

NaturalNews) The Food Safety Modernization Act looks like it's headed to become law. It's being hailed as a "breakthrough" achievement in food safety, and it would hand vast new powers and funding to the FDA so that it can clean up the food supply and protect all Americans from food-borne pathogens.

There's just one problem with all this: **It's all a big lie.**

Here are the ten biggest lies that have been promoted about S.510 by the U.S. Congress, the food industry giants and the mainstream media:

### Lie #1 - Most deaths from food poisoning are caused by fresh produce

Here's a whopper the **mainstream media** won't dare report: Out of the 1,809 people who die in **America** every year from food-borne **pathogens** (CDC estimate), only a fraction die from the manufacturer's contamination of **fresh produce**. **By far the majority of food poisoning is caused by the consumption of spoiled processed foods**, dead foods and animal-human transmission of pathogens.

For example, one of the largest food-borne killers according to the **CDC** is *Toxoplasma gondii*, a **disease** that people acquire from **cat feces** coming into contact with their **food**, which can happen right in their own homes (<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/eid/Vol5n...>). Salmonella poisoning accounts for **553 deaths a year**. As a reference for relative risk, over 42,000 people die each year from road accidents in the USA, meaning driving a **car** has a roughly **7600% higher chance** of killing you than eating fresh produce. (<http://www.driveandstayalive.com/in...>)

In terms of food-borne illness, many of the deaths come from things like spoiled tomato sauce, spoiled canned foods and spoiled pasteurized **milk**. S 510, of course, does absolutely nothing to address these **food contamination** deaths, since those foods are considered "sterilized" at the time of sale.

Lie #2 - Under S.510, the FDA would only recall products it knows to be contaminated

Not true. S.510 merely requires the FDA to have "reason to believe" a food is contaminated. So right there, that means **all raw milk will be targeted by the FDA** because even without conducting any scientific tests at all, the FDA can say it has "reason to believe" the milk is contaminated *merely because it is raw*.

In other words, the FDA no longer needs science to outlaw a food product. It merely needs **an opinion**.

Is this "reason to believe" section really true? Yep, and here's how it was amended:

#### **SEC. 208. ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION OF FOOD.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL. - Section 304(h)(1)(A) (21 U.S.C. 334(h)(1)(A)) is amended by (1) striking "credible evidence or information indicating" and inserting "reason to believe";

(<http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi...>)

In other words, in negotiating this bill, the U.S. **Senate** removed the requirement that the FDA needed "credible evidence" in order to **recall** a product and, instead, replaced that with the FDA only needing "reason to believe."

It is utterly amazing that the U.S. **Congress** would give the FDA to conduct large-scale product recalls and even **imprison people** based entirely on what the agency "has reason to believe."

Last time I checked, the FDA held some pretty bizarre (if not downright moronic) beliefs, including this jaw-dropping whopper: The FDA literally believes that there is no food, no herb, no vitamin or supplement that *has any ability to prevent disease of any kind*. They don't even believe limes can prevent scurvy, and you'd have to nutritionally illiterate to believe that.

The FDA believes foods are inert and that all the amazing phytonutrients in those foods (carotenoids, antioxidants, therapeutic fats like omega-3 and so on) are utterly useless for human biology.

This belief, held by the FDA that has now been put in charge of [the food supply](#), is **the belief system of an insane government agency** that has completely lost touch with reality while abandoning nutritional science.

**Lie #3 - They didn't tell you that nearly 70% of grocery store chickens are contaminated with salmonella every day**

Yep, it's true: Amid all the fear-mongering over salmonella, everybody forgot to notice that the vast majority of fresh chickens sold at grocery stores every single day are widely contaminated with salmonella ([http://www.naturalnews.com/028661\\_c...](http://www.naturalnews.com/028661_c...)). Yet S 510 does absolutely nothing to address this. It's not even mentioned in the bill.

In fact, it is these contaminated chickens that end up cross-contaminating the fresh produce in many kitchens across America. So the so-called "food poisoning" that's often blamed on spinach or onions often originates with the contaminated [chicken](#) meat people bring [home](#) and slice on their kitchen cutting boards.

**Lie #4 - S.510 will exclude and protect small farmers**

The *Tester Amendment*, which was finally included in S.510, excludes farmers who sell less than \$500,000 worth of food each year from the more onerous paperwork and compliance burdens described in the bill. But this dollar amount **is not indexed to inflation**, meaning that as the U.S. dollar continues to lose value due to the Federal Reserve counterfeiting machine running at full speed (more "quantitative easing," anyone?), food prices will continue to skyrocket -- and this will shift even small [family](#) farms into the \$500,000 sales range within just a few years.

In fact, a single-family farm with just four people could easily sell \$500,000 worth of

fresh produce a year right now, even before inflation. Remember, \$500,000 is not their profit, but rather the gross sales amount. The profits on that might be only \$50,000 or even less.

Furthermore, this \$500,000 threshold means that small, successful farms that are doing well and would like to expand will **refuse to hire more people** or expand their [operations](#). To avoid the tyranny of S 510, small farms will try to stay small, and that means avoiding the kind of business expansion that would create new jobs.

### Lie #5 - The FDA needs more power to enforce food safety

The FDA already has the [power](#) to effectively recall foods by publicly announcing a product has been found to be contaminated. The FDA already has the power to confiscate "misbranded" products, too, and it could easily use this power to halt the sale of contaminated food items.

But the FDA simply refuses to enforce the laws already on the books and, instead, has sought to expand its power by hyping up the e.coli food scares. The ploy apparently worked: Now in a *reaction* to the food scare-mongering, the FDA is being handed not just new powers, but more funding, too! And you can bet it will find creative new ways to put this power to work suppressing the health [freedoms](#) and food freedoms of the [American people](#).

### Lie #6 - Fresh produce is contaminated because of a lack of paperwork

There is no evidence that requiring farms to fill out more paperwork will make their food safer. The real cause of produce [contamination](#) is the existence of **factory animal farms** whose effluent output (huge rivers of cow feces, basically), end up in the water supply, soils and equipment that comes into contact with fresh produce.

The food contamination problem is an UPSTREAM problem where you've got to reform the factory animal operations that now dominate the American meat [industry](#). S.510,

however, does absolutely nothing to address this. Factory animal farms aren't even addressed in the bill!

### Lie #7 - The American people are dying in droves from unsafe fresh food

The truth is that Americans are dying from **processed food** laced with toxic chemical additives, not from fresh, raw produce. Partially-hydrogenated oils, white sugar, aspartame, **MSG** and artificial food colors almost certainly kill far more people than bacterial contaminations.

The American public is also dying from pharmaceuticals -- anywhere from 100,000 to 240,000 people a year are killed by FDA-approved drugs (<http://www.naturalnews.com/001894.html>), most of which have been approved under the guise of blatantly fraudulent science and **drug** company trickery. The FDA doesn't seem to mind. In fact, it has been a willful co-conspirator in the scientific fraud carried out by **Big Pharma** in the name of "medicine." ([http://www.naturalnews.com/027851\\_h...](http://www.naturalnews.com/027851_h...))

To think that the FDA -- the very same agency responsible for the Big Pharma **death** machine -- is now going to "save us" by controlling food **safety** is highly irrational.

### Lie #8 - The FDA just wants to make food "safer"

Actually, the FDA wants to make the food more DEAD. Both the FDA and the USDA are vocal opponents of live food. They think that **the only safe food is sterilized food**, which is why they've supported the fumigation, pasteurization and irradiation efforts that have been pushed over the last few years.

California almond growers, for example, must now either chemically fumigate or pasteurize their **almonds** before selling them (<http://www.naturalnews.com/021776.html>). This has destroyed the incomes of U.S. almond farmers and forced U.S. food companies to buy raw almonds from Spain and other countries.

## Lie #9 - Food smuggling is a huge problem in America

One of the main sections of S.510 addresses "food smuggling." Yep -- people smuggling food across the country. If you've never heard of this problem that's because it's not actually a problem.

Not yet anyway.

But there's a reason why they put this into the bill: Because they're probably planning on **criminalizing fresh produce** and then arresting people for transporting broccoli with the "intent to distribute."

Yep, farmers bringing fresh produce to sell at the weekend farmer's market could soon be arrested and imprisoned as if they were drug smugglers. Hence the need for the "food smuggling" provisions of S.510.

Soon, we will all have to meet in secret locations just to trade carrots for cash.

## Lie #10 - S.510 will make America's food supply the safest in the world

Actually, even with S.510 in place, America's food supply is among the most chemically contaminated in the world, second only to China. You can find mercury in the seafood, BPA in the canned soup, yeast extract (MSG) in the "natural" potato chips, and artificial petrochemical coloring agents in children's foods.

Eating the "Standard American Diet" is probably the single most harmful thing a person can do for their health. It's the fastest way to get cancer, diabetes and heart disease. Every nation in the world that begins to consume the [American diet](#) starts to show **record rates of degenerative disease within one generation**. This is the "safe food" that the U.S. Senate is now pushing on everyone.

Remember, with S.510, SAFE = DEAD. And the FDA says it wants to keep everybody safe.

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