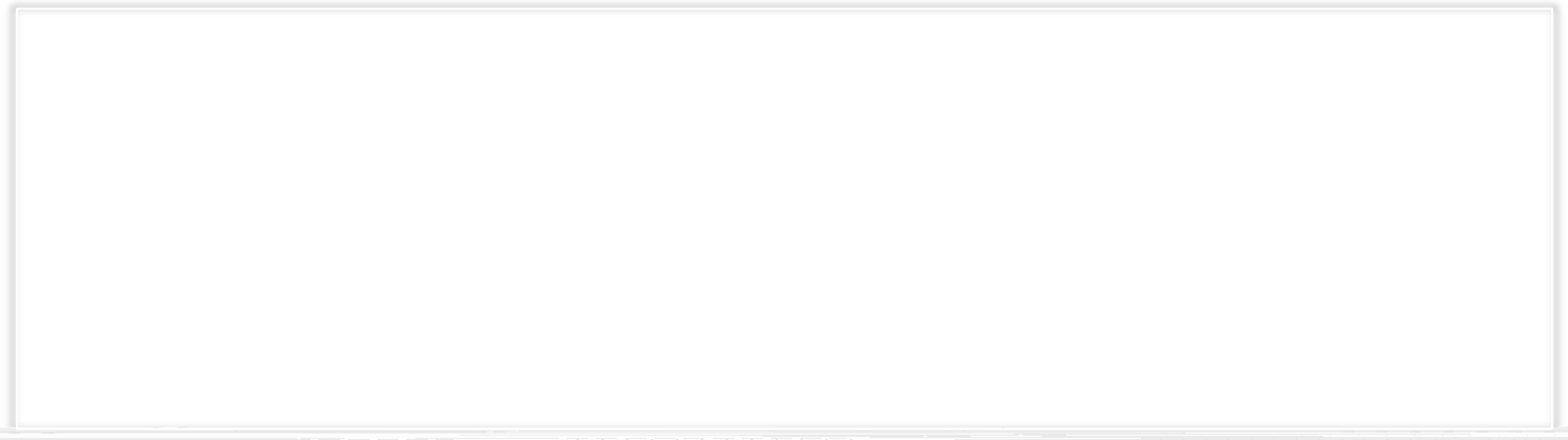


IFSH Sprout Safety Task Force Update



Seed Safety Conference

Sponsored by CFSAN

Organized by IFSH in collaboration with CFSAN and the ISGA

Background

The safety of seeds plays a critical role in the safety of sprouts

Sprout growers in the US source their seeds globally

Working with stakeholders around the world to ensure seeds intended for sprouting are produced and processed in a way that minimizes microbial contamination does meet CFSAN's program goal

Agenda

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Key Takeaways

US regulations applicable to sprout operations

- Produce Safety Rule (does not apply to seed suppliers/distributors)

- Food Traceability Rule

Seed distributors play an important role in educating farmers, seed processors and sprout growers to follow food safety best practices

Sprout growers are aware of food safety risks associated with seeds and have implemented control measures to reduce risks

Sprouts no longer on the list of Top 10 Riskiest Foods

Key Takeaways (Cont'd)

EU legislations for sprouts and seeds intended for sprout production

Questions?