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AFFI Commends FDA for Release of FSMA Final Rules

McLean, VA –[American Frozen Food Institute](#) (AFFI) Interim President Joseph Clayton today commended the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for its issuance of *Food Safety Modernization Act* (FSMA) Final Rules on the [Produce Safety rule](#), the [Foreign Supplier Verification Program](#) (FSVP) and the [Accredited Third-Party Certification rule](#).

FSMA, which was signed into law in January 2011, represents the first major overhaul of the nation's food safety system in more than 70 years. AFFI has been actively engaged on behalf of its 500 members to help shape the rules required of FDA to guide implementation of FSMA.

"AFFI commends FDA for its current approach to FSMA implementation. We appreciate and value the collaborative working relationships cultivated by FDA during the development of these rules, and we believe a comprehensive, systemic approach to food safety will continue to provide Americans with the safest possible food supply.

"Food safety is the highest priority of frozen food and beverage makers and distributors. In fact, AFFI has invested significant resources to develop best-in-class tools and strategies to assist food and beverage makers prepare for and comply with the new food safety paradigm created by FSMA.

"We also stand ready to work with the administration and Congress to ensure sufficient federal resources are allocated to FDA's critical food safety activities without imposing new costs on food makers and consumers through user fees."

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The American Frozen Food Institute is the national trade association promoting and representing the interests of all segments of the frozen food and beverage industry. AFFI works to foster industry development and growth, and advocates before legislative and regulatory entities on the industry's behalf. More information can be found at www.affi.org.