



this food safety guidance and regulation based on the best-available science that is embodied in the 1997 Food Code” (Food and Drug Administration, 2015). CDC research

safety goals, there has never before been a concerted working effort to achieve these goals. The Collaborative allows each organization to leverage its expertise and resources to focus on priorities that will significantly improve retail food safety.

CDC also recognizes the importance of the Collaborative’s priorities. The Collaborative supports the FDA (2021) New Era of Smarter Food Safety Blueprint. Success in meeting

these priorities will lead to improved food safety. CDC has engaged in several activities that support these priorities.

For almost 25 years, CDC has supported national adoption of the FDA Food Code. In 1997, David Satcher, director of CDC, stated that the “Nation’s frontline of defense against the growing, evolving threat of foodborne disease and illness is the uniform, nationwide application of

