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FAS Rome Hosts International Food Defense Capacity Building Team

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Report Highlights:

FAS Rome hosted a briefing for USG officials with the Food Defense Expert Team to discuss the Food Defense Technical Assistance Program, and the need to build global capacity to prevent deliberate tampering and intentional contamination of the food supply by those with malicious intent, thereby safeguarding food trade and consumption.

General Information:

FAS ROME HOSTS THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD DEFENSE CAPACITY BUILDING TEAM

Food Defense is the protection of the food supply from intentional contamination, be it an act of economically motivated adulteration, counterfeiting, misbranding, small-scale sabotage, domestic or foreign terrorists, or disgruntled employees. FAS has been coordinating with an interagency group, comprised of FDA/CFSAN, USDA/FSIS, Department of State, and U.S. industry consultants, in food defense capacity building efforts for the last several years.

FAS Rome hosted a briefing for USG officials with the Food Defense Expert Team, comprised of Dr. Donald A. Prater, DVM Deputy Director (Foods), FDA Europe Office, U.S. Food and Drug Administration FDA Liaison Officer to EFSA, European Food Safety Authority; Dr. Cory Bryant, FDA/CFSAN/Food Defense Oversight Team (FDOT); and Kelly J. McCormick, International Trade Specialist, Trade and Scientific Capacity Building Division, Office of Capacity Building and Development, USDA-Foreign Agricultural Service.

Save the Date

Friday June 24, 2011 – 9 a.m.

Young Conference Room East
Sembler Building, First Floor

Presentation of the
**INTERNATIONAL FOOD DEFENSE
CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVE**

Please join FAS Rome and the Food Defense Expert Team to learn more about the Inter-Agency Food Defense Group and plans to build vital relationships to enhance food supply chain security, protect consumers and businesses against intentional contamination and facilitate international food defense collaboration.



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The purpose of the briefing was to discuss the Food Defense Technical Assistance Program, and the

need to build global capacity to prevent deliberate tampering and intentional contamination of the food supply by those with malicious intent, thereby safeguarding food trade and consumption. The inter-agency food defense team discussed their efforts to build vital relationships to enhance food supply chain security, to protect consumers and businesses against intentional contamination, and to facilitate food defense collaboration by opening and strengthening the international dialogue on food defense.