

# ASTA's 2017 Fall Regulatory Workshop

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# President's Welcome

David Lessans



# 2006 Workshop Highlights

- Re-registration of ethylene oxide
- A global regulatory review of propylene oxide
- Legislative issues affecting the food industry
- The status and outlook of the generalized system of preferences

# Highlights for 2017

- FSMA speakers
- Nutrition Facts Labeling Panel
- What's happening in Washington, D.C.
- Pesticide Tolerance Update

# 2017 Committee Report

Carol Kitchen





# ASTA Strategic Plan



- **Advocacy** – Representing US industry interests and supporting regulatory compliance.
  - **Domestic** - Maintain relationships with US agencies to collaborate and influence.
  - **International** – Build relations and collaborate with international organizations.
  - **Horizon Scanning** – Continuously scan to identify and position US spice industry issues.
  - **Regulatory Compliance** – Enhance member understanding and support their compliance through ASTA's benefits, education and resources.

# ASTA Mission Statement



ASTA works to ensure the supply of clean, safe spice, shape public policy on behalf of the global industry and advance the business interests of its members

# ASTA Vision Statement



The voice of the U.S. spice  
industry in the global market



# Goals of the Workshop

- Impacts of federal regulatory policy on ASTA members
- FSMA updates and new developments
- Education of membership of current regulatory implementation

# GR Committee Activities



- FSMA Implementation
- Updated website information
- Global Spice Trade Statistics
- ASTA FSMA Decision Tree

# Emerging Issues

- FSMA FSVP inspections
- Federal Tax plans
- Ready To Eat

# Government Relations Committee Members



- Carol Kitchen, Chair  
B&G Foods
- Karen Burns, ETO  
Sterilization-Cosmed  
Group
- Ron Elton, John H. Elton  
Inc
- Larry Lichter, Board  
Liaison  
McCormick & Co, Inc.
- Darrell Portz, Griffith  
Laboratories
- Kurt Martin, Wm. E.  
Martin & Sons Co., Inc.
- Lisa Patel, Kalsec, Inc.
- Tracey Roane, Givaudan
- Tom Schmidt, SpiceChain
- Tim Sonntag, Wixon, Inc.
- Vinay Sreekumar, Olam  
Spices and Vegetables, Inc.
- J. McKinley Thomason, The  
Doug Jeffords Company Inc.
- Yen Ching Wu, McCormick  
& Co.