

# Iowa Food Protection Task Force

## Department of Inspections, Appeals & Licensing

### Update

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# 2024 Legislation

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## **SF2391** Misbranding of Certain Food Products

- ▶ Established new Iowa Code chapters 137E (meat products) & 137A (egg products)
  - ▶ Key definitions include:
    - ▶ Manufactured-protein food product (cultivated, insect-based, plant-based)
      - ▶ Identifying meat term
      - ▶ Qualifying term
    - ▶ Fabricated-egg product
      - ▶ Identifying egg term
      - ▶ Qualifying term

# 2024 Legislation

## **SF2391** Misbranding of Certain Food Products (misbranding & prohibitions)

A food product is considered misbranded as a meat product or egg product if the product:

1. is or contains a manufactured-protein product or fabricated-egg product;
2. is offered for sale or sold by a food processing plant; AND
3. the label contains an “identifying term” without a “qualifying term”.

Prohibits a food processing plant from selling or offering for sale a misbranded meat or egg product.

# 2024 Legislation

## **SF2391** Misbranding of Certain Food Products (violations & penalties)

- ▶ Credible complaints will be investigated
  - ▶ A stop order may be issued
  - ▶ An embargo order may be issued
  - ▶ Food processing plants found in violation are subject to civil penalties
- ▶ The Department shall not suspend or revoke a food processing plant license for violations of 137E or 137A.

# 2024 Legislation

## HF2426 Hotel Inspections

- ▶ Repealed the requirement for biennial inspections of hotels
- ▶ Requires inspections of hotels upon receiving a complaint

# Recent Bureau Activates

# FY24 Field Activities

<b>Total Inspections</b>	<b>10,069</b>
<b>Consumer Complaints Investigated</b>	<b>839</b>
<b>FBI Outbreaks Investigated (CY23)</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Environmental Samples Collected</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Food Recalls Initiated</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Recall Audit Checks Completed</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Warning Letters Issued</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Imminent Health Hazards Mitigated</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Incident Command Activations</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Industry &amp; Community Outreach Activities</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Voluntary Compliance Rate</b>	<b>99.1%</b>

# National Regulatory Program Standards

IOWA FOOD SAFETY REGULATORY PROGRAM CURRENTLY MEETS ALL 19 NATIONAL REGULATORY PROGRAM STANDARDS

Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards	Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards
Regulatory Foundation	Regulatory Foundation
Trained Regulatory Staff	Training Program
Inspections Program Based on HACCP Principals	Inspection Program
Uniform Inspection Program	Inspection Audit Program
Foodborne Illness and Food Defense Preparedness and Response	Food-related Illness, Outbreak and Hazards Response
Compliance and Enforcement	Compliance and Enforcement Program
Industry and Community Relations	Industry and Community Relations
Program Support and Resources	Program Resources
Program Assessment	Program Assessment
	Laboratory Support

# DIAL Inspection Responsibilities Increased

DIAL ASSUMED LICENSING & INSPECTION RESPONSIBILITIES IN 5 NW IOWA COUNTIES ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2024



# Current and Upcoming Activities

## Iowa Administrative Code (Red Tape Review)

IAC-481.30	Food Establishments, Food Processing Plants, Hotel - Administration	Drafted/In Queue
IAC-481.31	Food Establishments and Food Processing Plants - Inspection Standards	Drafted/In Queue
IAC-481.34	Home Food Processing Establishments	Complete/In Effect
IAC-481.35	Contractor Requirements	Due September 2025
IAC-481.37	Hotel Inspection Standards	Due September 2025

# SAFHER

SYSTEM FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD, HEALTH, E-  
INSPECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Food safety licensing and inspection data system  
modernization

Procurement approved

Implementation expected in the spring of 2025

More information about SAFHER can be found on The  
AFDO Website and the AFDO YouTube channel:

[https://www.afdo.org/resources\\_category/safher/](https://www.afdo.org/resources_category/safher/)



## Retail Food Program Standard Grant

Maintain and advance the Voluntary Retail Food  
Regulatory Program Standard

Capacity building

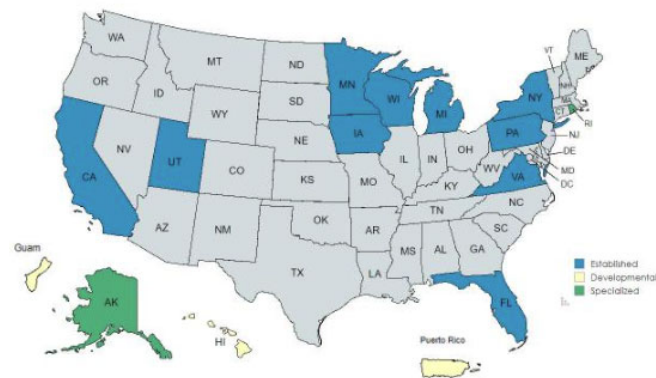
Training

Grant application due November 20, 2024

## Iowa/FDA Partnership

1. DATA/INFORMATION SHARING
2. INVENTORY
3. WORK PLANNING
4. INSPECTIONS, COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT
5. TRAINING OF FIELD STAFF
6. OUTBREAKS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE
7. INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER EDUCATION
8. METRICS

## Partnership Agreements



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- Established partnership agreements: [California](#), [Florida](#), [Iowa](#), [Michigan](#), [Minnesota](#), [New York](#), [Pennsylvania](#), [Utah](#), [Virginia](#), [Wisconsin](#)
- Developmental partnership agreements: [Guam](#), [Hawaii](#), [Puerto Rico](#)
- Specialized partnership agreements: [Alaska](#), [Rhode Island](#)