

**FDA Staff Manual Guides, Volume I – Organizations and Functions**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Food and Drug Administration**

**Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition**

**Office of Food Safety**

**Division of Produce Safety**

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**1. Division of Produce Safety (DCEDD).**

- A. Provides oversight of regulations, guidance, policy, programs, position papers, and advisory opinions related to the safety of fresh and processed produce.
- B. Recommends research priorities related to the safety of fresh and processed produce (i.e., fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, beans for sprouting, and herbs).
- C. Provides expert advice, reviews and responds to inquiries from throughout the Center, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), other Federal Agencies, U.S. and foreign government officials and external stakeholders including Congress. Serves as principal Center liaison to industry, international organizations, and other organizations on issues related to fresh and processed produce.
- D. Reviews petitions from external stakeholders about raw and processed produce safety.
- E. Reviews and provides technical assistance to regulatory actions, provides expert scientific testimony to support the regulatory actions and provides technical review of laboratory analysis supporting proposed enforcement actions.
- F. Collaborates with other parts of the FDA to identify emerging needs and to plan, develop, and coordinate compliance programs, field assignments, and work plans, as related to produce safety.
- G. Collaborates with other parts of the FDA and external food safety partners to facilitate and conduct education, training, technical assistance and outreach with stakeholders on issues pertaining to the safety of fresh and processed produce.

## **2. Fresh Produce Branch (DCEDD1)**

- 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 Center, the FDA, other Federal Agencies, U.S. and foreign government officials and external stakeholders including Congress. Serves as the principal Center 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. Processed Produced Branch (DCEDD2)**

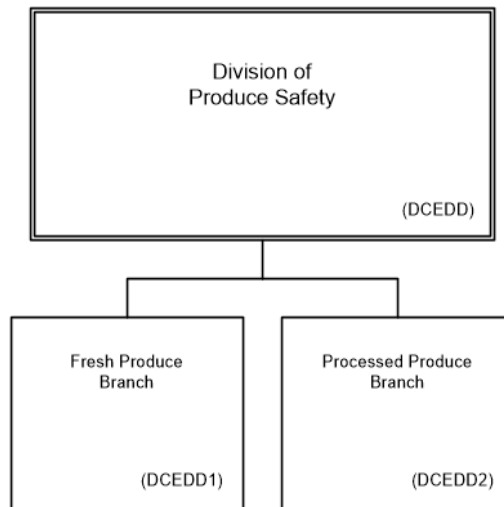
- A. Develops regulations, guidance, policy, programs, position papers, and advisory opinions for issues related to the safety of processed produce.
- B. Recommends research priorities for issues related to the safety of processed produce.
- C. Develops, collects, and interprets data regarding the safety of processed produce.
- D. Provides expert advice, reviews and responds to inquiries from throughout the Center, the FDA, other Federal Agencies, U.S. and foreign government officials and external stakeholders including Congress. Serves as the principal Center liaison to industry, international organizations, and other organizations on issues related to processed produce.

- E. Reviews proposed regulatory actions referred for policy consideration and provides technical evaluation and necessary scientific support on cases related to processed produce.
- F. Reviews petitions on the safety of processed 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 the safety of processed produce.

**4. Authority and Effective Date.**

The functional statements for the Division of Produce Safety were approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and effective on December 14, 2018.

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The following is the Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Office of Food Safety, Division of Produce Safety organization structure depicting all the organizational structures in the immediate office reporting to the Director.

These branches report to the Division of Produce Safety (DCEDD)

- Fresh Produce Branch
- Processed Produce Branch