



## Scientific and Regulatory Committee

*Supports ASTA's strategic goals to promote regulatory compliance, advocate for practical regulations, and proactively enable food safety*

### Responsibilities/Key Activities

- Monitor technical, regulatory and policy issues that impact the spice industry
- Develop tools and resources to educate the industry on regulatory compliance
- Advise on research related to food safety and technical issues
- Oversee ASTA's advocacy platform
- Develop comments/positions on regulatory issues

### Task Forces

- Analytical Methods Subcommittee: reviews, revises, & drafts ASTA's analytical methods (meets quarterly)
- Document Review Subcommittee: keeps ASTA's guidance up-to-date (meets ~1-2 per year)
- Contaminants Task Force: discusses regulatory developments on lead (pb) and other toxic elements (meets ~1-2 per month)
- Microbiology Task Force: develops resources and education on validation for the spice industry (meets quarterly)
- ETO Task Force: advocate on ethylene oxide regulations (meets as needed)
- Regulatory Workshop: Works throughout the spring and summer to identify speakers and topics for the annual Regulatory Workshop

### Ideal Volunteers

- Individuals with experience in quality, food safety, regulatory, and legal
- Comfort sharing opinions and knowledge on compliance challenges
- Active contribution in discussions and participation in at least one task force

### Volunteer Time Commitment

- Quarterly virtual conference calls
- 2 in-person meetings per year, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting & Exhibits and Regulatory Workshop

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For questions or to join this committee