

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 Processed Food and Beverages Safety

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1. Division of Processed Food and Beverages Safety (DCROBB).

- 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 of plant products, beverages, and processed foods 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 plant products, beverages, and processed foods.
- C. Develops and manages plant product, beverages and processed food safety programs designed to manage microbial food safety risks, improve public health, reduce plant product, beverage, and processed food related illness and increase compliance by the industry.
- D. Provides guidance and technical assistance to state regulatory personnel, industry and academia for scientific and regulatory issues related to plant products, beverages, and processed foods.

2. Processed Food and Beverages Policy Branch (DCROBB1).

- A. Develops regulations, guidance, policy, programs, position papers, and advisory opinions, and recommends research priorities for issues related to processed food and beverages.

- B. Develops, collects, and interprets data regarding the safety, composition, quality, and manufacture of processed foods and beverages.
- C. Reviews proposed regulatory actions for policy consideration and provides technical evaluation and necessary scientific support on cases related to processed foods and beverages.
- D. Reviews petitions on processed foods and beverages.
- E. Reviews acidified food and low-acid canned food scheduled filings required by regulation submitted to the FDA.

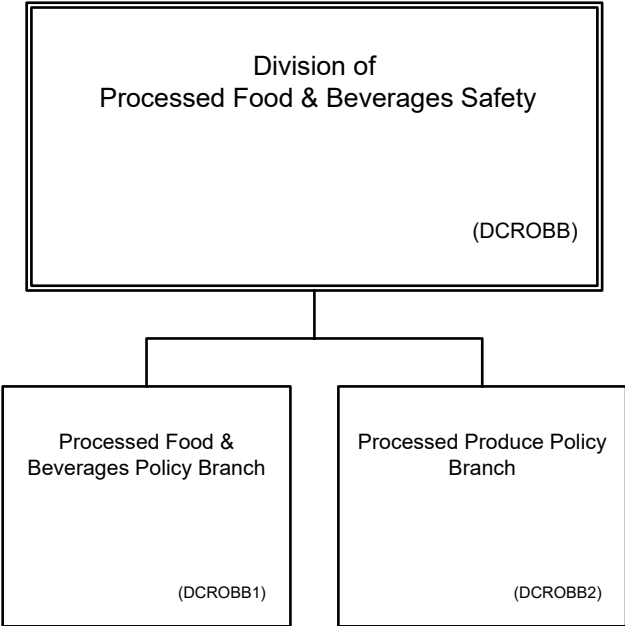
3. Processed Produce Policy Branch (DCROBB2).

- 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 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 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.

4. Authority and Effective Date.

The functional statements for the Division of Processed Food and Beverage 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 Processed Food and Beverages Safety organization structure depicting all the organizational structures reporting to the Director:

Processed Food and Beverages Policy Branch (DCROBB1)

Processed Produce Policy Branch (DCROBB2)