

Food and Drug Administration Fact Sheet - Texas

FDA Presence: 184 FDA employees in Texas

Import Resident Posts: Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, Houston Seaport/Airport, Yselta/El Paso, Laredo/Columbia/Lincoln-Juarez, Eagle Pass/ Del Rio, Rio Grande City, Pharr, Brownsville, San Antonio

report to: Southwest Import District (SWID) (53), Dallas

reports to: Southwest Region, Dallas

Domestic Resident Posts: Austin, El Paso, Houston, Ft. Worth, San Antonio

report to: Dallas District (89), Dallas

reports to: Southwest Region (25), Dallas

Office of Regulatory Affairs HQ (4) and Office of Shared Services (13)

Industry Presence in Texas

There are 8,056 FDA-regulated establishments in the State of Texas

Food establishments (includes cosmetics) – 57 percent

Medical devices and Radiological establishments – 22 percent

Human drug establishments – 11 percent

Animal drug and feed establishments – 8 percent

Biologics establishments (includes blood banks) – 2 percent

Industry Highlights

- Seafood – Texas Gulf Coast is the home of numerous seafood firms.
- Imports into Texas – The Southwest Import District (SWID) receives approximately 1,368,668 line entries per year through Texas ports of entry. Primary products are fresh produce, seafood, processed foods, and medical devices.
- Human Drugs and Medical Devices – Texas is the home of Alcon, Allergan, Abbott, Hoechst-Cellanese, Mentor, Hospira and Cyberonics.

Contracts, Partnerships & Local Activities

State Contracts (all with the Texas Department of State Health Services)

- Conduct inspections for food sanitation.
- Conduct inspections for milk safety
- Conduct inspections for reported violative residue in food animals at slaughter.
- Conduct inspections of mammography facilities.
- Conduct medical device inspections

State Partnerships and Cooperative Agreements

Texas Department of Health

- Examine, sample & test imported foods, cosmetics, drugs & medical devices and take appropriate action.
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- Conduct inspections of new x-ray assemblies and re-assemblies.
- Coordinate inspections of dairy manufacturing facilities.

Office of the Texas State Chemist – Feed and Fertilizer Control Service

- Coordinate inspections of animal feed production and compliance with BSE rule consumer education outreach to diverse constituents.

Southwest Import District Public Affairs Specialist focuses on import issues. Conducts education and outreach to the import industry, state, and other government officials and supports border health programs.