and select "print preview". Within the top ribbon, toggle the header and footer off (see image below). You should be able to print the certificate without headers and footers.



4. Log Off

Minimum Computer Requirements

Browser: Online courses run on the latest versions of all popular internet browsers; however, for best results we recommend Google Chrome. If you are using a PC, your operating system should be at least Windows 7. If you are using a Mac, your operating system should be at least OSX 10.11. Mobile devices are not supported at this time.

FAQ

What are the compatible browsers for this course?

We highly recommend using Google Chrome with popup blocker turned off. The course may not work properly in other browsers.

Why do I get a "This page can't be displayed" message?

Some antivirus programs may be blocking the course from loading. If you receive a "This page can't be displayed" message, you may wish to temporarily disable your antivirus. If you are in a business environment you may wish to contact your systems administrator to see if the link is blocked.

Why am I unable to move to the next slide?

Certain circumstances prevent the course from moving to the next section. One way to prevent this is to wait at least 10 seconds before clicking the "Next" button. If the course does freeze and will not let you continue you will need to close the course and start over.

Why are portions of the page showing in another language?

The Defense Awareness course is given in English only. If another language is appearing, you may change it back to English. Clicking on the globe icon on the bottom left of the page will allow you to change it back to English.

Why am I sent to the catalog with an error message when I click to launch the course?

If you are already logged into lms.ifpti.org you will want to log off before launching the course.

I am able to launch and take the course but when I click to launch the certificate nothing happens.

Why?

You will want the popup blocker turned off for this domain. Not just allowed once. Otherwise the course and certificate may not load properly.

Support

If you need technical assistance completing the course or printing your certificate, please contact our LMS administration team at LMSadmin@ifpti.org or by phone at (269) 488-3258.

If you have a scientific/technical question, contact the [FSPCA Technical Assistance Network](#).

For questions related to the FSMA rules, FSMA programs, and implementation strategies, please submit your questions electronically to FDA's FSMA Technical Assistance Network at:
<http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm459719.htm>

For additional information on **FSPCA Intentional Adulteration courses**, visit the FSPCA website:
<https://www.ifsh.iit.edu/fspca/courses/intentional-adulteration>