

APPENDIX 1: SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This summary provides a synopsis of the changes made to the 2022 edition of the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards. The primary intent of this record is to capture the nature of the changes found in the 2022 edition of the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards rather than to identify every word or editing change. This record should not be relied upon as an absolute comparison that identifies each and every change.

Changes Recommended by the Conference for Food Protection (CFP)

FDA works closely with stakeholders through the biennial Conference for Food Protection (CFP) to review proposed changes to the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards. Changes may be proposed by FDA, or by stakeholder groups such as academia, industry, consumer groups, and regulatory officials. The CFP provides an opportunity for stakeholders to provide comments about proposed changes.

The following changes reflect the recommendations from the Conference for Food Protection, 2020 biennial meeting.

Updates to Standard 2 Appendix B-1 format

What changed in Standard 2?

Appendix B-1: Curriculum for Retail Food Safety Inspection Officers has been reformatted into a table with curriculum topics as headers, followed by a table with the course title in one column and the course numbers in another column.

How do these changes affect your jurisdiction?

Jurisdictions are encouraged to reference the updated Appendix B-1 when evaluating courses needed to fulfill the requirements of Standard 2.

How will I be able to access and complete these forms?

These forms are available on FDA's website.

(CFP Issue 2020-II-024)

Updates to Standard 2 – Amend Standard 2 curriculum to replace select courses with updates

What changed in Standard 2?

Replacement of FD252 Allergen Management with B2 Allergens (CC8029W)

How do these changes affect your jurisdiction?

The replacement of this Allergen course will allow jurisdictions an alternative selection for FSIO's to complete coursework toward achieving conformance with Standard 2.

How will I be able to access and complete these forms?

The B1 Appendix - Curriculum for Retail Food Safety Inspection Officers is available on FDA's website.
(CFP Issue 2020-II-025)

Updates to Standard 2 – Amend Standard 2 to increase time for completion of Steps 1-4

What changed in Standard 2?

VNRFRPS Standard 2 Trained Regulatory Staff has been amended to increase the timeframe for completion of Steps 1 – 4 from 18 months to 24 months.

How do these changes affect your jurisdiction?

The amendment to Standard 2 allows jurisdiction's FSIO's an additional 6 months to complete Steps 1-4 of the five-step training and standardization process. It allows jurisdictions additional time to complete the required elements within Standard 2.

How will I be able to access and complete these forms?

These forms are available on FDA's website. Enrollees can print out the forms and complete them by hand. Alternatively, these forms can be completed electronically and saved.

(CFP Issue 2020-II-027)

Standard 6: Compliance and Enforcement

What changed in Standard 6?

Standard 6 Compliance and Enforcement was amended to allow jurisdictions to assess the effectiveness of their compliance and enforcement program using an alternative sampling method that provides the same level of statistical confidence as the currently prescribed method in the VNRFRPS Standard 6.

How do these changes affect your jurisdiction?

Jurisdictions now have the option to use either the current sampling method as prescribed in VNRFRPS Standard 6 or an alternative sampling method that provides the same level of statistical confidence. The change increases the flexibility for jurisdictions seeking conformance with VNRFRPS Standard 6.

How will I be able to access and complete these forms?

These forms are available on FDA's website. Enrollees can print out the forms and complete them by hand. Alternatively, these forms can be completed electronically and saved.

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Standard 8: Program Support and Resources

What changed in Standard 8?

The VNRFRPS Standard 8 staffing level element has been amended to allow jurisdictions to use alternative methods for determining staffing levels.

How do these changes affect your jurisdiction?

Jurisdictions will now have the option to determine staffing levels using the current VNRFRPS Standard 8 method or using an alternative method. An example of an alternative method was submitted as part of Issue 2020-II-018 during the 2020 Conference for Food Protection biennial meeting.

How will I be able to access and complete these forms?

Jurisdictions may access an example of an alternative model for achieving conformance with the VNRFRPS Standard 8 staffing level element from the Conference for Food Protection (CFP) web site: www.foodprotect.org located under the icon titled, “Conference Developed Guides and Documents.”

(CFP Issue 2020-II-018)

Other Changes made by FDA

FDA made a number of editorial and formatting changes to the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards. These changes are described below.

Formatting Changes

Program Self-Assessment and Verification Audit Forms for all nine Standards and most of the corresponding Worksheets were reformatted to be accessible in their layout and follow a logical reading order. Font size and type, page margins, and paragraph spacing and text spacing were also reformatted to be more consistent and readable.

The 2022 Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards workbook primarily reflects an incorporation of the recently approved changes that resulted from the 2020 Conference for Food Protection held in Richmond, VA. In addition to these recommendations and changes from FDA, the workbook also contains editorial corrections throughout to correct for spelling, grammar, and date errors from previous editions.