

Food Defense

National Sugar Marketing (NSM) and its Member Partners have jointly implemented food defense programs. These programs examine and mitigate risks associated with the intentional contamination of food.

The programs were established with consideration of FDA guidance and demonstrate compliance with the requirements defined by our certification standards, customer expectations, and Federal Regulations outlined in 21 CFR 121. Each manufacturing facility under our control has implemented and maintains an active food defense plan. The plan includes written policy and procedures and evaluates potential areas vulnerable to intentional contamination. Assessment strategies employed are the FDA Key Activity Types (KAT). Facility-implemented mitigation strategies safeguard all vulnerable areas. Our facilities include food defense plans in annual internal auditing programs wherein auditing teams challenge mitigation strategies to ensure the plans are current and effective. Also, food defense plans are reviewed annually and modified when the need for change arises. Food defense strategies are incorporated into our quality program's annual training to ensure that our employees are aware of potential concerns and appropriately report issues of concern.

NSM and its Partners take all reasonable measures to protect our products from intentional contamination. We are committed to ensuring the highest level of product quality, safety, and defense through this program.

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