

**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**

**Office of Produce Safety**

**Division of Fresh Produce Safety**

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**1. Division of Fresh Produce Safety (DCROBA).**

- A. Provides leadership for development and interpretation of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations, guidance, policy, and programs related to the safety, risk management, composition and quality fresh produce for human consumption.
- B. Advises Human Foods Program (HFP) leadership of novel and emerging food safety challenges and trends and positions the FDA to adopt a preventive stance in ensuring the safety of fresh produce.
- C. Develops and manages fresh produce safety programs designed to manage risks, improve public health, reduce produce related illness and increase compliance by the industry.
- D. Facilitates and conducts communications, education, training, technical assistance, and outreach to stakeholders on issues pertaining to the microbial safety of produce.

**2. Fresh Produce Policy Branch (DCROBA1).**

- A. Develops regulations, guidance, policy, programs, position papers, and advisory opinions for issues related to the safety of fresh produce.
- B. Recommends research priorities for issues related to the safety of fresh produce.

- C. Develops, collects, and interprets data regarding the safety and defense of fresh produce.
- D. Provides expert policy, scientific and technical advice to the HFP, the FDA, other Federal Agencies, U.S. and foreign government officials, and external stakeholders including Congress. Serves as the principal HFP liaison to industry, international organizations, and other organizations on issues related to fresh produce.
- E. Reviews proposed regulatory actions referred for policy consideration and provides technical evaluation and necessary scientific support on cases related to fresh produce.
- F. Reviews petitions related to the safety of fresh produce.
- G. Serves as the FDA's focal point for the development of programs and the implementation of the laws and regulations related to this office regarding fresh produce.

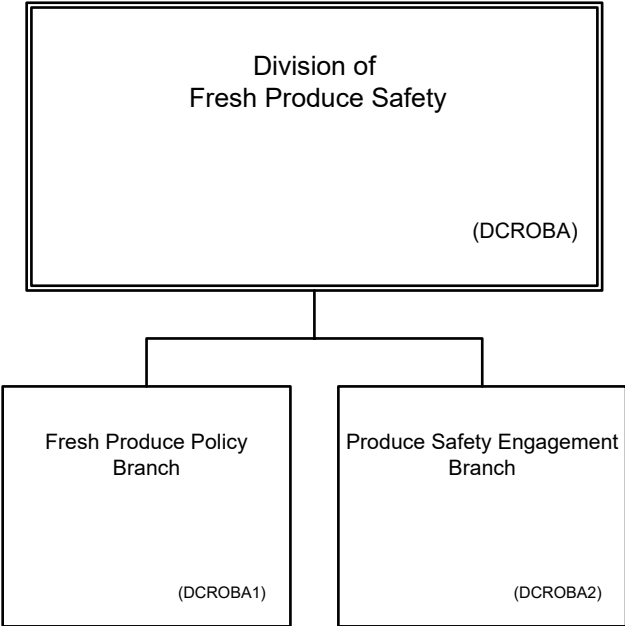
**3. Produce Safety Engagement Branch (DCROBA2).**

- A. Facilitates and conducts education, training, and outreach with stakeholders on issues pertaining to the safety of fresh produce.
- B. Provides technical assistance and subject matter expertise for prevention and outbreak activities including response, environmental assessments and post response activities related to fresh produce.
- C. Collaborates with federal, state, local and tribal partners to build produce safety programs to achieve high levels of compliance with regulations, support education and outreach efforts and coordinate response efforts.
- D. Collaborates with stakeholders on efforts to promote active managerial control and foster continuous improvement in hazard and risk reduction efforts pertaining to fresh produce.

**4. Authority and Effective Date.**

The functional statements for the Division of Fresh Produce 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, Office of Produce Safety, Division of Fresh Produce Safety organization structure depicting all the organizational structures reporting to the Director:

Fresh Produce Policy Branch (DCROBA1)

Produce Safety Engagement Branch (DCROBA2)