

FDA Launches Online Learning Module to Help the Seafood Industry

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has launched an online learning module to help the seafood industry, retailers, and state regulators ensure the proper labelling of seafood products offered for sale in the U.S. marketplace. Proper identification of seafood is important throughout the seafood supply chain to ensure that appropriate food safety controls are implemented and that consumers are getting the type of seafood they expect and for which they are paying.

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The module provides:

- an overview of the federal identity labelling requirements for seafood offered in interstate commerce;
- a list of the specific laws, regulations, guidance documents, and other materials pertinent to the proper labelling of seafood;
- a description of the FDA's role in ensuring the proper labelling of seafood;
- and tips for identifying mislabelled seafood in the wholesale distribution chain or at the point of retail.

The module includes three short videos on the purpose of proper labelling and the agency's role.

The first video describes the purpose of labelling; the role and authority of the FDA; and some possible reasons why seafood may be mislabelled.

The second video provides information on FDA's specific laws, regulations, and guidance documents relevant to seafood labelling.

The third video illustrates FDA's current work to discourage the mislabelling of seafood and offers specific tips for regulators, retailers, and consumers in a combined effort to ensure proper seafood labelling.

About the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services.

The FDA is responsible for protecting the public health by assuring the safety, efficacy, and security of human and veterinary drugs, biological products, medical devices, the nation's food supply, cosmetics, and products that emit radiation.

The FDA is also responsible for advancing the public health by helping to speed innovations that make medicines and foods more effective, safer, and more affordable; and helping the public get the accurate, science-based information they need to use medicines and foods to improve their health.

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