

FDA Staff Manual Guides, Volume I – Organizations and Functions

Department of Health and Human Services

Food and Drug Administration

Human Foods Program

Office of Microbiological Food Safety

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1. Office of Microbiological Food Safety (DCRO).

- A. Develops risk-based microbial food safety policies and resolves microbial food safety policy issues related to food for human consumption regulated under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.
- B. Provides oversight of regulations, guidance, policy, strategies, and programs designed to manage microbial risks and improve public health and compliance with regulatory requirements for issues related to the microbial safety of food for human consumption.
- C. Provides expert scientific and regulatory advice and technical assistance to the Human Foods Program (HFP), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) inspections and investigations programs, and other key FDA officials and stakeholders on microbial food safety issues and risks, proposed regulatory actions, initiatives, and related activities.
- D. Recommends research priorities for issues related to microbial food safety and risk management of microbial food safety issues.
- E. Serves as the principal liaison with other FDA components and other government agencies on crosscutting microbial food safety policy and program issues.

2. Operations Staff (DCRO1).

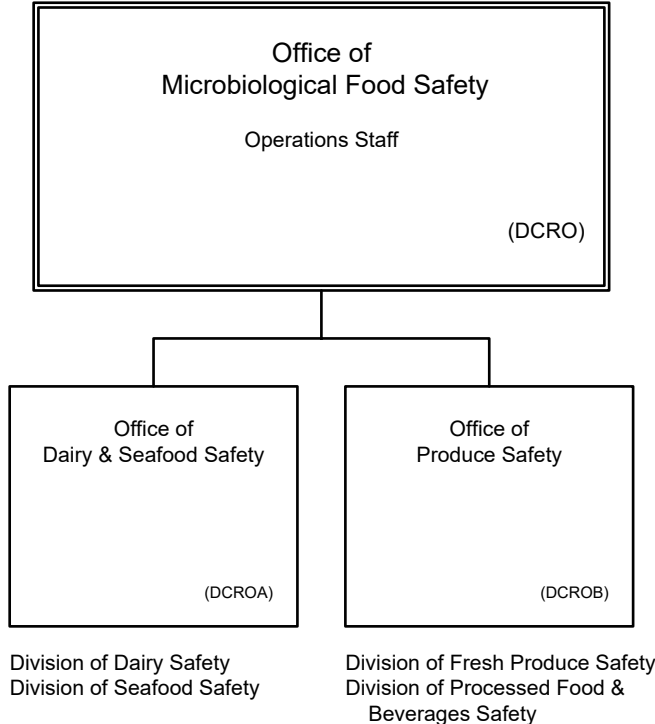
- A. Manages the Office's general administrative management support activities, including strategic planning, resource planning, budget execution, training, project management, and correspondence.

B. Provides direct support to the Office Director and Deputy Office Directors including briefing materials, background information for meetings, and preparation and coordination of speeches.

3. Authority and Effective Date.

The functional statements for the Office of Microbiological Food Safety were approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services on March 5, 2024, and effective on May 13, 2024.

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The following is the Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, Human Foods Program, Office of Microbiological Food Safety organization structure depicting all the organizational structures reporting to the Director:

Operations Staff (DCRO1)

Office of Dairy and Seafood Safety (DCROA)

Office of Produce Safety (DCROB)

These organizations report to the Office of Dairy and Seafood Safety (DCROA):

Division of Dairy Safety (DCROAA)

Division of Seafood Safety (DCROAB)

These organizations report to the Office of Produce Safety (DCROB):

Division of Fresh Produce Safety (DCROBA)

Division of Processed Food and Beverages Safety (DCROBB)