

# FDA introduces new food defense rule

21 December 2013

---



A new rule to protect the nation's food supply from terrorism has been introduced by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the agency announced Friday.

(HealthDay)—A new rule to protect the nation's food supply from terrorism has been introduced by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the agency announced Friday.

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.

**More information:** [Full Article](#)

Copyright © 2013 [HealthDay](#). All rights reserved.

APA citation: FDA introduces new food defense rule (2013, December 21) retrieved 18 October 2021 from <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2013-12-fda-food-defense.html>

*This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.*