



May 15, 2017

To: All Current Suppliers of the Kroger Family of Companies

From: The Kroger Co., Corporate Food Technology Department

RE: FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Updates

As outlined in our January 17, 2017 communication, the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) has introduced new regulations that have changed the way companies are managing supplier food safety compliance. It is the most significant change to food laws in the United States of America in over 70 years. In response to these changes, Kroger has been strategically building a new Supplier Hub to better manage supplier compliance. Below is an update of our journey to compliance and a request regarding the attached agreement.

To date, we have completed the following:

- Surveyed suppliers to easily understand who is supplying us from manufacturing locations outside of the United States of America
- Updated our Food Safety requirements to include foreign suppliers and standardize the ingredient food safety policy
- Invited a small group of suppliers impacted by FSMA's Foreign Supplier Verification Program rule into our Supplier Hub
- Updated the tool based on supplier feedback for a better user experience

Clarifications and next steps

- In order to ensure our vendors are meeting the requirements of FSMA, the attached agreement must be signed and returned to us.
- The signed agreement must be returned to the Supplier Engagement Group (contact info below) by May 24th, 2017. If you receive this email more than once, please only respond with one document.

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We thank you for your continued partnership with Kroger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard Popoola".

Howard Popoola
VP Corporate Food Technology & Regulatory Compliance
The Kroger Co.