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What's on FDA's radar in 2024? We can provide insights and quotes

Dear Editor,

With 2024 underway, we are seeing that many of the issues of the food industry are continuing, while the year is also bringing in new challenges for food facilities.

Among the challenges that the food safety and public health experts of The Acheson Group (TAG) are seeing clients dealing with are:

- **Traceability**: Food firms have less than two years left to develop a FSMA 204-compliant traceability plan that encompasses the applicable foods across their entire food supply chain. What should facilities be doing today to ensure they are ready?
- **FSVP**: FSMA's Foreign Supplier Verification Program (FSVP) has been in effect since 2016, but with so many facilities still being cited for the lack of a program, FDA is ramping up its inspections this year. What needs to be in an FSVP and why is it so critical?
- **Food Defense**: Similarly, although FDA has been conducting "quick checks" on facility Food Defense Plans, the agency is expanding its oversight this year to conduct comprehensive inspections for full compliance with the FSMA Intentional Adulteration (IA) Rule. What is the agency expecting from food facilities?

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Please reach out to me if you have any questions, or if you'd like me to coordinate an interview with any of our <u>TAG experts</u> for your upcoming <u>food safety or public health</u> editorial.

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