

RETAIL PROGRAM STANDARDS: A HOME RUN

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Industry	0	1	0	2	3					6
Regulatory	2	1	0	3	0					6
Standard 2...Standard 4...Standard 7...										



A committee was charged to identify the benefits to industry for regulatory authorities to achieve Standard 2, 4, and 7 of the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards. A survey was designed to capture the benefits to industry as outlined in the Committee's charge and sent to participants in the National Restaurant Association (NRA) and Food Marketing Institute (FMI)

40% of respondents were aware of the Retail Program Standards through local regulatory outreach/FDA website

92% of respondents found Program Standard 7, industry participation, to be very valuable

60% of respondents operate in 1 to 5 states.



Training supports a consistent, credible approach to inspections



60% of respondents were aware of the Retail Program Standards prior to the survey

Training in Program Standard 2 allows more time for industry to focus on food safety rather than disputing improper citations

Most of the respondents were from larger organizations with many employees & operate in several states



True risks are measured and identified

Inspectors are better trained & the inspections are more consistent

Uniformity allows better allocation of resources

Added assurance that the inspector is adequately trained & reputable

Increased accuracy & confidence in results

Level Playing Field

Creates a level playing field for all operators and regulators which should lead to consistency



Industry identified that Program Standard 2, properly trained staff, supports a consistent approach to inspections



90% of respondents found Program Standard 4, quality assurance, to be somewhat or very valuable

We all benefit from teamwork.