

RETAIL FOOD PROGRAM STANDARDS

INTERNAL EFFECTS & ACTIVITIES

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Importance to Staff

- “ Often unknown/unaware
- “ Selective involvement
- “ Guides nearly everything that done on a daily basis – the “Why” for staff

- “ Helps standardize process nationwide
 - “ Foundation/system for continual improvement
 - “ Goals for achievement/benchmark or “gold standard”
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- “ Largely looks at operation and management of retail program to evaluate the effectiveness of their activities
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- “ Ultimate goal → reduce or eliminate occurrence of illness & deaths from food produced at the retail level

- “ Many approaches for achieving goals
- “ Encourages building on existing program
- “ Focus/refocus on factors that cause & contribute to FBI with ultimate goal of reducing the occurrence of related factors

- “ Standard 1 – regulatory foundations – code review, comparison of local/state codes with FDA Model Code
- “ Standard 2 – elements/contents of a training plan to attain a minimum level of competency for all staff
- “ Standard 3 – ensures inspections focuses on CDC Risk Factors; appropriate documents available to achieve short and long term compliance

- “ Standard 4 – evaluates internal policies and procedures that are in place; determines if they are used/ followed to increase uniformity between staff
- “ Standard 5 – provides a way to monitor, track and evaluate alleged FBI incidents
- “ Standard 6 – used to verify compliance and enforcement activities are in place and used by staff to achieve compliance

- “ Standard 7 – develops industry involvement; attain support and foster partnerships in illness prevention and reduction
- “ Standard 8 – determines if resources are available to reduce FBI’s through reducing risk factors and other factors known to contribute to FBI’s (ex: staff available, inspection equipment, program administrative support, training opportunities, etc.)
- “ Standard 9 – overall process to measure the effectiveness of a jurisdiction in reducing illness and to enhance food safety and public health in the community

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