Signed into law in 2011, The FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), increases focus on prevention of both food-borne illnesses and costly food recalls. The act provides the first major overhaul of an assortment of laws that have been enacted over the past 70 years. Some of the major elements of the act include:

- **Preventive Controls** – For the first time, the FDA has a legislative mandate to require comprehensive, prevention-based controls across the food supply chain
- **Inspection and Compliance** – The law specifies how often the FDA should inspect food producers
- **Imported Food Safety** – FDA has new tools to ensure that imported foods meet U.S. standards and are safe for consumers
- **Response** – For the first time, FDA will have mandatory recall authority for all food products in responding to food safety issues during distribution

UL develops food safety and quality assurance programs that focus on prevention, not just detection, helping manufacturers and suppliers achieve the highest possible standards of quality and safety at all levels of the supply chain. Not only can we develop food safety plans, but UL can help maintain compliance through reassessments.

UL's testing, audit and inspection services for food and beverage manufacturers and retailers help provide the highest possible level of confidence in the quality of our clients’ products:

- Risk assessments
- Quality assurance
- Batch microbiological testing
- GMO/DNA testing
- Stability studies
- Sensory evaluations and consumer panels
- Claims substantiation
- Label reviews
- Quality Inspections
- HACCP programs and audits
- cGMP facility audits
- Social compliance audits

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For more details on how UL can help you bring safe, quality food products to market, contact Food@ul.com or visit ul.com/food.