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Districts, headquarters’ offices, and resident post personnel in particular, should maintain liaison with federal, state, local territorial, and tribal officials.

Follow District policy regarding contacts with appropriate federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal officials to exchange information, coordinate operations, and arrange joint inspections. If an assignment calls for joint work with state, local, territorial, or tribal inspectors, make every effort to accomplish this work. See IOM 3.1. When you travel internationally, follow policy established in the “GUIDE TO INTERNATIONAL INSPECTIONS AND TRAVEL.”

3.1.2 - LAWS, CODES, AGENCIES

Many states have enacted the basic Uniform Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Bill, and others have adopted at least a part of the Uniform Bill. The provisions of these laws are very similar to the 1938 provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. A few states have enacted the Pesticide Food and Color Additives or Kefauver-Harris type amendments. See IOM 3.3.3.

Most states without the Uniform FD&C Act, have laws based on the 1906 Food and Drug Act. Most larger cities have their own ordinances and regulations. A portion of the food supply of the United States is consumed within the state in which it is produced, and is therefore, not directly under the jurisdiction of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act as amended. Thus, the various state and local agencies are solely responsible for policing this supply.

The departments of the executive branch of the federal government operate under the laws and regulations which they are specifically responsible for enforcing. Since responsibilities may overlap and be duplicated, operating agreements and liaison between agencies is essential for smooth and efficient governmental operation. Section 702(c) of the FD&C Act [21 U.S.C. 372(c)] recognizes this by providing that the records of any department in the executive branch shall be open to inspection by authorized DHHS personnel.

District management is responsible for maintaining official liaison between FDA and other federal agencies. However, for day-by-day operations, personal contact between various operating federal investigators, inspectors, and agents is desirable and encouraged.

3.1.2.1 - Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding (MOU)

It is FDA’s policy to enter into MOUs with other entities in situations in which there are a need to define lines of authority or responsibility, or to clarify cooperative procedures (see SMG 2820.1). FDA and various agencies often enter into formal or informal agreements, and/or understandings to improve consumer protection through more effective use of collective resources and to eliminate duplication of activities. These agreements and understandings specify areas of primary responsibility.

Prior to disclosing FDA’s information, ensure that the Agreement and MOU contain confidentiality provisions that comply with FDA’s information disclosure laws and
procedures (e.g., sharing with the public (FOI), federal
government officials 21 CFR 20.85, state/local 21 CFR
20.88, foreign 21 CFR 20.89). Contact ORA Office of
Partnerships at OP.Feedback@fda.hhs.gov when
encountering an MOU for the first time, drafting an MOU, or
for clarification of disclosure.

A complete listing (domestic, academia and non-
profit) is publicly available on the FDA MOUs page

3.1.3 - OTHER GOVERNMENT INSPECTION

General procedures regarding cooperation with other
federal, state, and local officials are furnished below.

During establishment inspections determine the specific
type of inspection service and inspecting units, such as the
name of the federal, state, county, or city health agency or
department. Obtain the name and title of the inspectional
official, and general method of operation. IOM 5.8.9.1
discusses coverage of grade A Dairy Plants.

3.1.3.1 - Federal

Compulsory Continuous Inspection - Do not inspect firms,
or that portion of a plant, under compulsory, continuous
inspection under United States Department of Agriculture's
(USDA) Meat Inspection Act, Poultry Products Inspection
Act, or Egg Products Inspection Act, except on specific
instructions from your supervisor or assignment document.

Ingredients or manufacturing processes common to both
USDA and FDA regulated products should be inspected by
FDA. See IOM 3.2.1.3 for FDA/USDA Agreements in
specific areas.

Provide routine FDA coverage of such firms as breweries
and wineries, which may be intermittently inspected on a
compulsory basis by the U.S. Treasury Department, U.S.
Public Health Service, or other agencies.

Voluntary - All products inspected under the voluntary
inspection service of the Agriculture Marketing Service
(AMS), USDA, and the National Marine Fisheries Service
(NMFS), US Department of Commerce, are subject to FDA
jurisdiction and are usually given routine coverage;
however, formal written Agreements or a MOU between
FDA and other agencies are often executed and may
govern the agreeing agencies' operations on these types of
inspected plants.

3.1.3.2 - Discussion with Federal Inspector

If you are assigned to cover a federally inspected plant
which is under either compulsory or voluntary inspection,
check to see if an Agreement or a MOU exists between
FDA and the agency involved to determine the obligations
of both agencies. When you arrive at the firm:

1. Identify yourself to the inspector(s) and invite him/her to
 accompany you on the inspection but do not insist on
 their participation.
2. At the conclusion of the inspection, offer to discuss your
 observations and provide the in-plant inspector with a
 copy of your Inspectional Observations (FDA 483).

3.1.3.3 - State and Local

State and local officials usually have extensive regulatory
authority over firms in their area regardless of the interstate
movement or origin of the food products involved. Joint
FDA-State or local inspections are occasionally conducted.
These are usually arranged by district administrative or
supervisory personnel. See IOM 3.3.1.

SUBCHAPTER 3.2 - FEDERAL AGENCY
INTERACTION

This subchapter deals with the interaction of the FDA with
other federal agencies. This interaction will be discussed
below. Each agency with which FDA has agreements or an
MOU is listed separately. Information regarding MOUs and
other interactions are discussed as appropriate. Information about the complete MOU or agreement can be
found in the appropriate Cooperative Agreements Manual.
Listings of all Liaison Officers are included below.

3.2.1 - U. S. DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE (USDA)

See IOM 3.1.3 for procedures to be followed when making
inspections of firms under USDA inspection or subject to
inspection by USDA.

3.2.1.1 - Foods Rejected by USDA

All procurement and processing contracts administered by
USDA for edible food products require compliance with
FDA regulations. The USDA routinely reports to the FDA its
findings on lots of flour, cereal, or other products which
have been rejected for acceptance into USDA-sponsored
programs, based on FDA guidelines. This notification of
rejection is routinely furnished to the involved District office.
When a District office receives such notification, it will
determine appropriate follow-up by evaluating the reason
for rejection, current priority assignments, and workload.

Samples should not be routinely collected from the USDA
rejected material. If a follow-up inspection is made the
District will then determine the need for samples or
additional action.

3.2.1.2 - USDA Complaints

Whenever a complaint is received involving any meat-
containing product, including such items as soups,
combination infant foods, frozen dinners, etc., evaluate the

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need to contact USDA. Most products containing red meat or poultry are regulated by USDA. The exceptions include:
1. Products containing meat from game animals, such as venison, rabbits, etc.
2. Meat-flavored instant noodles
3. The product "pork and beans" which contain only a small amount of pork fat and for historic reasons is regulated by FDA.

Determine from the consumer whether there is a round "shield" on the label with the USDA establishment number. Alternatively, the establishment number may be identified in the lot number. Red meat products under USDA jurisdiction will often contain the abbreviation "EST" followed by a one to four-digit number; poultry products under USDA jurisdiction will contain the letter "P" followed by a number.

FDA reports suspected outbreaks to USDA and CDC. In addition, FDA and CDC have an agreement that FDA will be immediately advised whenever CDC ships botulism antitoxin anywhere in the United States or its possessions. See IOM 3.2.4.3 regarding interaction with CDC.

USDA and FDA have an agreement whereby FDA informs a designated USDA Compliance and Evaluation Area Office about any foodborne disease where a meat or poultry product is suspected. Conversely, USDA will alert the FDA District office on suspected products subject to FDA jurisdiction. In order for your District to alert USDA promptly, check with your supervisor immediately if meat or poultry products are involved in an outbreak you are investigating, or which comes to your attention.

3.2.1.3 - USDA Acts

The following USDA Acts under which FDA has been delegated detention authorities for products subject to USDA inspection are:
1. Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) see IOM 2.7.1.2.2
2. Poultry Products Inspection Act PPPIA see IOM 2.7.1.2.3
3. Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) see IOM 2.7.1.2.4

See IOM 2.7.1 for additional information. See IOM Exhibit 3-1 for a chart depicting jurisdictional lines for products regulated by FDA and USDA.

3.2.1.4 - FDA-USDA Agreements & MOUs

MOUs and Agreements with USDA and its various units will be listed and, in some cases, described below. This first subsection covers MOUs with the USDA, USDA/other agency, and FDA. The following subsections provide information about MOUs with other USDA units.

MOU with:
1. US Department of Commerce and USDA Concerning Inspection of Industrial Fishery Products Intended for Animal 315 Feed Use (225-75-7001).
FDA inspects samples and examines imported dates and date products intended for processing to determine whether they are in compliance with the statute. AMS, upon request, will provide FDA with a copy of each examination report which will contain information such as that in the FDA Technical Bulletin Number 5, Microanalytical Procedures Manual. The FDA Liaison Officer is the Director, Division of Natural Products, Microanalytical Branch, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, HFS-315 (240-402-1990).

The USDA Liaison Officer is the Chief, Processed Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service (202-720-4693).

4. AMS Concerning Cooperative Efforts for Inspection, Sampling, and Examination of Imported Raisins (225-73-2007). AMS evaluates raisins for grade condition requirements and at the time and place of entry all lots of imported raisins. Upon completion of the examination, AMS promptly notifies the appropriate FDA District Office of any lots found not to meet minimum acceptance criteria because of insect infestation, filth, etc., and any questionable cases regarding the laboratory examination results. At the end of the season, the AMS provides FDA with a copy of each examination report. FDA accepts, unless it notifies USDA to the contrary, AMS findings on any lot of raisins sampled and inspected by them. FDA will detain any lots of raisins rejected by USDA because they contain insect infestation, etc. See the cooperative agreement manual for details of responsibilities.

The FDA Liaison Officer is the Director, Division of Natural Products, Microanalytical Branch, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, HFS-315 (240-402-1990).

The USDA Liaison Officer is the Chief, Processed Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service (202-720-4693).

5. AMS Regarding Aflatoxin Testing Program for In-Shell Brazil Nuts (225-96-2002). Importers of Brazil Nuts voluntarily offer for USDA inspections before introducing them into U.S. commerce. USDA is responsible for sampling and testing each lot for aflatoxin in accordance with procedures prescribed by FDA and for issuing an analysis certificate for each lot. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will forward a copy of each certificate to the appropriate FDA District office. FDA accepts the certificate and then allows entry of the lots into U.S. commerce provided the aflatoxin level does not exceed the current action level prescribed by FDA. The FDA Liaison Officer is the Director, Office of Compliance, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, HFS-600 (240-402-1364).

The USDA Liaison Officer is the Chief of Technologies Services Branch, Science Division, AMS (202-690-4025).

6. AMS Concerning Aflatoxin in Peanuts (225-96-2001). AMS will use FDA administrative guidelines on objective samples to certify peanuts, recognizing that GMPs remove significant quantities of unfit peanuts and that levels of aflatoxin are reduced by heating. USDA will provide FDA with a copy of the analytical certificate and identification of the applicant on each lot found to exceed 25 ppb of aflatoxin and the analysis certificate on any lot on request. FDA will routinely confirm chemical assays in finished product at 20 ppb by bioassay procedures.

FDA will not formally object to the offering of lots of peanuts to processors where certificates show levels of aflatoxin above 25 ppb but will examine finished products from such lots. Such lots of raw peanuts may be subject to appropriate action in cases where there is lack of assurance that the finished product will comply with current standards.

The FDA Liaison Officer is the Director, Office of Compliance, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, HFS-600 (240-402-1364).

The USDA Liaison Officer is the Chief of Technologies Services Branch, Science Division, AMS (202-690-4025).

7. AMS and FSIS and EPA re: Regulatory Activities Concerning Residues of Drugs, Pesticides, and Environmental Contaminants in Foods (225-85-8910). Parts of this MOU are discussed below. Information about the complete MOU can be found in the appropriate Cooperative Agreements Manual. The contact offices are as follows:

The FDA Liaison Office is the Director, Division of Natural Products, Microanalytical Branch, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, HFS-315 (240-402-1990).

The USDA Liaison Office is the Chief, Processed Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service (202-720-4693).

The EPA Liaison Office is the Office of Pestici de Prevention and Pesticides Environmental Protection, OPP, (703-305-7351).

8. AMS Concerning Salmonella Inspection and Sampling Coverage of Dry Milk Plants (225-75-4002). Parts of this MOU are discussed below. Information about the complete MOU can be found in the appropriate Cooperative Agreements Manual. USDA has two types of voluntary inspection programs: Plant Inspection Program (PIP). Under the PIP, dry milk plants are surveyed for approval every three months. This includes a salmonella surveillance testing of the plant's product and environmental material. Product inspection and grading is provided on request and dry milk products produced under this program are eligible to bear the USDA shield.

FDA will accept the AMS Salmonella Surveillance Program results on such plants and the finished dry milk products after shipment from those plants will not be sampled by FDA for Salmonella examinations. This does not preclude FDA sampling dry milk at manufacturing plants using dry milk as an ingredient as a follow-up to consumer complaints, or where the dry milk may have become contaminated or adulterated after leaving the dry milk manufacturer's control. Neither will it preclude FDA inspections of any plant for problems other than Salmonella whether or not such plant produces dry milk products under USDA
inspection, or the sampling of their products, including dry milk products, for problems other than Salmonella. The FDA Liaison Office is the Director, Office of Emergency Operations, HFA-615, (866-300-4374). The USDA Liaison Office is the Chief, Grading Branch, Dairy Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, (202-720-3171) or Chief, Standardization Branch, (202-720-7473).

3.2.1.6 - Animal Plant Health Inspection Service/USDA (APHIS)

MOU with APHIS Concerning Mutual Responsibilities for Regulating Biological Products (225-82-7000).

Referral and exchange information for purposes of investigation and appropriate legal action. To coordinate investigations and enforcement actions and to avoid duplication of effort, FDA and USDA agree to provide each other with any information which may be germane to either agency's enforcement functions. Information regarding pending investigations and enforcement actions shall be provided to the liaison officers noted below on a regular basis.

The FDA Liaison Office is the Director, Office of Surveillance and Compliance, Center for Veterinary Medicine, HFV-200, (240-453-6830).

The USDA Liaison Office is the Director, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, (301-734-8245).

APHIS and NIH Regarding the Care and Welfare of Laboratory Animals.

3.2.1.7 - Federal Grain Inspection Service/USDA (FGIS)

MOU with FGIS Concerning Inspection of Grain, Rice, Pulses, and Food Products (225-80-2000).

During an FDA inspection of any facility that processes, packs, or holds agricultural products, the investigator and or inspector will request that the FGIS inspector or licensee stationed at a facility accompany him/her during the inspection.

The inspector/investigator will request from FGIS any information concerning quality determinations of specific lots of products against which FDA has taken or may take action.

FDA will notify FGIS of any details concerning serious objectionable conditions found by FDA to exist in processing plants, packing plants, grain elevators, or any other facility where FGIS provides official services.

General matters involving this agreement may be referred to the agencies' liaison officers.

3.2.1.8 - Food Safety and Inspection Service/USDA (FSIS)

1. FSIS Pertaining to Class I and Class II Recalls of Food Products that Contain Poultry and/or Meat Products that have been Manufactured in a FSIS Inspected Establishment (225-75-4072). FDA and FSIS agree that they will keep the customary records and make those related to the operation of this agreement available to the other agency. Both agencies will furnish reports of the progress of the work and such other reports as may be mutually agreed upon from time to time between cooperating parties. The FDA Liaison Officer is the Director, Office of Emergency Operations, HFA-615, (866-300-3474). The USDA Liaison Officer is the Director, Emergency Planning Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service (301-504-2121)

2. FSIS Concerning Inspection of Food Manufacturing Firms FDA investigators will attempt to contact any on-site FSIS inspectors when they arrive at a plant, invite them to participate in the inspection and discuss with or report any adverse findings involving meat and poultry products to that inspector prior to leaving the premises (225-99-2001).

When report findings are classified "indicated" FDA will provide FSIS with a copy when the plant is also inspected by FSIS. If the FDA investigator has found unsanitary conditions or otherwise adulterated products, the appropriate FSIS office should be informed by telephone unless the FDA investigator has already reported his findings to the FSIS inspector at the plant.

To any extent possible, consider information provided by FSIS to minimize duplication of effort. The FDA Liaison Office is the Director, Office of Emergency Operations, HFA-615, (866-300-4374). The USDA Liaison Office is the Deputy Administrator, Field Operations, Food Safety and Inspection Service (202-720-8803).


4. FSIS (NE and SE Regional Offices), DE Department of Agriculture, MD Department of Agriculture, PA Department of Agriculture, VA Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, WV Department of Agriculture Regarding Regulatory Investigations Involving Drug, Pesticide, and Industrial Chemical Residues in Animal Feeds and Meat and Poultry (225-76-4002).


3.2.1.9 - Science and Education Administration/USDA (SEA)

MOU with SEA Concerning Educational Programs in the Use of Animal Drugs (225-78-1002).

3.2.2 - U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

3.2.2.1 - Commerce (DOC)

MOUs with DOC and USDA Concerning Inspection of Industrial Fishery Products Intended for Animal Feed Use.

3.2.2.2 - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) - National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

MOU with:
1. NOAA/NMFS Regarding Inspection Programs for Fishery Products (225-76-2001) - The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce, operating under the authority of the Agriculture Marketing Act and the Fish and Wildlife Act is responsible for the development and advancement of commercial grade standards for fishery products and better health and sanitation standards in the industry and for furnishing inspection, analytical, and grading services to interested parties. The major purpose is to encourage and assist industry in improving the quality and safety of its products. This MOU outlines joint responsibilities between NOAA and FDA. See IOM 3.1.3 for guidance on joint inspections when inspecting firms under the voluntary NMFS program. The FDA Liaison Office is the Policy Guidance Branch, Division of Programs and Enforcement Policy, Office of Seafood, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, HFS-416 (240-402-2545). The NMFS Liaison Office is the Seafood Inspection Program, Department of Commerce, NOAA (301-713-2355).

2. NOAA/NMFS Concerning Enforcement of Laws (225-86-2000) - Against Illegal Commerce in Molluscan Shellfish. FDA will support NMFS Lacey Act investigations to the extent that regulatory authority and resources allow. This may include conducting food sanitation inspections of suspect shellfish shippers, reviewing interstate shipping records and obtaining affidavits to the extent possible, collecting and analyzing shellfish samples to be used as evidence of violations, and removing adulterated shellfish from the marketplace. Refer to the appropriate Cooperative Agreements manual for further discussion of this MOU. The FDA Liaison Office is the Policy Guidance Branch, Division of Programs and Enforcement Policy, Office of Seafood, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, HFS-416 (240-402-2545). The NMFS Liaison Office is the Seafood Inspection Program, Department of Commerce, NOAA (301-713-2355).

3.2.2.3 - U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USP&TO) (DOC)

MOUs with:
1. USP and TO/DOC Concerning Orphan Drugs (225-84-8000).
2. USP and TO/DOC to Establish a Product's Eligibility for Patent Term Restoration (225-86-8251).
3. DOD Concerning Food Protection (Food Safety and Food Defense) (225-16-020)

3.2.3 - DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD)

FDA has a number of MOUs with DOD and its various elements.

3.2.3.1 - DOD MOUs

2. DOD Concerning FDA Responsibility for Quality Assurance of DOD Procured Drugs and Biologics (225-97-4000).
3. DOD Concerning Food Protection (Food Safety and Food Defense) (225-16-020).

FDA also has a number of Interagency Agreements (IAG) with DOD to include IAG with:
1. DOD Concerning Investigational Use of Drugs, Antibiotics, Biologics, and Medical Devices by DOD (224-75-3003).
2. DOD Regarding FDA Quality Assurance Responsibility for DOD Contracts for Medical Devices (224-82-4001).

3.2.3.2 – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (DOD)

MOU with US Army/Corps of Engineers Concerning Consumer Protection During Natural Disasters.

3.2.3.3 – U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command (DOD)

MOU with U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command Regarding Quality Assurance Support for Medical Material Having Military Application (225-99-4000).
3.2.3.4 - Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC)

1. MOU with DPSC Concerning Exchange of Information Regarding Food and Cosmetic Recalls and Hazardous Food Situations (225-82-4003).
2. The Defense Personnel Support Center purchases vast quantities of foods and drugs for use by the Armed Forces. The products are purchased on contract and must meet standards and contract specifications to be accepted. Any products failing to meet these specifications are rejected. These are mentioned in IOM 3.2.3.1 above.

FDA, under the Government-Wide Quality Assurance Program (GWQAP), furnishes information to the military regarding the capabilities of firms bidding or desiring to bid on government contracts. Occasionally Districts may be requested by the OO/OEIO/DCS/Enforcement Systems Branch to make inspections or collect samples in support of the GWQAP. When this is necessary, OO/OEIO/DCS/Enforcement Systems Branch will provide the District with specific procedures and instructions. DoD depots and hospitals must notify their command centers prior to release of their stocks. For this reason, prior to visiting a U.S. Government installation to collect samples of food, drugs or medical devices, Districts should contact OO/OEIO/DCS/Enforcement Systems Branch (see Directory, ORA Headquarters Directory, Office of Enforcement and Import Operations, Division of Compliance Systems).

3.2.3.5 - Department of Navy/Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

MOU with Dept. of the Navy/Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Regarding the Microwave Oven Survey (225-77-1001).

3.2.3.6 - Defense Health Agency (DHA), Public Health Division, Veterinary Services Branch (DHA VS) (DoD)

MOU with DoD Concerning Food Protection (225-16-020) establishes a mutually acceptable understanding between DoD and FDA that aims to strengthen global food protection programs and supports the medical readiness of the US Armed Forces. Both agencies have agreed to develop information-sharing networks and processes to share information on facility audits; recalls and/or advisories, import alerts, adverse food and supplement events, laboratory findings or methods and other food protection procedures. Both agencies have further agreed to share laboratory data and research related to food protection including Food Emergency Response Network (FERN) and electronic Laboratory Exchange Network. DoD and FDA are collaborating in the development of food protection capabilities that include: joint inspections; training exercises; meetings and conferences; risk communications; and assessment of risk. All activities are coordinated by the agency Liaisons as per IOM section.

3.2.3.6.1 – DoD/FDA Liaisons

FDA’s MOU with DoD Concerning Food Protection (225-16-020) requires both agencies to identify and provide points of contact (POCs)/liaisons between DoD and FDA for both routine and emergency situations and exercises.

1. DoD designates the Chief, Inter-Agency Coordination (Food Protection) Officer
2. The FDA Liaison to DoD is Kathryn A. Nagy, 404-253-1225.

3.2.4 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

This Agency has a number of MOUs with the Department and other HHS units.

3.2.4.1 - HHS MOUs

MOU with USDA and HHS Regarding General War Food Inspection (225-75-8004).

3.2.4.2 - Administration for Children, Youth and Families (ACYF)

A MOU with ACYF to Assure the Feeding Programs in Head Start Centers Conform to Federal Food Safety and Sanitation Responsibilities (225-89-2000).

3.2.4.3 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

MOU with:
1. CDC Concerning In-Vitro Diagnostics (225-75-5012).
2. CDC Regarding Radiation Emergencies (225-81-6000).
3. CDC Regarding Exchange of Information and Coordination of Actions (225-82-8000).

Additional information is being provided here because of the close working agreement to assure the prompt exchange of information on suspected foodborne outbreaks.

Since it is essential that any suspected outbreaks be reported promptly to CDC, communicate any information you may learn in connection with foodborne outbreaks to your supervisor as soon as possible. Botulism Antitoxin Shipments - CDC is responsible for maintaining and shipping necessary supplies of botulinum antitoxin. When CDC makes a shipment of botulinum antitoxin, CDC will immediately, regardless of the day or time, phone the Office of Emergency Operations (OEO), HFA-615, (866-300-4374). The OEO contact will immediately phone the consignee District to advise them of the shipment.
1. Outbreaks on Foreign Flag Vessels - If an outbreak involving a foreign flag vessel or a US Flag vessel with an international itinerary comes to your attention, report it to your supervisor immediately who will then report it to OEO 866-300-4374. This situation falls under the jurisdiction of the Vessel Sanitation Program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Atlanta, Ga.

2. Outbreaks Involving Interstate Conveyances - Reports of illness attributed to travel on an interstate conveyance (plane, bus, train, or vessel) are the responsibility of FDA.

When a report of illness is received, you are encouraged to share it with state and local public health officials in case they received additional illness reports. Additionally, the procedures outlined in this Subchapter are to be followed including the following 5 items:

3.2.4.3.1 - INTERVIEWS

Interviews with the ill passenger, family members and/or physician (as applicable), should be in-depth enough to hypothesize whether the carrier may be related to the illness. Factors such as time of onset of symptoms, history of eating suspect foods, and other potential exposures should be considered. The carrier should also be contacted to determine whether other reports of illness have been received. The information developed should be evaluated to determine whether further follow-up is necessary (i.e., the carrier suspect). On those carriers where a reservation system is used, the names and phone numbers of passengers should be obtained to determine if other individuals became ill. It may be necessary to contact other passengers to determine if they consumed any food or water on the trip, and if they became ill in the time period associated with the original complaint. When a report of additional related or similar illnesses is received, immediately contact the Office of Emergency Operations, ORO, HFA-615, 866-300-4374 and relay the information. Also contact the state epidemiologist of the affected state to report the details of the illness. It may be advantageous to request assistance from them in the epidemiological investigation, particularly if patient specimens are needed to determine the cause.

3.2.4.3.2 - INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND COORDINATION

Recently FDA revised the MOU between FDA and CDC regarding exchange of information and coordination of actions. This MOU provides a framework for coordination and collaborative efforts between the two agencies. It also provides the principles and procedures by which information exchanges between FDA and CDC will take place. The new memorandum supersedes the MOU between CDC and FDA dated 4/1/82. When receiving a request for information from the CDC immediately notify the Director of the Office of Emergency Operations, HFA-615, 866-300-4374.

“FDA and CDC agree that the following principles and procedures will govern the exchange of nonpublic information between the two agencies. Although there is no legal requirement the FDA and CDC exchange information in all cases, FDA and CDC agree that there should be a presumption in favor of full and free sharing of information between FDA and CDC. Both agencies recognize and acknowledge however that it is essential that any confidential information that is shared between FDA and CDC must be protected from unauthorized public disclosure. See e.g., 21 USC sec. 331(j); 18 USC sec. 1905; 21 CFR Parts 20 and 21; 42 CFR Parts 5 and 5b; and, 42 USC sec. 301(d). Safeguards are important to protect the interests of, among others, owners and submitters of trade secrets and confidential commercial information; patient identities and other personal privacy information; privileged and/or pre-decisional agency records; and information protected for national security reasons. Any unauthorized disclosure of shared confidential information by the agency receiving the information shall be the responsibility of that agency.

3.2.4.3.3 - ROUTINE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Routine Requests for Information:
1. The requesting agency must demonstrate, in writing, why it is necessary for it to obtain the requested information.
2. The agency receiving the request for information shall, based upon the sufficiency of the need-to-know demonstration described in section 1 above, determine whether it is appropriate to share the requested information with the requesting agency.
3. The requesting agency agrees that:
   a. It shall limit the dissemination of shared information it receives to internal agency offices and/or individuals that have been identified in its written request and/or have a need-to-know;
   b. Agree in writing not to publicly disclose any shared information in any manner including publications and public meetings without written permission of the agency that has shared the information;
   c. If the requesting agency receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the shared information, it will refer the request to the information-sharing agency; and,
   d. It shall promptly notify ORA’s DIDP at ORA OSPOP Testimony – Info Sharing Team ORAOSPOPTestimony-InfoSharingTeam@fda.hhs.gov when there is any attempt to obtain shared information by compulsory process, including but not limited to a FOIA request, subpoena, discovery request, or litigation complaint or motion.
4. The agency that shares information with the requesting agency shall include a transmittal letter, along with any agency records exchanged, indicating the type of information.
3.2.4.3.4 - EMERGENCY REQUESTS FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

In cases in which the requesting agency has a need to obtain certain information as soon as possible due to emergency circumstances, such as a foodborne illness outbreak, FDA and CDC may utilize the following procedures:

1. The requesting agency shall indicate orally or in writing to the agency in possession of the relevant information that it has the need to obtain certain identifiable information as soon as possible due to the existence of emergency circumstances and describe what the emergency circumstances are.

2. The requesting agency shall verbally agree to protect from unauthorized public disclosure any and all information that is shared, according to all applicable laws and regulations.

3. The existence of an actual emergency situation shall warrant, as determined by the agency in possession of the requested records, the waiver of the need-to-know demonstration and determination described in sections 1 and 2 (Routine Requests for Information) above. However, once the requesting agency has obtained the information it seeks, it shall comply with those procedures set forth in section 3 (Routine Requests for Information) above.

3.2.4.3.5 - LIAISON OFFICERS

Liaison Officers

1. For FDA:
   Office of Commissioner
   Contact: Mark Russo, Acting Director, Office of Crisis Management
   Food and Drug Administration
   12903 New Hampshire Ave.
   White Oak, Bldg., 32, Room 1352, HFA-600
   Silver Spring, MD 20993
   866-300-4374

2. For CDC:
   Associate Director for Science
   Harold W. Jaffee, MD, MA
   Centers for Disease Control
   Public Health Service
   Department of Health and Human Services
   Atlanta, GA 30333 404-639-7240

3.2.4.4 - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

MOU with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Concerning Blood Banking and Transfusion Programs (225-80-4000).

3.2.4.5 - Health Services Administration (HSA)

MOU with HSA Concerning Quality Assurance for Drugs, Biologics, Chemicals and Reagents Procured by HSA (225-75-8002).

3.2.4.6 - National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)

A MOU with NCHS Regarding Exchange of Information (225-83-6000).

3.2.4.7 - National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA)

MOUs with:

1. NIDA Regarding Methadone Mutual Responsibilities in Implementing the Jointly Published Narcotic Addict Treatment Regulations (225-81-3000).


3.2.4.8 - National Institutes of Health (NIH)

MOU with:

1. NIH Regarding Anticancer Drugs (225-75-3001).


3. NIH and APHIS Regarding the Care and Welfare of Laboratory Animals (225-83-8400).

3.2.5 - DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

3.2.5.1 - U.S. Customs and Border Protection

MOU with:

1. Customs Service and the FDA Regarding Identifying Roles and Authority Concerning Electronic Products (225-74-6004).

2. Customs Service to Establish a Working Relationship for Cooperative Enforcement (225-79-4003).

3. Customs Services Regarding the Needs of the Trading Public in Expediting the Collection, Processing and the Use of Import Information (225-91-4003).

3.2.5.2 - Secret Service

The Secret Service operates under the Department of Homeland Security and is charged with the responsibility of protecting the President of the United States and certain other prominent persons. They also enforce the laws and regulations relating to currency, coins, and obligations and securities of the U.S. and foreign governments.
Authority for Secret Service to request FDA assistance, and for FDA to respond, is derived from the "Presidential Protection Assistance Act of 1976", P.L. 94-524 (90 Stat. 2475-7), Sections 1-10. Section six states in part:

"Executive Departments and Executive Agencies shall assist the Secret Service in the performance of its duties by providing services, equipment, and facilities on a temporary and reimbursable basis when requested by the Director and on a permanent and reimbursable basis upon advance written request of the Director; except that the DOD and the Coast Guard shall provide such assistance on a temporary basis without reimbursement when assisting the Secret Service in its duties directly related to the protection of the President or the Vice President or other officer immediately next in order of succession to the office of the President."

Note: At the present time the Agency is not claiming reimbursement from Secret Service until a study of total costs of our support function is completed.

FDA's authority for entry and inspection is derived from Secret Service authority and its request for FDA assistance. When called upon by the Secret Service to assist with a food service function, FDA's response is that of an advisor. Authority for decisions regarding food and beverages to be consumed by protectees is retained by the Secret Service.

Note: Do Not issue a Notice of Inspection - FDA 482 unless the investigation evolves into the collection of a sample for the enforcement of the FD&C Act. You are in the firm under the Secret Service authority.

FDA may initiate action against products encountered which are suspected of being in violation of the FD&C Act or the FPLA.

3.2.5.2.1 - LIAISON

The Secret Service may request FDA to provide food safety and food defense monitoring at National Special Security Events (NSSEs), i.e., Presidential Inaugurations, National Political Conventions, and Political Summits. Since the venues for NSSEs are large-scale retail food establishments, the ACOHAFO has designated the Office of State Cooperative Programs (OSCP), Division of Retail Food Protection (DRFP) and the OHAFO Senior Emergency Response Coordinators as the FDA lead personnel to work collaboratively with the Secret Service and the state or local entity with retail food safety jurisdiction to address food safety and food defense issues before and during NSSEs. More specific information regarding procedures, and roles and responsibilities during NSSEs is provided in the Special Event Planning Guidance (SEPG). If you are contacted by the Secret Service related to a NSSE, immediately contact your supervisor who in turn will contact the OSCP Director.

3.2.5.2.2 - PURPOSE

FDA's primary purpose in support of Secret Service is to minimize the possibility of foodborne illness or injury.

3.2.5.2.3 - CRITERIA FOR REQUESTING FDA ASSISTANCE

The decision to request FDA assistance is made by Secret Service Office of Protective Operations (Headquarters). FDA has provided certain criteria to aid Secret Service in determining how they might derive maximum benefit from FDA. Regardless what criteria are used, FDA should always respond to Secret Service requests for assistance. Secret Service considers factors other than the FDA supplied criteria in making its judgment regarding requests for assistance.

3.2.5.2.4 - SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION

Refer to the Special Events Planning Guidance document.

3.2.6 - DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

3.2.6.1 - U.S. Attorney

You may be contacted by the U.S. Attorney's office to discuss possible or pending cases or other matters pertinent to FDA. Notify your supervisor of these contacts. You may be accompanied by your supervisor or a compliance officer. If you are contacted by the U.S. Attorney's Office regarding any criminal issues, this is to be referred immediately to the appropriate OCI Office.

During any discussion with the U.S. Attorney, inform him that you are qualified to report the facts of whatever case or item being discussed, but inform him that you are a fact witness only and not qualified as an "expert".

3.2.6.2 - Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) (Formerly: Bureau of Narcotics)

You should follow the procedures outlined in the Information Disclosure manual if you receive a request to share information with another Federal agency.

3.2.6.3 - Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

The FBI, USDA and FDA are authorized to investigate reported tampering of FDA regulated consumer products under the Federal Anti-Tampering Act (FATA), Title 18, USC, Section 1365. In most cases, FDA's authority for such investigations is also found in the FD&C Act.

FDA and the FBI share enforcement of the FATA with USDA as described below:

1. FBI Responsibility - FDA understands that the FBI's primary response in FATA matters will be to investigate particularly those cases that involve a serious threat to human life or if a death has occurred. The FBI will also investigate FATA matters involving threatened tamperings, and actual or threatened tamperings coupled with an extortion demand.
The FBI will rely on FDA to determine if tampering with FDA products has occurred.

2. USDA Responsibility - The USDA will investigate and interact with the FBI on tampering with products regulated by USDA.

For complete information regarding FBI/FDA actions under FATA, see IOM 8.1.5.9.3.

3.2.6.4 - U.S. Marshals Service

The U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) is the enforcement arm of the federal court. The USMS is primarily responsible for the service of civil process. In other words, when FDA takes an action, such as seizure the U.S. Marshal actually serves the complaint for forfeiture and "arrests" the goods. FDA employees typically accompany the U.S. Marshal to assist in identifying the goods which are to be seized. The USMS is also responsible for ensuring the safe conduct of judicial proceedings and protecting federal judges, jurors, and other members of the federal judiciary. District Offices may find it useful to contact the local U.S. Marshals when preparing a situation plan to deal with issues of personal safety while conducting inspections or other operations. See IOM 5.3.1.1. and http://www.usmarshals.gov/

3.2.7 - DEPARTMENT OF LABOR: OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA)

The MOU with OSHA Concerns Standards for Electronic Product Radiation (225-74-6008).

3.2.8 - TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Many different agencies operate under the direction of this department. These include the Internal Revenue Service, and the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. Agreements and MOUs with the Treasury Department will be discussed below.

3.2.8.1 - Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB)

FDA and TTB share jurisdiction over alcoholic beverages. The MOU between FDA and TTB (formerly the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF)) delineates the enforcement responsibilities of each agency with respect to alcoholic beverages (MOU 225-88-2000). This MOU, among other things, confirms that TTB will be responsible for testing alcoholic beverages to determine the extent of an adulteration problem and that when FDA learns or is advised that an alcoholic beverage is or may be adulterated, FDA will inform TTB. FDA will also provide laboratory assistance and health hazard evaluations at TTB request. TTB generally has responsibility for alcoholic beverage labeling; however, FDA also has jurisdiction over the labeling of wine with less than 7% alcohol by volume (such as alcoholic ciders and most wine coolers), and beer described in the TTB's Ruling 2008-3 (https://www.ttb.gov/images/pdfs/rulings/2008-3.pdf) as not being a “malt beverage” (also see FDA Guidance for Industry: Labeling of Certain Beers Subject to the Labeling Jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration, (https://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/ucm166239.htm).

Labeling questions for these alcoholic beverages that are under FDA’s jurisdiction should be directed to Office of Nutrition and Food Labeling, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, 240-402-2373.

Based on this MOU (225-88-2000), FDA should refer all complaints involving alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wines, and malt beverage products except for labeling issues related to wine with less than 7% alcohol by volume and beer described in the TTB’s Ruling 2008-3 as not being a “malt beverage”) to TTB using the procedure outlined below. When a complaint is received from a consumer, it should be entered into CMS with initial evaluation “Not an FDA Obligation” and initial disposition “Referred to Other Federal Agency”. If the complaint is reporting a suspected tampering, notify OCI by emailing a link to the CMS complaint to ocisaichqs@fda.hhs.gov. In all cases, a copy of the CMS consumer complaint report should be forwarded directly to the TTB Market Compliance Office with a copy to the FDA liaison officer to facilitate appropriate follow up between the two agencies at the headquarters level.

TTB Market Compliance Office can be reached at 202-453-2251 (Email: Market.Compliance@ttb.gov; Fax: 202-453-2873). The FDA Liaison Officer (Office of Food Safety, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition) can be reached at 240-402-1700 (Email: FDA-TTB-Liaison-Officer@fda.hhs.gov; Fax: 301-436-2632).

3.2.8.2 - Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

MOU with IRS Concerning Legal Actions Taken by FDA Against Alcoholic Beverage Firms for Under filling of Containers (225-71-2006).

The FDA Liaison Office is the Division of Enforcement, Office of Compliance, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, HFS-605 (240-402-2094).

The ATF Liaison Office is the Chief, Industry Compliance Division (202-927-8100).

3.2.9 - DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA)

MOU with the VA are:
1. Concerning Exchange of Medical Device Experience Data (225-75-5011).
2. Concerning Communications and Cooperation Regarding Clinical Research with Investigational New Drugs and Devices, Including Biologicals (225-82-8400).
3. To promote cooperation and coordination between the Food and Drug Administration and the Veterans Health Administration for the purpose of enhancing food safety and sanitation in food operations serving health care facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs (225-93-2000).

IAGs with the VA are:
1. VA Concerning FDA Responsibility for Quality Assurance for Drugs, Biologicals, Chemicals and Reagents Procured by VA (224-76-8049).
2. VA Regarding FDA Quality Assurance Responsibility for VA Contracts for Medical Devices (224-82-4002).
3. To provide mammography inspections, pursuant to Public Law 102-539 and Public Law 104-262, to Veterans Health Administration facilities.

3.2.10 - CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION (CPSC)

MOUs with CPSC are:
1. CPSC Concerning CPSC Use of FDA Documents (225-74-8001).
2. CPSC Regarding Jurisdiction with Respect to Food, Food Containers, and Food Related Articles and Equipment (225-76-2003).

3.2.11 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

The EPA administers many Acts one of them is the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). FDA must be guided by this Act when assisting in voluntary destructions, disposal of laboratory wastes, etc.

Do not condone the wanton pollution of waterways, uncontrolled burning, the creation of a public nuisance or other questionable disposal practices. Note that certain products should not be disposed of in a conventional manner (e.g., sanitary landfill, flushing down the drain, etc.). In particular, certain products that have been banned in the past (chloroform, methapyrilene, hexachlorophene, PCB, etc.), are classified by EPA as hazardous and toxic substances and may require a special method of disposal by a licensed hazardous disposal facility. Any possible hazardous or toxic substance (carcinogen, mutagen, etc.) should not be disposed of without prior consultation by the firm with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and/or the regulating state authority. Refer to 21 CFR 25 and the National Environmental Protection Act for guidance regarding the environmental impact of voluntary destructions.

3.2.11.1 - EPA MOUs

MOUs with:
2. EPA Regarding Potable Water on Interstate Conveyances (225-78-4006).
   The EPA administers a regulatory program in this area, but FDA has the responsibility of notifying the ICC headquarters when problems are found. FDA will, if deemed appropriate include conveyances in their inspection/monitoring schedule. Both agencies will coordinate enforcement efforts, thereby avoiding duplication of efforts.
   FDA has responsibility for water, and substances in water, used in food and for food processing and bottled drinking water.
   FDA will take appropriate regulatory action to control bottled drinking water and water and substances in water, used in food and for food processing.
   The FDA Liaison Office is the Division of Programs and Enforcement Policy, Office of Plant and Dairy Foods and Beverages, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, HFS-305 (240-402-1488).
   The EPA Liaison Office is the Drinking Water Technologies Branch, Drinking Water Standards Division (202-260-3022).

3.2.12 - AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY (ATSDR)

The ATSDR (formerly CDC Superfund) staff has been designated as the lead agency for the DHHS response to chemical emergencies. The CDC ATSDR Public Health Advisors are located at the EPA Regional Offices. These advisors would not only alert your office of chemical emergencies but would be invaluable in answering questions concerning the severity of the problem and discussing protective measures. Under no circumstances, are FDA employees to enter areas designated as hazardous.

If it is necessary to contact ATSDR employees, their addresses and phone numbers are listed below:

AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY (FORMERLY KNOWN AS SUPERFUND)

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Some situations where ATSDR guidance is indicated are mentioned below.

In wrecks the physical impact usually causes most damage. Toxic items in the same load, this is illegal, may rupture and add to the contamination. In train wrecks, other railcars loaded with chemicals, oils or other contaminating materials may rupture and contaminate food and drug products in otherwise undamaged cars. Removal of the wreckage may cause further physical damage or chemical contamination. Exposure to weather may also adversely affect the products.

Do not overlook the possibility that runoff of toxic chemicals from wrecked and ruptured cars may contaminate adjacent or nearby streams supplying water to downstream firms under FDA jurisdiction.

Chemical spills occurring on land or water can pose a serious threat to the environment and contaminate FDA regulated products both directly and indirectly.

Hazardous waste sites also pose a hazard to the immediate environment, as well as offsite, if runoff contaminates nearby surface waters or if leachate contaminates ground water supplies.

3.2.13 - FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC)

The MOU with FTC Concerns Exchange of Information (225-71-8003).

3.2.14 - U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC)

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration signed a MOU (225-03-4001) on August 26, 1993 (FR Vol. 58, No. 172, 09/08/93, 47300-47303). The purpose of the MOU is to coordinate existing NRC and FDA regulatory programs for medical devices (including utilization facilities used for medical therapy), drugs, and biological products utilizing byproduct, source, or special nuclear material regulated under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. These regulatory programs include activities for evaluating and authorizing the manufacture, sale, distribution, licensing, and labeled intended use of such products.

Medical devices affected by this MOU include but are not limited to: in vitro diagnostic kits (radioimmunoassay); utilization facilities licensed to perform medical therapy; and teletherapy and brachytherapy sources, systems, and accessory devices. Biologicals include, but are not limited to, licensed in vitro diagnostic kits (radioimmunoassay), and certain radiolabeled biologics for in-vivo use. Drugs include all those that contain byproduct, source, or special nuclear material.

The organizations in FDA that are responsible for regulating these products are CDRH, CDER, and CBER.

The FDA Liaison Offices are the Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Director, Office of Regulatory Programs (301-796-5895), Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Director, Office of Compliance, HFD-300 (301-796-3100), and the Center for Biologic Evaluation and Research, Director, Office of Compliance and Biologics Quality, HFM-600 (301-827-6190).

The NRC Liaison Office is the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (301-504-3352).

3.2.15 - U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (USPS)

FDA cooperates with postal authorities in areas of mutual concern. If contacted by postal authorities, extend courtesy and cooperation. In any doubtful situation or incidents involving excessive expenditure of time and/or resources, check with your supervisor.

3.2.15.1 - Change of Address Information

At times during an investigation or inspection it may become necessary to visit local post offices to obtain new or forwarding addresses of individuals involved. Procedure:
1. Introduce yourself and display your credentials to the local P.O. clerk or official.
2. State the information desired.
3. Present the clerk or official on duty the statement in writing on FDA letterhead using the wording from IOM Exhibit 3-3 which may be reproduced or typed on district letterhead.
4. If you are still refused information or delayed in any manner, contact the nearest U.S. Postal Inspector to handle the matter.
5. At this time there is no charge for providing this information to a Federal Agency. The regulation promulgating a fee has been stayed.

### 3.2.15.2 - Postal Box Information

At times during an investigation or inspection it will become necessary to obtain the name and address of the holder of a postal box (PO Box).

Procedure:
1. Introduce yourself and display credentials to the local P.O. clerk or official.
2. State the information you desire.
3. Present the clerk or official the statement in writing on FDA letterhead using the wording from IOM Exhibit 3-3 which may be reproduced or typed on district letterhead.
4. At this time there is no charge for providing this information to a Federal Agency. The regulation promulgating a fee has been stayed.
5. If you are still refused the information or are delayed in any manner, contact the nearest U.S. Postal Inspector to handle the matter.

### 3.2.15.3 - Authority

The authority for providing forwarding address information to government agencies is defined in 39 CFR 265.6(d)(5)(i) which states as follows:

(5) Exceptions. Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, names, or addresses of postal customers will be furnished only as follows:

(i) To a federal, state, or local government agency upon prior written certification that the information is required for the performance of its duties.

Additionally, 39 CFR 265.6(d)(7) may apply: Address verification. The address of a postal customer will be verified at the request of a federal, state, or local government agency.

### 3.2.16 - FIRM LOCATIONS

Many firms FDA is required to inspect are difficult to locate, including growers, farms, and other types of operations in rural areas. Directions to these firms can be obtained from many sources, including:
1. Visits to Post Offices.
2. If the envelope has a postal meter number and no return address, check with the USPS to determine the name of the firm or holder of that "PB Meter" number.
3. Visits to local health departments.
4. Visits to county extension services.
5. Visits to USDA - Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Offices of Soil Conservation Service Offices.

Many of these offices have maps of the counties, municipalities, etc. which can be purchased or copied and used with their guidance to find the firms.

After the directions are obtained or the maps copied, copies of the maps with directions can be included in the factory jacket.

### 3.2.17 - FEDERAL FOOD SAFETY COALITION

In August 1999, FDA began an interagency Federal Food Safety Coalition with other federal agencies in an effort to focus on food protection of high-risk populations. The group's objective is to promote the development of effective public health protection systems for food safety within federal programs using the FDA Model Food Code, emphasizing foodborne illness interventions, to reduce the occurrence of the five leading illness risk factors. A formal MOU or partnership has not yet been developed. The agency members are as follows:

1. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Admin.
2. United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service Child Nutrition Division
3. Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Prisons
4. Dept. of Health and Human Services:
   a. Head Start Program
   b. Administration on Aging
   c. Indian Health Services
   d. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
   e. Food and Drug Administration, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
5. CDC – Vessel Sanitation Program
6. Department of Defense:
   a. US Air Force
   b. US Army
   c. US Coast Guard
   d. US Navy
7. Department of Interior, National Park Service
8. US Congress, Office of the Attending Physician

### SUBCHAPTER 3.3 - STATE OPERATIONAL AUTHORITY

#### 3.3.1 - STATE OPERATIONAL AUTHORITY

Establishment Inspections - All state and local officials have some type of jurisdiction over the food and drug establishments located within their state or local boundaries, regardless of the interstate movement or origin of the products involved. Some states divide the responsibility for food, drugs, etc., among the various agencies within the state. See IOM 3.3.31.

Samples - All state laws provide authority to collect samples of food, drug, and other products within the state.

Embargoes - FDA does not have embargo authority. Some states have embargo and detention authorities, these authorities are specific within each state. FDA does have
administrative detention authority for medical devices and food. Administrative detention for medical devices and food can be used when the Agency has reason to believe that the article is adulterated, misbranded, or presents a threat of serious adverse health consequences to humans or animals. See FD&C Act section 304(g) and (h), IOM 3.2.1.3, 2.2.10, and 2.7.1 for administrative detention information.

Some state laws empower their inspectors to place an immediate embargo on products that are, or are suspected of being, adulterated or misbranded or otherwise in violation of their laws. As a cooperative measure most state agencies will have their inspectors place an embargo at the request of an FDA representative. Do not routinely request such embargo. District assignments may include instructions relative to cooperative embargoes.

In all instances, exercise care in requesting embargoes. In accordance with Field Management Directive 50 (FMD 50), the appropriate state agency should be notified of pending or recommended compliance/enforcement actions within five working days. When a state institutes an embargo at FDA’s request, the District must assure that cooperating officials are kept informed of the status of the resulting administrative or legal action. The District must promptly notify state officials when the resulting action is final so that the state can update records and issue required releases for the lot. This helps prevent inordinately long holding times by the state.

Embargoes should not be considered as a mere convenience to the Food and Drug Administration but as an important and effective cooperative measure to be applied only when circumstances indicate such action.

Disaster Operations - Following major disasters, FDA regional directors and District directors will arrange for close cooperation with local and state food and drug officials, Health Departments, the Public Health Service, and other agencies engaged in comparable work. When requested to do so, FDA District personnel will assist local and state officials during such emergencies. At such times FDA personnel may be temporarily commissioned by local or state authorities and provided the authority to place embargoes (See IOM 8.1.5.8.6).

### 3.3.1.1 - FDA Personnel with State Authority

Certain states have designated selected FDA employees as special representatives or agents of the particular state agency. In these cases, they have furnished the FDA individuals with official state credentials. The FDA representatives given this authority will receive instructions and training, by their District, in the proper exercise of the powers conferred on them and must operate within the guidelines established by their District to monitor this authority. This is particularly important whenever state embargo powers may be used.

### 3.3.1.2 - Joint Inspections

Joint inspections with state or local inspectors are arranged by the District supervisory personnel. Joint inspections are conducted in the same manner as inspections by FDA alone and findings are discussed with the accompanying inspector. The cooperating inspector may wish to take action against the merchandise or the firm under pertinent local or state laws.

### 3.3.1.3 - FDA Commissioned State Personnel

Qualified state regulatory officials may be commissioned under section 702(a)(1)(A) of the FD&C Act to conduct examinations and investigations, which can include conducting inspections, collecting samples, copying, and verifying records and carrying out an administrative detention order (following approval by the FDA District Director) under the FD&C Act.

### 3.3.1.4 – State Contract Inspections

FDA contracts with state regulatory partners to provide enhanced oversight of its regulated firms. Contract programs include Human Food, Animal Food, Shell Eggs, Medical Device, and Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA). The state regulatory partner must have equivalent regulations or be a commissioned official (except for MQSA).

Field Management Directive 76 (FMD-76) governs the oversight of the state contract audit program for all contract programs except MQSA.

All certified MQSA Inspectors are required to receive a satisfactory audit from a certified MQSA auditor during each Federal Fiscal Year. [https://www.fda.gov/federal-state-local-tribal-and-territorial-officials/contracts/mqsa-inspection-contract-program](https://www.fda.gov/federal-state-local-tribal-and-territorial-officials/contracts/mqsa-inspection-contract-program)

### 3.3.2 - STATE MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING

The FDA has entered into agreements with various state and local agencies covering a variety of issues and work sharing agreements. At the present time not all the states have entered into agreements with FDA. A listing of current MOUs for states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are on FDA’s MOU page.

### 3.3.3 - STATE AUTHORITIES AND PHONE CONTACT NUMBERS

This section contains information regarding various state enforcement authorities. Some states operate under state laws patterned after the FD&C Act of 1906 or the current FD&C Act. However, most of the states operate under a
States that have adopted the Uniform FD&C Act as their legal guideline have in most cases adopted the entire act. The food authority in most cases includes among other things the adoption of the food and color additive provisions, pesticide residue amendments, enrichment guidance, etc. The Uniform FD&C Act also includes a provision for automatic adoption of changes in the FD&C Act. Some state legislatures have also included this provision in their laws. Some other provisions of the Uniform Act adopted by states include the new drug provisions, medical device laws, and cosmetic requirements.

Some states have also adopted the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) model bill as their legal guideline for feed inspections.

In most cases the contact for "Consumer Protection Issues" would be located in the Office of the State Attorney General and would usually cover consumer fraud and other consumer protection issues. The State Attorney General's staff usually has mechanisms to deal with health fraud issues not efficiently dealt with by traditional FDA approaches. Contact your District Health Fraud Monitor for guidance in cooperative efforts with the State Attorney General's staff.

A complete listing of the personnel and programs at the state and local level may be found in the FDA Internet Directory of State and Local Officials which was prepared by the Office of Partnerships (HFC-150) at https://www.fda.gov/ForFederalStateandLocalOfficials/default.htm or http://www.afdo.org/

### 3.3.3.1 - Alabama (AL)

Alabama has adopted the FD&C Act of 1906 and the 1970 AAFCO as their legal guideline. The control agencies are Agriculture and Health. They have not adopted the new drug provisions, the medical device law, nor the automatic adoption provisions.

### 3.3.3.2 - Alaska (AK)

Alaska has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act without the automatic adoption provision and have not adopted either AAFCO feed bill. The controlling agencies are Health, Social Services, and Environmental Conservation. Alaska has adopted the various provisions of the Uniform bill.

### 3.3.3.3 - Arizona (AZ)

Arizona operates under the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill. The controlling agencies are Health, Pharmacy, and the State Chemist. They have not adopted the medical device law, cosmetics law, nor the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act.

### 3.3.3.4 - Arkansas (AR)

Arkansas operates under the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill. The agencies in control are Health and the Plant Board. They have not adopted the new drug provisions or the automatic adoption provision.

### 3.3.3.5 - California (CA)

California has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health.

### 3.3.3.6 - Colorado (CO)

Colorado has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health. They have not adopted either version of the AAFCO Feed Bill.

### 3.3.3.7 - Connecticut (CT)

Connecticut has adopted the FD&C Act, the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1958 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Consumer Protection.

### 3.3.3.8 - Delaware (DE)

Delaware has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture, Health, and Pharmacy. They have not adopted the food and color additive amendments, the pesticide residue amendment, enrichment amendment, new drug provisions, medical device law, and the cosmetics law.

### 3.3.3.9 - Florida (FL)

Florida has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health.

### 3.3.3.10 - Georgia (GA)

Georgia has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Pharmacy. They have not adopted the food additive, color additive or pesticide residue amendments.
3.3.3.11 - Hawaii (HI)

Hawaii has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture, Health and the Attorney General.

3.3.3.12 - Idaho (ID)

Idaho has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1958 AAFCO Feed Bill and has not adopted the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture, Health, and Pharmacy. They have not adopted the food additive, color additive or pesticide residue amendments of the Act.

3.3.3.13 - Illinois (IL)

Illinois has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1958 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health. They have not adopted the enrichment provisions of the Act.

3.3.3.14 - Indiana (IN)

Indiana has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Health and the State Chemist.

3.3.3.15 - Iowa (IA)

Iowa has adopted the 1906 FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture, Health and Appeals, and Pharmacy.

3.3.3.16 - Kansas (KS)

Kansas has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1958 AAFCO Feed Bill and has not adopted the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health.

3.3.3.17 - Kentucky (KY)

Kentucky has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Human Resources, Pharmacy, and the University of Kentucky Registration Services.

3.3.3.18 - Louisiana (LA)

Louisiana has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health. They have not adopted the provisions of the medical device law.

3.3.3.19 - Maine (ME)

Maine has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Pharmacy. They have not adopted the food and color additive amendments or the new drug provisions or the medical device law.

3.3.3.20 - Maryland (MD)

Maryland has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health. They have not adopted the enrichment provisions of the Act.

3.3.3.21 - Massachusetts (MA)

Massachusetts has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health. They have not adopted the new drug provisions of the Act.

3.3.3.22 - Michigan (MI)

Michigan has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture, Commerce, Licensing and Registration. They have not adopted the enrichment provisions or the cosmetics law.

3.3.3.23 - Minnesota (MN)

Minnesota has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health. They have not adopted the enrichment provisions, the new drug provisions, the medical device law, nor the cosmetic law.

3.3.3.24 - Mississippi (MS)

Mississippi has adopted the 1906 FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture, Commerce, and the State Chemistry Lab. They have not adopted the food additive, color additive, and pesticide residue amendments, nor the new drug provisions or cosmetic law.
3.3.3.25 - Missouri (MO)

Missouri has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health. They have not adopted the enrichment provisions of the Act.

3.3.3.26 - Montana (MT)

Montana has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health.

3.3.3.27 - Nebraska (NE)

Nebraska has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health. They have not adopted the new drug provisions nor the medical device and cosmetic laws.

3.3.3.28 - Nevada (NV)

Nevada has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. They have not adopted either version of the AAFCO Feed Bill. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health. They have not adopted the enrichment provisions of the Act.

3.3.3.29 - New Hampshire (NH)

New Hampshire has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health.

3.3.3.30 - New Jersey (NJ)

New Jersey has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill but not automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health. They have not adopted the pesticide residue amendment.

3.3.3.31 - New Mexico (NM)

New Mexico has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1958 AAFCO Feed Bill but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture, Environment, Health, and Pharmacy. They have not adopted the food additive or color additive amendments.

3.3.3.32 - New York (NY)

New York has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Markets, Health, and Pharmacy. They have not adopted the cosmetics law.

3.3.3.33 - North Carolina (NC)

North Carolina has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and both versions of the AAFCO Feed Bills along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agency is Agriculture. They have not adopted the enrichment provisions of the Act.

3.3.3.34 - North Dakota (ND)

North Dakota has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and neither version of the AAFCO Feed Bill but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Consolidated Laboratories, Health, and Pharmacy.

3.3.3.35 - Ohio (OH)

Ohio has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Pharmacy.

3.3.3.36 - Oklahoma (OK)

Oklahoma has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act but neither version of the AAFCO Feed Bills nor the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health. They have not adopted the food additive or color additive amendments, the enrichment provisions nor the new drug provisions.

3.3.3.37 - Oregon (OR)

Oregon has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1958 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Pharmacy. They have not adopted the cosmetics law.

3.3.3.38 - Pennsylvania (PA)

Pennsylvania has adopted the 1906 FD&C Act and the 1958 AAFCO Feed Bill but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health. They have not adopted the food additive, color additive, and pesticide residue amendments nor the enrichment provisions.
3.3.3.39 - Rhode Island (RI)

Rhode Island has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Environmental Management and Health.

3.3.3.40 - South Carolina (SC)

South Carolina has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1958 AAFCO Feed Bill but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health.

3.3.3.41 - South Dakota (SD)

South Dakota has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture, Commerce and Regulations. They have not adopted the new drug provisions, medical device law, nor the cosmetics law.

3.3.3.42 - Tennessee (TN)

Tennessee has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agency is Agriculture.

3.3.3.43 - Texas (TX)

Texas has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Health and the State Chemist.

3.3.3.44 - Utah (UT)

Utah has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health. They have not adopted the new drug provisions.

3.3.3.45 - Vermont (VT)

Vermont has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Health. They have not adopted the enrichment provisions.

3.3.3.46 - Virginia (VA)

Virginia has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1958 AAFCO Feed Bill but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Pharmacy.

3.3.3.47 - Washington (WA)

Washington has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1958 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Pharmacy.

3.3.3.48 - West Virginia (WV)

West Virginia has adopted the 1906 FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture, Health, and Pharmacy. They have not adopted the food additives or color additive amendments, the new drug provisions, the medical device law, and the cosmetics law.

3.3.3.49 - Wisconsin (WI)

Wisconsin has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1958 AAFCO Feed Bill along with the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agencies are Agriculture and Pharmacy. They have not adopted the enrichment provisions, the new drug provisions, the medical device law, and the cosmetics law.

3.3.3.50 - Wyoming

Wyoming has adopted the Uniform FD&C Act and the 1970 AAFCO Feed Bill but not the automatic adoption provisions of the Uniform FD&C Act. The controlling agency is Agriculture.

SUBCHAPTER 3.4 - INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

3.4.1 - INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Agency has over the years entered into agreements with foreign governments regarding the quality of foods, drugs, and other products exported to the United States. Refer to FDA's website at https://www.fda.gov/international-programs/international-arrangements/cooperative-arrangements for additional information.

3.4.2 - MUTUAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENTS

3.4.2.1 - European Community

Changes in FDAMA have required that FDA begin the process of acceptance of mutual recognition agreements relating to the regulation of FDA regulated commodities,
facilitate commerce between the US and foreign countries and other activities to reduce the burden of regulation and to harmonize regulatory requirements. See Section 410 of FDAMA. Additional specific information is available at https://www.fda.gov/international-programs/international-arrangements/mutual-recognition-agreement-mra.

3.4.2.2 - Food Products

In July 1999, the United States and the EC signed the "AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITES STATES OF AMERICA AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ON SANITARY MEASURES TO PROTECT PUBLIC AND ANIMAL HEALTH IN TRADE IN LIVE ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS". This agreement is very much like a mutual recognition agreement and is based on the equivalence process. It covers a very wide range of human food products, all of animal origin, such as milk and dairy products, seafood, honey, wild game, snails, frog legs and canned pet food. For purposes of this agreement, the EC is considered one "party" and not 15 Member States. Activities to begin assessing equivalence are underway.

SUBCHAPTER 3.5 - NON-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS

The Agency has entered agreements with various non-governmental groups to formulate various programs and guidance. See FDA’s Cooperative Agreements page.
3-1 FDA/USDA JURISDICTION

This table summarizes information concerning jurisdiction overlap for human food products regulated by either or both FDA and USDA. It does not cover products made for on-site consumption such as pizza parlors, delicatessens, fast food sites, etc.

This table does not apply to meat and meat products intended for use in animal food.

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<td><strong>21 USC 392(b) Meats and meat food products capable of use as human food shall be exempt from the provisions of this Act to the extent of the application or the extension thereto of the Meat Inspection Act. FDA responsible for all non-specified red meats (bison, rabbits, game animals, zoo animals and all members of the deer family including elk (wapiti) and moose)). FDA responsible for all non-specified birds including wild turkeys, wild ducks, and wild geese. For products not intended to use for human food this exemption does not apply. Any ingredient, including meat and meat food products, used in animal food is regulated by FDA.</strong></td>
<td>The Federal Meat Inspection Act regulates the inspection of the following amenable species capable of use as human food: cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, or other equines, including their carcasses and parts. It also covers any additional species of livestock that the Secretary of Agriculture considers appropriate. Mandatory Inspection of Ratites and Squab (including emu) announced by USDA/FSIS April 2001</td>
<td>The Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) defines the term poultry as any domesticated bird. USDA has interpreted this to include domestic chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, and guineas. The Poultry Products Inspection Act states poultry and poultry products shall be exempt from the provisions of the FD&amp;C Act to the extent they are covered by the PPIA. Mandatory Inspection of Ratites and Squab announced by USDA/FSIS April 2001</td>
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<td>Products with 3% or less raw meat; less than 2% cooked meat or other portions of the carcass; or 30% or less fat, tallow, or meat extract, alone or in combination. Products containing less than 2% cooked poultry meat; less than 10% cooked poultry skins, giblets, fat, and poultry meat (limited to less than 2%) in any combination. * Closed-face sandwiches. Any meat or meat food product used in or for animal food is regulated by FDA, regardless of %</td>
<td>Products containing greater than 3% raw meat; 2% or more cooked meat or other portions of the carcass; or greater than 30% fat, tallow, or meat extract, alone or in combination. * Open-face sandwiches.</td>
<td>Products containing 2% or more cooked poultry; 10% or more cooked poultry skins, giblets, fat, and poultry meat in any combination. * Egg products processing plants (egg breaking and pasteurizing operations) are under USDA jurisdiction.</td>
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<td>FDA is responsible for shell eggs and egg containing products that do not meet USDA’s definition of “egg product.” FDA also has jurisdiction in establishments not covered by USDA, e.g., restaurants, bakeries, cake mix plants, etc. Egg processing plants (egg washing, sorting, packing) are under FDA jurisdiction.</td>
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<td>Products that meet USDA’s definition of “egg product” are under USDA jurisdiction. The definition includes dried, frozen, or liquid eggs, with or without added ingredients, but mentions many exceptions. The following products, among others, are exempted as not being egg products: imitation egg products, dietary foods, dried no-bake custard mixes, eggnog mixes, acidic dressings, noodles, milk and egg dip, cake mixes, French toast, sandwiches containing eggs or egg products, and balut and other similar ethnic delicacies. Products that do not fall under the definition, such as cooked products, are under FDA jurisdiction.</td>
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<td>Cheese pizza, onion and mushroom pizza, meat flavored spaghetti sauce (less than 3% red meat), meat flavored spaghetti sauce with mushrooms, (2% meat), pork and</td>
<td>Pepperoni pizza, meat-lovers stuffed crust pizza, meat sauces (3% red meat or more), spaghetti sauce with meat balls, open-faced roast</td>
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<td>Homogeneous cheese and meat products, e.g., cheese balls with pepperoni, must contain more than 50 percent meat to be amenable to</td>
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beans, sliced egg sandwich (closed-face), frozen fish dinner, rabbit stew, shrimp-flavored instant noodles, venison jerky, buffalo burgers, alligator nuggets, noodle soup chicken flavor

beef sandwich, hot dogs, corn dogs, beef/vegetable pot pie.

USDA inspection. Cheese products that contain 50 percent or less meat are considered products of the dairy food industry and, thus, are exempt from USDA inspection. When cheese and meat are separate components in a package, the packaged product is amenable, provided, it contains 2 percent cooked meat.

Jurisdiction for products produced under the School Lunch Program, for military use, etc. is determined via the same algorithm although the purchases are made under strict specifications so that the burden of compliance falls on the contractor. Compliance Policy Guide 565.100, 567.200 and 567.300 provide additional examples of jurisdiction. IOM 3.2.1 and 2.7.1 provide more information on our interactions with USDA and Detention Authority.

* These percentages are based on the amount of meat or poultry product used in the product at formulation.
## HISTORY OF MENU ITEMS

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ADDRESS INFORMATION REQUEST

Please furnish this agency with the new address, if available, for the following individual or verify whether or not the address given below is one at which mail for this individual is currently being delivered. If the following address is a post office box, please furnish the street address as recorded on the boxholder's application form.

Name:
Last Known Address:

I certify that the address information for this individual is required for the performance of this agency's official duties.

(Signature of Agency Official)
(Title)

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[ ] MAIL IS DELIVERED TO ADDRESS GIVEN
[ ] NOT KNOWN AT ADDRESS GIVEN
[ ] MOVED, LEFT NO FORWARDING ADDRESS
[ ] NO SUCH ADDRESS
[ ] OTHER (SPECIFY):

BOXHOLDER'S STREET ADDRESS

Agency return address
Postmark/Date Stamp

Under the authority of 39 CFR 265.6(d)(5)(i) and (d)(7)

265.6 Availability of records.

(d) Disclosure of names and addresses of customers. Upon request, the names, and addresses of specifically identified Postal Service customers will be made available only as follows: (5) Exceptions. Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, names, or addresses of Postal Service customers will be furnished only as follows: (i) To a federal, state or local government agency upon prior written certification that the information is required for the performance of its duties. The Postal Service requires government agencies to use the format appearing at the end of this section when requesting the verification of a customer's current address or a customer's new mailing address. If the request lacks any of the required information or a proper signature, the postmaster will return the request to the agency, specifying the deficiency in the space marked "OTHER". A copy of PS Form 1093 may be provided.

(7) Address verification. The address of a postal customer will be verified at the request of a Federal, State, or local government agency upon written certification that the information is required for the performance of the agency's duties. "Verification" means advising such an agency whether or not its address for a postal customer is one at which mail for that customer is currently being delivered. "Verification" neither means nor implies knowledge on the part of the Postal Service as to the actual residence of the customer or as to the actual receipt by the customer of mail delivered to that address. The Postal Service requires government agencies to use the format appearing at the end of this section when requesting the verification of a customer's current address or a customer's new mailing address. If the request lacks any of the required information or a proper signature, the postmaster will return the request to the agency, specifying the deficiency in the space marked "OTHER".

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING IOM EXHIBIT 3-3

If you have already attempted to locate the individual or firm by sending mail marked on the outside of the envelope "DO NOT FORWARD. ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED", without results, then proceed with this form according to the instructions below.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Address the request to the Postmaster at the post office of the last known address.
2. Insert FEI # if known; or assignment or sample number for Agency Control number.
3. On the lines provided, give the name and last known address, including zip code, of the individual or firm. Do not include any other identifying information such as race, date of birth, social security number, etc.
4. The Postal Service provides the service of address verification to Government agencies only. For this reason, the Postal Service requires the signature and title of an agency official to certify that the address information requested is required in the performance of the agency's official duties. The agency official should be if possible, the chief of the office requesting the information. In the interests of efficiency, the signature may be preprinted or rubber-stamped.
5. Type or stamp the agency's return mailing address in the space provided at the bottom of the request. Include your full name and title or the appropriate person's full name and title to whom the form should be returned to. Mail or deliver the request to the Postmaster at the post office of the last known address.

You are not required to submit this request in duplicate or to furnish a return envelope.