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1. Purpose.

The purpose of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Port Management policy is to outline requirements for the design configurations for ports on network switches and routers, and the management of the network infrastructure that provides network services for the FDA.

2. Background.

The FDA's network has evolved over the past decade to a converged environment transmitting voice, video and data over a single wire which has also been extended through a wireless infrastructure. Whether wired data drops or wireless access points, end users will traverse a switch port to gain access to the FDA's administrative network. In order to effectively maintain a highly available and highly secured network environment that is scalable, a clearly defined policy must be followed that provides guidance for both new installation configurations as well as day-to-day operational management of these ports.

3. Policy.

Management of the network infrastructure must include the following:

- A.** Control of all device ports that provide access to the FDA's network.

- B.** Adherence to all FDA security and IT standards and applicable Federal mandates.
- C.** Completion of internal review process(es) for new installations, engineering changes and asset decommissioning.
- D.** Tracking of all issues with the network device ports via the proper FDA help desk process.

4. Procedures.

All procedures related to the maintenance and support of FDA network switches will follow the Infrastructure Engineering/Network Operations Standard Operating Procedures and OIMT Service Level Agreements. Change Control and documentation of activities will be completed via the FDA Help Desk support platform. Procedures are available upon request via Office of Technology and Delivery (OTD).

5. Responsibilities.

A. FDA Chief Information Officer (CIO)

The CIO provides leadership and direction regarding all aspects of the Agency's information technology (IT) programs and initiatives including operations, records management, systems management, information security, strategic portfolio, and executive coordination and communication activities.

B. FDA Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)

The CISO, appointed by the CIO, serves as the Agency focal point to direct and oversee the IT Security Program within the Agency. The CISO is responsible for assuring secure network access and IT security-related requirements are implemented and compliant with federal mandates.

C. Office of Information Management and Technology (OIMT), Division of Infrastructure Operations (DIO)

Division of Infrastructure Operations (DIO) is responsible for the implementation and operational support for all network infrastructure components. DIO has the overall responsibility for the daily maintenance and management of the FDA Enterprise Network including the implementation and management of devices and their available ports.

6. References.

NIST SP 800-53 Revision 5, Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations,

7. Effective Date.

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