



FOOD SAFETY PREVENTIVE CONTROLS ALLIANCE



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About the FSPCA

The Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance (FSPCA) is a public-private partnership created by the U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the Illinois Institute of Technology’s Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH). The main mission of the FSPCA is to support safe food production by developing and delivering a core curriculum, conducting training, and supporting a technical assistance* network and outreach programs that will help the human food and animal food industry comply with Preventive Controls regulations.

International Partnerships

The public and private stakeholders that collaborate within FSPCA find benefit in having access to information that can help them comply with regulations and produce safe food. Market access is an added benefit.

International public and private sector organizations are encouraged to participate in FSPCA in order to provide assistance and training to companies in their regions. FSPCA strives to support international centers who provide training and technical assistance.

Get Involved

The FSPCA is engaged in efforts to provide resources for stakeholders to use in meeting both the Human and Animal Food Preventive Controls rules requirements under FSMA.

Participate: Join one of the FSPCA subcommittees or Working Groups that interest you.



Become an FSPCA Lead Instructor: FSPCA provides train-the-trainer courses for independent instructors to gain the skills necessary to deliver the standardized training. Apply online at www.iit.edu/ifsh/alliance and click on the “Apply to become an FSPCA Lead Instructor” button.

Join the Technical Assistance Network: Resources (experts) available to industry (with an emphasis on small and mid-sized human food and animal food companies) to provide scientific and technical information on hazards associated with foods and preventive controls for those hazards. Experts can participate in information portals, conduct research, share models, and communicate directly with small businesses. Network participants come together with industry and regulators for an annual technical conference.

Take a Course: Attend a Food Safety Preventive Controls course for human food or animal food. The FSPCA Certificate of Course Completion provides evidence of training against the standardized curriculum.

Stay Informed: FSPCA will continue to provide information and resources through its website, conferences, working groups, and webinars for the whole community interested in food safety preventive controls.

FSPCA Update Webinars are scheduled quarterly. Go to www.iit.edu/ifsh/alliance to view the current schedule.

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FSPCA Deliverables

- Develop a standardized hazard analysis preventive controls curriculum
- Create International Centers to offer FSPCA training, technical assistance, and to disseminate scientific and technical information relevant to hazard analysis and preventive controls
- Create a technical assistance network for industry with emphasis on small and mid-sized human food and animal food companies
- Develop a compendium of commonly used preventive controls and compile relevant technical information on hazards and preventive controls
- Function as a bridge between the FDA and the food industry to communicate technical elements of preventive controls
- Develop a comprehensive network of Lead Instructors interested in providing FSPCA Lead Instructor training programs

FSPCA Lead Instructors

FSPCA Lead Instructors are persons who have successfully completed the FSPCA train-the-trainer program. FSPCA Lead Instructors can market and offer the FSPCA courses to participants of their choosing by following a few basic administrative requirements.



Go to the FSPCA website to apply to become an FSPCA Lead Instructor.

FSPCA Stakeholders

FSPCA consists of stakeholders all coming together for common purposes that benefits individual stakeholder needs. Through a participatory governance structure, committees and workgroups are formed as needed to address objectives. Many entities currently participate in FSPCA including representatives from industry and government trade associations, human and animal food companies, industry consultants and service providers, non-profit institutes, multilateral and aid organizations, universities and academic outreach groups, government officials, and other organizations.



A great way to receive the most current information related to educational and training opportunities, FSMA updates, and food safety research and events.

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Topics in the Curriculum

- Introduction to Course
- Overview of a Food Safety Plan
- GMPs and Prerequisite Programs
- Biological Food Safety Hazards
- Chemical, Physical and Economically Motivated Hazards
- Preliminary Steps in Developing a Food Safety Plan
- Process Preventive Controls
- Allergen Preventive Controls
- Sanitation Preventive Controls
- Supplier Preventive Controls
- Recall Plan
- Verification and Validation Procedures
- Record-keeping Procedures
- Regulation Overview
- Resources for Preparing Food Safety Plans
- Food Safety Plan Examples and Exercises
- The Animal Food Course emphasizes additional topics relevant to pet food and animal feed production
- Foreign Supplier Verification Program

FSPCA wants to partner with you!



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