

OFFICE OF POLICY AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT (OPPD)

The Office of Policy and Program Development (OPPD) is responsible for developing and recommending all domestic and international inspection and enforcement related policies for the Food Safety and Inspection Service; developing and reviewing production process and technology performance standards; evaluating labeling and additives used by industry; and developing and evaluating inspection programs and methods. OPPD collaborates with other offices within the Food Safety and Inspection Service to ensure statutory mandates are met for the safety, wholesomeness, and truthful labeling of meat, poultry, and egg products.

LABELING AND PROGRAM DELIVERY DIVISION (LPDD)

The Labeling and Program Delivery Division (LPDD) develops policies and inspection verification methods and administers programs to protect consumers from misbranded and economically adulterated meat, poultry and egg products such that all labels are truthful and not misleading. Labeling includes all forms of product identification, health-related claims, net weight, species identification and nutrition. LPDD leads the development of policy regarding product amenability, inspection coverage requirements, reimbursable services, exemptions to inspection, and related issues. LPDD conceptualizes designs, develops, and tests new inspection and verification methods; procedures and techniques for use both in-plant and in-commerce to ensure that statutory and regulatory requirements and performance standards are met.

CHIEF OF POLICY OPERATIONS / POLICY OPERATIONS DIVISION (POD)

The Chief of Policy Operations (CPO) leads the Policy Operations Division (POD). The CPO is also part of the Senior OPPD Management Team. The CPO is responsible for coordinating administrative activities within OPPD and for improving controls and communication within the Office. POD ensures that there is effective project tracking and regularly meets with OPPD divisions and management to accomplish these responsibilities. The division manages the budget, management controls, and project management through electronic tracking systems, label processing, and docket control activities within OPPD.

POLICY ANALYSIS DIVISION (PAD)

The Policy Analysis Division (PAD) is responsible for participating in the development of strategies for analyzing data from all HACCP verification activities, including PBIS results. PAD is also responsible for analyzing data for the purpose of identifying existing strategies and policies that are candidates for policy reassessment. PAD, in collaboration with the Office of Food Defense and Emergency Response (OFDER), ensures that data are being properly analyzed and used, and assists with the more complex analysis of OFDER. PAD develops and conducts sound and consistent regulatory impact analyses of

preliminary, final, and existing agency regulations and policies, identifying regulatory alternatives, economic and social impacts, and ascertaining consistency with agency policy. PAD is responsible for analyzing data including non-Agency data, to identify inspection procedures that need to be designed or re-designed. PAD designs data-gathering vehicles, e.g., surveys and consumer research, and analyzes the data from such studies to draw conclusions about the need for new policies, effectiveness of current policies, and the need for modifying existing policies. PAD ensures available data are used to maximum extent possible and coordinates new data collection efforts. PAD also conducts analysis of other available data to identify issues that raise significant policy problems.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION (PDD)

The Policy Development Division (PDD) provides leadership in the identification of policy needs, and the subsequent development of policy solutions, to address the intent and application of verification and enforcement policy in in-plant activities. PDD will effect these activities through the “CAR” model (Collect information with which to identify potential policy needs in inspection and enforcement program implementation; Assess the information collected and identified, and lead the development of; solutions to these and other Agency policy needs; Respond to the development of these solutions by appropriately communicating them to customers.) In addition, consistent with its response function, PDD provides direct technical support to FSIS field personnel.

POLICY ISSUANCES DIVISION (PID)

The Policy Issuances Division (PID) provides leadership for the analysis and development of Agency regulations and associated issuances (FSIS Notices and Directives) and for the Agency’s petition process. PID ensures compliance with relevant legal requirements, program needs, and policy priorities. PID represents the agency in Departmental and Federal regulatory review and clearance process and coordinates interagency food safety initiatives.

RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION (RMD)

The Risk Management Division (RMD) collaborates with the Office of Public Health Science (OPHS) to ensure that FSIS policies have a strong scientific basis. RMD provides support in the form of risk management options to be modeled and addressed by OPHS risk assessments; provides scientifically sound explanations in Agency documents to describe the performance objective of policy and the criteria for meeting these criteria; is the primary office responsible for compliance guideline development; and presents Agency policy and input to bodies outside FSIS, such as to the Council on Food Protection. In addition, RMD coordinates the development and implementation of Agency programs to foster the development and to facilitate the use of new technologies.

RMD assesses uses of new technologies including the risk management concerns related to new technologies.

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