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Sacramento, CA — With over a century of providing food safety and quality services to the dried fruit and tree nut industry, DFA of California is expanding its services by forming an additional business segment, Safe Food Alliance. This expansion is expected to increase the non-profit organization's leadership position as a premier food safety provider of accredited laboratory testing and analysis, training and consulting, and certification audits, while also increasing the scope to include a wider variety of food industry sectors.

“Over the past decade, our services have evolved to include a much more dynamic set of food safety services,” explains Sam Keiper, President and CEO. “In order for us to meet our customer's needs, we must continue to transform our business by expanding our food safety services to address this growing demand.”

In addition to the new business segment, DFA Global Certifications will be updating its business name to Safe Food Certifications, LLC. As a recognized certification body, Safe Food Certifications will provide certification audits for GFSI, HACCP, and other platforms to meet the needs of the industry. These audits are officially recognized by state, federal and international authorities responsible for validating quality standards.

While DFA is committed to expanding its food safety capabilities to a wider audience through Safe Food Alliance, it will continue to provide third-party commodity inspections, arbitration services, Red Seal Certificates that validate food safety and quality standards, and the Export Trading Company opportunities designed to reduce export costs and improve efficiencies to compete more effectively in the export market.

“As we sharpen our focus on a rapidly changing regulatory environment in the food industry, we are eager to continue to serve our long-standing business partners, while we also open our expanded portfolio of expertise and competency to new customers”, says Keiper. “We are excited about the future of Safe Food Alliance and we believe we are uniquely positioned to increase our customer's success by helping them navigate a dynamic food safety arena.”

Headquartered in Sacramento, California, Safe Food Alliance is an affiliate of DFA of California that offers technical food safety services to assist growers, packers, processors and manufacturers to proactively achieve the highest food safety standards. Safe Food Alliance offers accredited and certified laboratory services using recognized testing equipment; extensive food safety training and consulting services to food companies; and a wide variety of facility assessments and audits to achieve food safety certification.