



Lifecycle of Imported Food & Food Priorities



Great Lakes Border Health Initiative

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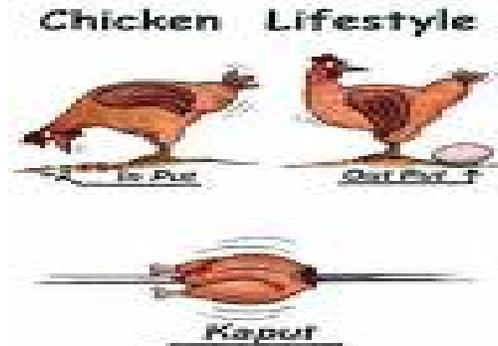
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Discussion today will be divided
into 2 parts:

1. Lifecycle of an Import
2. Discussion of FDA priorities in the food arena

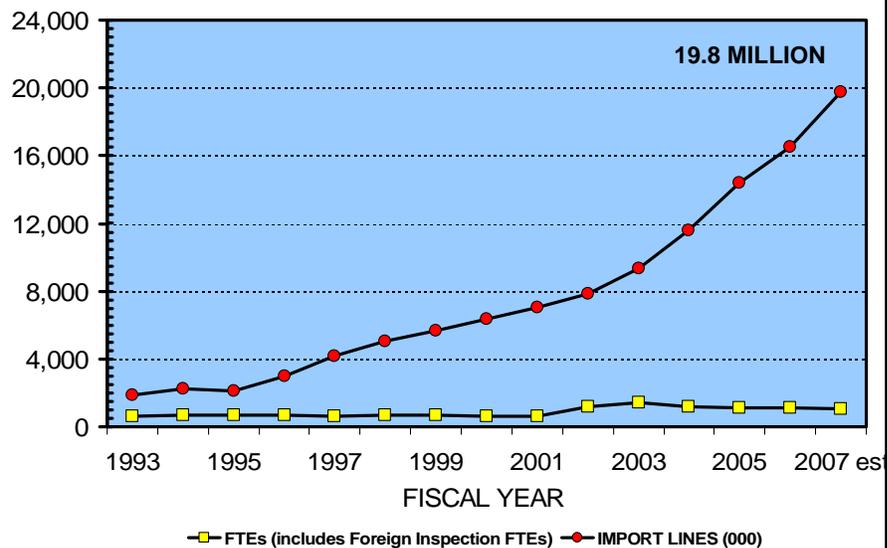
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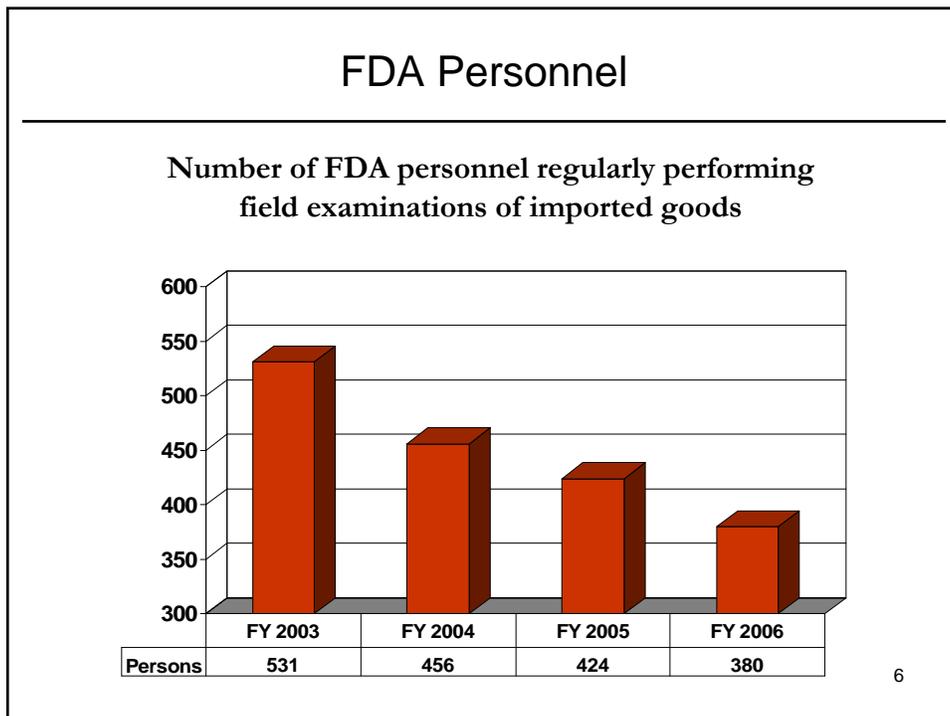
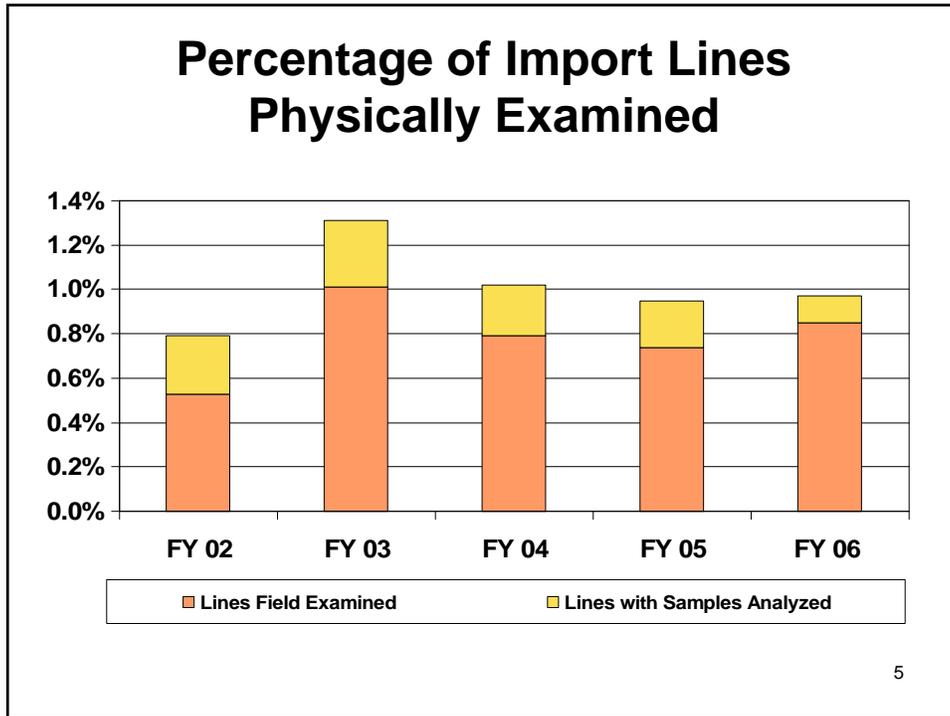
Lifecycle of an imported food



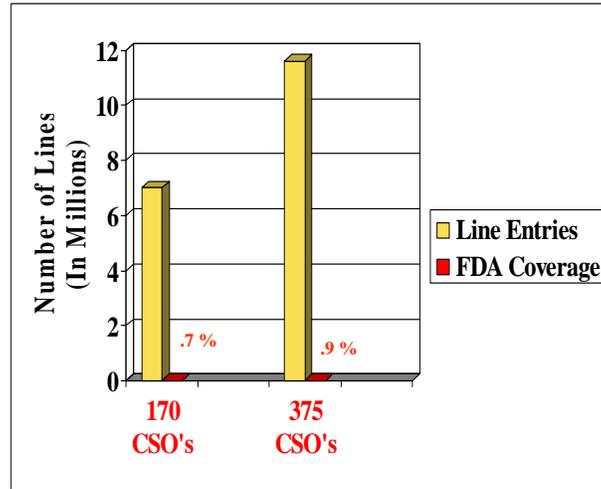
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Import Exams and Entry Review



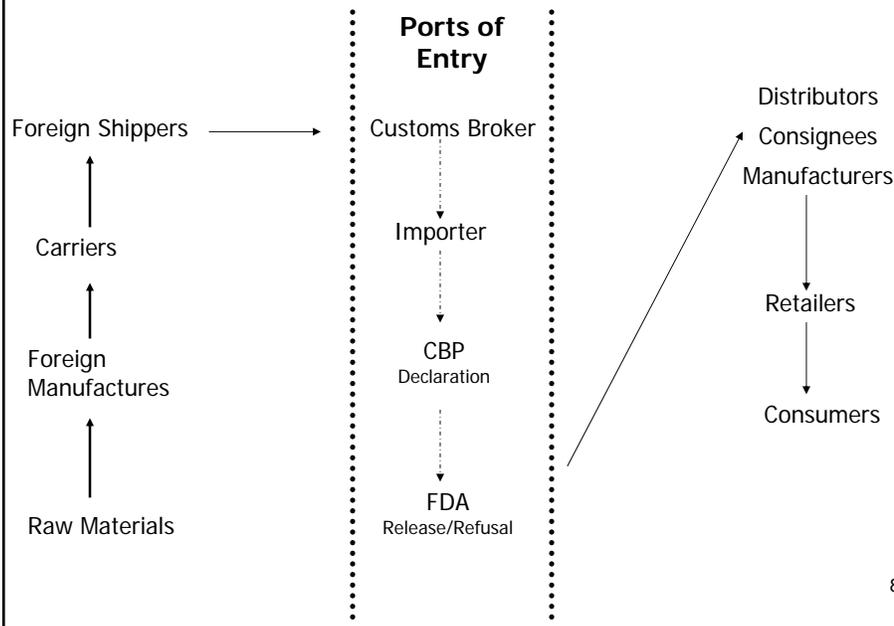


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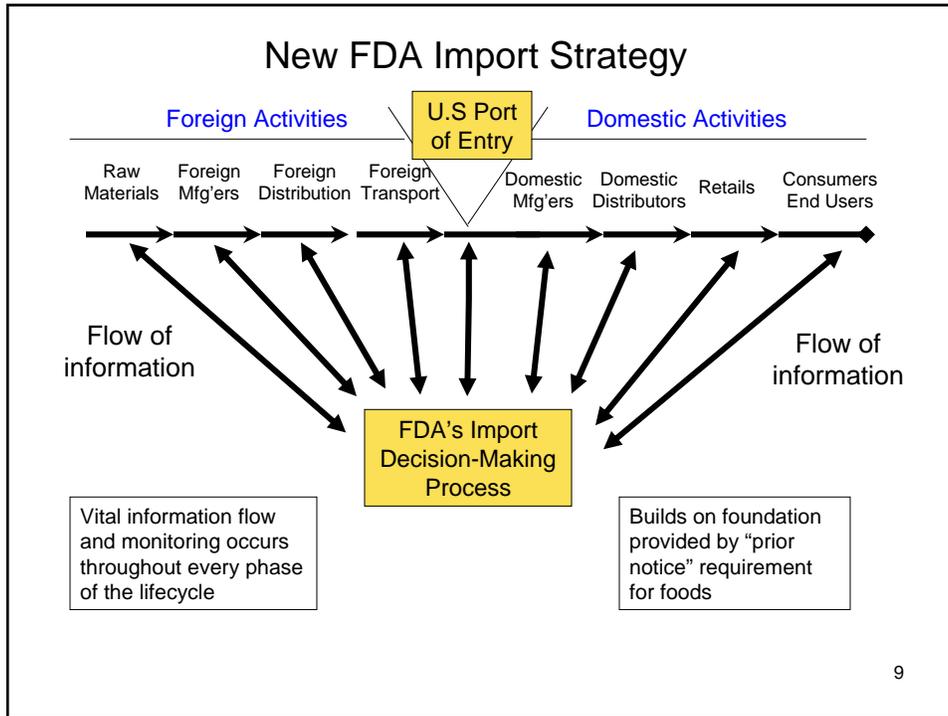


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Full FDA Import Life Cycle



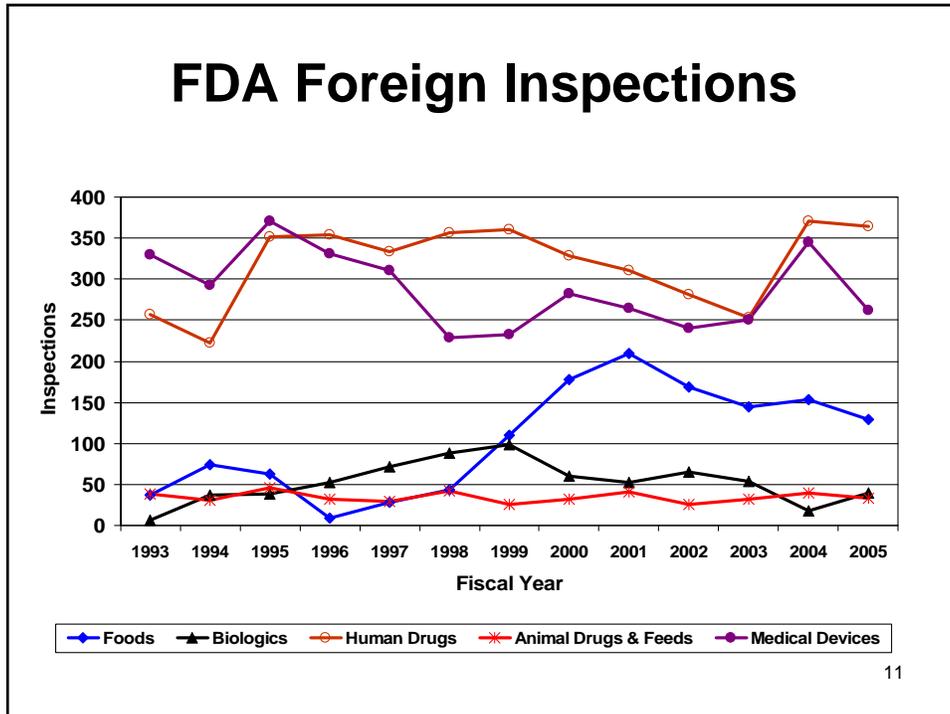
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Lifecycle of Imports

- All Imports is Local!!

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Canadian Food Inspection Agency

- Similar laws and regulations
- District shares violative results in real time
- District shares information on exportation of violative goods in real time
- CFIA shares information on exportation into US of violative goods in real time
- Both parties act as ombudsman for solving import problems for the other.

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Canadian Food Inspection Agency

Doesn't just happen

- Grass roots efforts
- Calls on a daily basis
- Local meetings on a semi annual basis
- Shared border meeting every year

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Customs and Border Protection

- More eyes the better
- FDA utilizes CBP tools
 - Liquidated damages
 - Customs seizures
 - Broker License action
 - Criminal action
- CBP utilizes FDA tools
 - Misdemeanor vs. felony



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Department of Agriculture and Markets

- Educate each other on regulatory activities
- Train together
- Work together
- Share information in real time
 - Violative product found at wholesale/retail
 - Violative product found at border
- Share regulatory tools

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NYSDA&M

- Successes
 - Joint inspection of ethnic warehouses
 - State seizure of violative DI articles
 - FDA trace back of violative article
 - FDA placement of Import Alert
 - State sampling of violative DI product for submission to FDA
 - FDA analysis
 - FDA placement of Import Alert

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Food Safety – FY07 Priorities

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Food Safety – FY07 Priorities

- Egg Safety
- Raw Milk Products
 - **Domestic and Imported Cheese – primarily soft cheese (salmonella, L.mono, Escherichia coli)**
- Infant Formula Safety
- Molluscan Shellfish Safety

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Food Safety – FY07 Priorities

- Allergens
- Foodborne Viruses (Pandemic Flu)
- Non Molluscan Seafood Safety
 - Chemotherapeutics
 - Scrombroid

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Food Safety – FY07 Priorities

- Chemical Contaminants
 - Toxic elements in foods
 - Total diet study
 - Furan
 - Mercury in seafood
 - Perchlorate

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Food Safety – FY07 Priorities

- Chemical contaminants (cont.)
 - Mycotoxins
 - Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies
 - Food and Color Additives

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Questions?

