

FDA Staff Manual Guides, Volume I – Organizations and Functions

Department of Health and Human Services

Food and Drug Administration

Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition

Office of International Engagement

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1. Office of International Engagement (DCEO)

- A. Advises and assists the Center Director and Deputy Commissioner for Food Policy and Response on international matters.
- B. Provides advice on issues related to international policy and direction.
- C. Provides leadership on development of the Center's priorities and policies that impact international and/or trade issues.
- D. Represents the Center, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the United States (U.S.) in international forums for international harmonization of food laws, regulations, standards and science, and policies.
- E. Provides expertise to public health and trade activities including consideration of international obligations.
- F. Provides leadership to global partnerships with other countries, multilateral organizations, industry, academia, among others.
- G. Represents the Center, FDA and/or the U.S. at meetings including communicating and defending positions.

2. Public Health and Trade Staff (DCEO1)

- A. Provide technical expertise and coordination for related implementation, including the World Trade Organization Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and Technical Barriers to Trade committees, Free Trade Agreements, and other international arrangements.

- B. Lead and coordinate all export certification activities.
- C. Coordinate FDA participation in foreign audits of the US food safety system.
- D. Communicate with foreign counterparts on technical issues (e.g., outbreak response, trade disruption).
- E. Provide leadership, coordination, and expertise for audits and other technical exchanges to assess Equivalence and leadership, coordination and expertise for implantation of Equivalence determinations.

3. Regulatory Cooperation and Partnership Staff (DCEO2)

- A. Seek and maintain strategic partnerships to build a strong global food safety system including the World Trade Organization, World Health Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization, Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, academia, other countries, industry associations, among others.
- B. Lead and coordinate the FDA Systems Recognition Program.
- C. Lead and coordinate FDA's participation in the Codex Alimentarius Commission.
- D. Lead and coordinate Regulatory Partnerships with other countries.

4. Authority and Effective Date.

The functional statements for the Office of International Engagement were approved by the Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services on October 22, 2021, and effective on January 6, 2022.

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The following is the Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Office of International Engagement organization structure depicting all the organizational structures reporting to the Director:

These organizations report to the Office of International Engagement (DCEO):

- Public Health and Trade Staff (DCEO1)
- Regulatory Cooperation and Partnership Staff (DCEO2)