

▶ A UNIFORM NATIONAL STANDARD FOR FOOD REGULATION



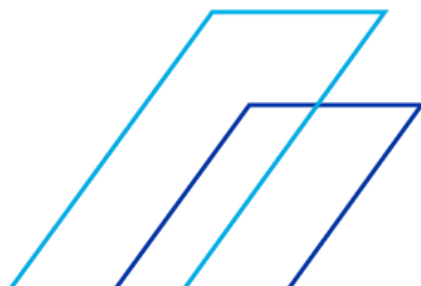
Manufacturers across the food and beverage supply chain work every day to deliver safe, nutritious, and affordable products to American families. Our nation's reliable food supply depends on consistent, uniform federal oversight. **However, states are increasingly pursuing their own ingredient bans and labeling requirements without understanding the true breadth, scope, and impact of these proposals.**

Manufacturers support strong federal oversight and oppose a patchwork of state laws that confuse consumers, complicate nationwide distribution, and increase food prices. A uniform national standard for food regulation enables a single national market for manufacturers that benefits all Americans and their families.

Why National Consistency Matters

Food and beverage products are made, packaged, and shipped across state lines every day. **Uniform federal standards allow manufacturers to produce and distribute food efficiently and affordably to the whole country while ensuring consistent safety and labeling nationwide.**

Uniform standards are critical to ensuring consumers are not misled or confused by inconsistent state-by-state standards. **State-specific requirements force manufacturers to consider reformulation, relabeling, or market withdrawal—driving inefficiencies and higher costs throughout the complex food supply chain.** Our food supply is best protected by a strong, uniform federal system rather than a patchwork of dozens of differing state laws that often conflict with federal standards and each other.



Food manufacturers and their suppliers cannot feasibly make 20 different versions of the same product for 20 different states, and American distribution systems are not set up for such an inefficient patchwork of regulation. When products are labeled or regulated differently on a state-by-state basis, consumers are exposed to inconsistent and often conflicting messages about safety and nutrition. That confusion reduces trust in the American food system. Additionally, the likelihood of product shortages and limited availability experienced during crises increase greatly with a fractured distribution network.

A Better Approach

Manufacturers across the food and beverage supply chain support:

- Strong federal leadership on policies impacting the food and beverage supply chain
- Science-based decision-making at the federal level
- Uniform federal standards that are clear and predictable across state lines

Congress has consistently recognized the importance of national standards in food policy, including nutrition labeling and food safety statutes. Allowing states to override federal determinations would erode this framework and destabilize the food system.

› THE BOTTOM LINE:

National uniform standards for food regulation enable manufacturers to meet strong and clear expectations for safety and transparency—and ensure Americans benefit from consistent, science-based information regardless of their location. This protects food and beverage manufacturers and American consumers while keeping food prices stable for families nationwide.