

# FDA EXTERNAL FACT SHEET

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## About Tobacco Operations

*A specialized staff providing assistance to take action against tobacco product retailers and businesses for violations of the Tobacco Control Act*

Tobacco Operations, a program within the Office of Regulatory Affairs' (ORA) Office of Medical Products and Tobacco Operations (OMPTO), is a rigorous compliance and enforcement program aiming to ensure that the tobacco industry follows the law and regulations designed to reduce the health burden of tobacco use.

The Program does not have any program divisions, and compliance functions are supported by the Center for Tobacco Products.

The program collaborates with CTP on the implementation of [the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act](#) by:

- Supporting contracts with states and territories to inspect places where tobacco is sold,
- Conducting domestic and foreign inspections of manufacturing and clinical-trial facilities in all states and territories, and
- Conducting investigations at events where tobacco product manufacturers distribute free samples.

ORA's program division directors, formerly district directors, are the most senior FDA officials in their geographic area, and they continue to be the points of contact for local staff, the public, and industry. FDA's local coordination with federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial regulatory and public health agency officials continue to be managed by district state liaisons. Contact the Tobacco Operations Staff at [engageORA@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:engageORA@fda.hhs.gov).

### For more information, visit:

- [Office of Regulatory Affairs](#)
- [Center for Tobacco](#)

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