

2018 Status on the USP Resolutions

Resolution X: Food Quality and Integrity - Transcript

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Resolution ten. USP will continue developing standards to improve the quality and integrity of foods and food components, including those used for vulnerable populations, and identify new products and services to meet the needs of stakeholders and increase USP's public health impact.

In the last decade, the food supply chain has become longer, more international, and much more complex. The standards and reference materials developed by the USP foods program play an important role in protecting the quality and integrity of the food supply chain by ensuring that everyone involved has technically rigorous and verifiable information, that expectations are aligned, that reference materials are available to verify the accuracy of laboratory testing, and that clear communication is possible.

In FY 18, we continued work on developing high impact ingredient standards, on methods guidance, on increased collaboration with other standard setting bodies, and our ongoing efforts to modernize the standards and methods in the Food Chemicals Codex. This year the foods program completed a major strategy review leading to a renewed focus on standards and standard-setting activities. To provide the resources to implement this strategy we have discontinued our food fraud services and are moving the Food Fraud Database to a new home where it will continue to be a growing and impactful resource for the food industry and regulators.

In FY 19 and beyond we will expand our work on identification standards for complex ingredients and agricultural products. These standards present a unique challenge because the composition of the ingredient varies from year-to-year and place-to-place depending on growing conditions and agricultural practices. We will also work with our stakeholders to help them use our standards in international supply chains where different legal requirements and consumer expectations make independent standards particularly important.