Signed into law by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 2011, the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) aims to ensure the safety of the U.S. food supply by shifting the focus from contamination response to prevention. When the final ruling is implemented in May 2016, the legislation will have cascading effects across animal agriculture, including poultry feed mills.

**THE IMPACT ON POULTRY PRODUCTION**

Those involved in poultry feed manufacturing can expect the following:

- **AN INCREASE IN FDA INSPECTION**
  The legislation offers greater latitude for risk-based inspection as a means of controlling outbreaks on the front end.

- **GREATER FDA AUTHORITY TO RECALL PRODUCTS**
  Although the industry has greatly cooperated with voluntary recalls, the FDA may now mandate a recall, if necessary.

- **BROADER ACCESS TO RECORDS FOR INSPECTOR REVIEW**
  Feed mills will be required to keep a written food safety plan that includes preventive control methods and monitoring, corrective action and verification procedures.

This inspection will be in addition to your regular FDA inspections.
REFINING YOUR STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOPs)

Feed mills producing medicated feeds will need to adhere to Current Good Manufacturing Practices (CGMPs).

BUILDING YOUR FEED SAFETY PLAN

Your documented feed safety plan should include:\(^3\)

- A hazard analysis that identifies foodborne illness risks within the feed mill.
- Preventive controls that are: science-based to protect human and animal health; risk-based, so requirements can be modified for low-risk activities; and flexible to the products and operations — as long as they adequately minimize any potential food safety hazards.
- A feed recall plan if a hazard does occur.
- Corrective actions to fix problems and minimize the likelihood of recurrence, evaluate feed safety and prevent affected poultry feed from entering commerce, with periodic re-evaluation of the food safety plan required to determine if modifications are needed.
- Documented monitoring procedures that assure preventive controls are consistently performed.
- Verification activities, such as records review or monitoring, corrective actions or instrument calibration, to ensure that preventive controls are effective and consistently implemented.

Your feed safety plan must be reassessed every three years or sooner, if necessary.

As the FSMA is implemented in the years ahead, Zoetis is here to help your business and feed mill operations make a seamless transition. For more information, CONTACT YOUR ZOETIS REPRESENTATIVE.