

# FDA FACT SHEET

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## VOLUNTARY NATIONAL RETAIL FOOD REGULATORY PROGRAM STANDARDS (VNRFRPS) PROGRAM

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### Program Description

- Enhance capacity of retail food safety regulatory programs, serving as the foundation for mutual reliance.
- Promote internal program consistency, a highly trained workforce, and partnerships with other programs.
- Provide tools to help programs build a capacity management system to measure and improve performance and accountability.
- Strengthen consumer awareness and confidence in retail food safety programs.

### Intended Outcomes

- To advance efforts for a nationally integrated food safety system through the conformance with and advancement of the VNRFRPS.
- The VNRFRPS apply to the operation and management of a retail food regulatory program that is focused on the reduction of risk factors known to contribute to foodborne illness and the promotion of industry action to achieve active managerial control of these risk factors.
- Reduce or eliminate the occurrence of illnesses and deaths from food produced at the retail level
- Encourage regulatory agencies to improve and build upon existing programs.
- Provide a framework designed to accommodate both traditional and emerging approaches to food safety.
- Promote quality regulatory programs through continuous self-improvement.
- Improve communication among regulatory partners.

### Program Metrics

- Total Enrollees: 812
- State or Territory Level Enrollees: 66
- District Level Enrollees: 73
- County Level Enrollees: 475
- City or Township Level Enrollees: 173
- Other Enrollees (Tribe/Village): 25

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