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## Tips for managing your international supply chain

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The Preventive Controls and Foreign Supplier Verification Program rules place heavy emphasis on supplier verification. The requirements will mean that many companies will need to strengthen their supplier verification programs. Regardless of the rules that a company falls under, many food safety issues are inherited from a manufacturer's supplier. Whether domestic or international, there are many parameters to consider when performing a supplier evaluation. We will talk about many of these as well as what to consider when looking at some of these parameters. Additional discussion will include challenges that can be unique to working with international suppliers and how these challenges can turn into food safety potential hazards if not addressed. This presentation will help people understand some of the additional food safety risk factors and can assist people as they build their supplier verification programs. Discussion will cover topics relating to culture, hygiene, documentation, testing, and more.

### Biography

Elise Forward is the President and Principal Consultant of Forward Food Solutions. Forward Food Solutions is dedicated to helping food manufacturers, distributors and importers update and strengthen their food safety and quality systems. Elise's uses her production, distribution, and supply chain experiences to help companies in both the international and domestic markets. She is a member of IAAP, ASQ, IFT and MWFPA.

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