

FDA Staff Manual Guides, Volume I – Organizations and Functions

Department of Health and Human Services

Food and Drug Administration

Human Foods Program

Office of Policy and International Engagement

Office of International Engagement

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1. Office of International Engagement (DCRDC).

- A. Advises the leadership on international matters impacting the Human Foods Program (HFP).
- B. Leads international food safety and nutrition issues, policy and priorities for the HFP.
- C. Ensures strategic alignment of international engagements on food safety, nutrition, and trade issues, within the HFP and fosters coordination across the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to avoid duplication of efforts.
- D. Represents the HFP, the FDA, and the United States (U.S.) in global forums to communicate, harmonize, negotiate, or defend our standards, science, programs, and policies.
- E. Leads food export policy and certification for the HFP.

2. Public Health and Trade Staff (DCRDC1).

- A. Advises on regulations, policy and program development for food imports and exports for the HFP.
- B. Advises on public health and trade activities including consideration of international obligations.
- C. Advises the Office of Global Policy and Strategy (OGPS) during the negotiation of new U.S. trade agreements and implements existing ones and other international trade arrangements for the HFP. Coordinates with the Office of Policy, Legislation, and International Affairs (OPLIA) and OGPS.

- D. Communicates with foreign governments on technical issues, including but not limited to outbreak response, emergency response, and trade disruption.
- E. Leads FDA's participation in, and policy for, the Codex Alimentarius Commission.
- F. Manages all export certification policy and activities for the HFP.

3. Regulatory Cooperation and Partnerships Staff (DCRDC2).

- A. Seeks new and maintains strategic partnerships around the world, including with multilateral organizations, academia, other countries, industry, development banks, and other federal agencies, to support import safety and global public health.
- B. Leads and coordinates the FDA's Systems Recognition Program, Regulatory Partnership Program, leads technical assessments to determine equivalence and aids the OGPS in negotiating implementing arrangements in support of the Equivalence Program and similar initiatives.
- C. Leads or coordinates global capacity-building for import safety and/or strong food safety and public health systems world-wide within FDA's mandate.

4. Authority and Effective Date.

The functional statements for the Office of International Engagement 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 Policy and International Engagement, Office of International Engagement organization structure depicting all the organizational structures reporting to the Director:

Public Health and Trade Staff (DCRDC1)

Regulatory Cooperation and Partnerships Staff (DCRDC2)