

FDA introduces new food defense rule

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The proposed rule would require the largest food businesses in the United States and in other nations to take steps to protect facilities from attempts to contaminate the [food supply](#).

The FDA said it does not know of any cases where the food supply was intentionally tainted with the aim of inflicting widespread harm, and added that such events are unlikely to occur. However, the new rule is a [preventive measure](#) that would help ensure the safety of the food supply.

"The goal is to protect the food supply from those who may attempt to cause large-scale public health harm," Michael Taylor, the FDA's deputy commissioner for foods and [veterinary medicine](#), said in an agency news

release. "Such events, while unlikely to occur, must be taken seriously because they have the potential to cause serious public health and economic consequences. The FDA's goal is to devise an approach that effectively protects the food supply in a practical, cost-effective manner," he explained.

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