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## Expert citation and insights on FSMA Rule Updates

Dear Editor,

If your coverage requires expert citation on emerging food safety regulations, TAG is here to help! With expertise across the food industry, our Subject Matter Experts can provide knowledgeable, up-to-date information, quotes, and answers to your questions.

With insights on some of the most recent food safety matters are TAG experts, discussing:

- The compliance date for FSMA's **TRACEABILITY RULE**, Section 204, is quickly approaching. As per this new regulation, all businesses that manufacture, process, pack, or store foods on the Food Traceability List (FTL) must maintain records on key data elements (KDEs) for critical tracking events (CTEs) identified under the Traceability Rule. *"It is important to work toward compliance with the Traceability Rule now, so when January 20 of 2026 arrives, you are ready for FDA's inspection,"* states TAG EVP of Regulatory and Scientific Affairs, [Dr. Benjamin Miller](#). *"Being able to quickly identify and remove food from the public market can be a complex process, but TAG offers training and services to assist in doing so. We can help you in your maintenance of proper records and establishment of a traceability plan."* Ben has nearly 20 years of experience in food safety regulation and public health and has applicable expertise on food traceability, outbreak investigations and crisis response, and FSMA food safety assessments.
- **APPENDIX 1** under FDA's draft guidance titled "Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Foods" has been recently revised. *"Once finalized, this guidance will advise food facilities on how to best comply with hazard analysis and risk-based preventive control regulations, with Appendix 1 in particular being an excellent resource on understanding potential hazards that could be considered,"* explains [Dr. Ruth Petran](#), Senior Advisor of Food Safety at TAG who holds expertise in food safety risk management and regulatory compliance. Ruth and several other [TAG](#) employees are FSPCA-certified lead instructors for the FSMA Preventive Controls for Human Food Rule and can assist by providing resources and training your facility members to comply with the updated guidance.

Whether you're seeking citation for a specific topic or want some ideas for that all-important "filler material," TAG experts are ready and available to answer your questions.

If you would like to interview any of the above or other TAG [subject matter experts](#), or if TAG can be of any assistance as a resource to you, please reach out.

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