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FDA Officials Meet with SENASICA

Today, FDA Deputy Commissioner for Policy Legislation, and International Affairs Andi Fristedt and other FDA officials met with a delegation from Mexico's National Service of Agro-Alimentary Health, Safety and Quality (SENASICA) led by Francisco Javier Calderón Elizalde, the food safety agency's new Director-in-Chief, at the FDA's headquarters in White Oak, Maryland. Topics discussed at the meeting included the new structure of the FDA's Unified Human Foods Program; the FDA's and SENASICA's food safety priorities for 2023; and recent achievements and next steps under their Food Safety Partnership (FSP) with the Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risks (COFEPRIS), another Mexican agency with food safety responsibilities.

The FSP was established in 2020 to protect public health through the prevention of foodborne diseases in human foods by using modern approaches and preventive practices based on technical and scientific evidence, health surveillance, and verification measures. The FSP will be holding a virtual midyear meeting later this week, on March 31, to discuss progress made in its four content-specific working groups: Strategic Priorities, Laboratory Collaboration, Outbreak Response, and Food Safety Training.

Other FDA officials participating today included: Donald Prater, Acting Director, Office of Food Policy and Response; Michael Rogers, Assistant Commissioner for Human and Animal Food Operations, Office of Regulatory Affairs; Julie Moss, Director of the Office of International Engagement (OIE), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN); Kristi Hampton, Deputy Director of the Office of Global Policy and Strategy (OGPS); Katherine Serrano, Director of the Latin America Office (LAO), OGPS (remote); Steve Musser, Deputy Director for Scientific Operations, CFSAN; Michelle Rodriguez, Deputy Director of LAO, OGPS (remote); Fazila Shakir, Director of Regulatory Cooperation & Partnerships Staff, OIE, CFSAN (remote); Vanessa Noelte, International Relations Specialist, LAO, OGPS (remote); Nicole Conklin, International

Policy Analyst, Office of Global Operations, OGPS; Franciel Ikeji, International Program Analyst, OIE, CFSAN; Colleen Mattingly, International Policy Analyst, OIE, CFSAN.

Accompanying Director-in-Chief Calderón were Leandro David Soriano García, Director General of AgriFood, Aquaculture and Fishery Safety, SENASICA; Israel Cueto Espinosa, Director of Phytosanitary Regulation, SENASICA; Luis Enrique Martínez Senties, Counselor for Agricultural Affairs, Embassy of Mexico; and Brenda Esthela Martínez Vergara, Senior Agricultural Specialist, Embassy of Mexico.

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