

Proposal Subject: Internal Authority Self-Assessment Using a National Program Standards Manual

Specific NSSP Guide Reference: Section II Model Ordinance
Chapter I Shellfish Sanitation Program Requirements for the Authority
@.01 Administration

**Text of Proposal/
Requested Action** @.01 Administration

- A. Scope...
- B. State Law and Regulations...
- C. Records...
- D. Shared Responsibilities...
- E. Administrative Procedures...
- F. Epidemiologically Implicated Outbreaks of Shellfish-Related Illness...
- G. Commingling...
- H. Program Evaluation. The Authority shall conduct a self-assessment using the National Program Standards Manual and report annually to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration the results of the assessment.

Public Health Significance: The purpose of this proposal is to begin discussions on how a self-assessment can be used by Authorities to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of their ability to promote the protection of public health. An assessment conducted by an Authority may encourage continuous improvement and innovation and can assure that individual program activities provide comparability among other domestic and international shellfish programs. The evaluation can be used to assist both the FDA and shellfish Authorities in fulfilling regulatory obligations and ensuring the implementation of the requirements set forth in the NSSP Model Ordinance

Cost Information (if available)

Action by 2011 Task Force III Recommended referral of Proposal 11-310 to the appropriate committee as determined by the Conference Chairman.

Action by 2011 General Assembly Adopted the recommendation of Task Force III on Proposal 11-310.

Action by FDA February 26, 2012 Concurred with Conference action on Proposal 11-310.

Action by 2013 NSSP Evaluation Criteria Committee Recommended referral of Proposal 11-310 to the appropriate committee as determined by the Conference Chairperson with the following instructions.

Establish a workgroup to evaluate the Manufactured Food Standards and determine the applicability of and/or use of these Manufactured Standards to the National Shellfish Sanitation Model Ordinance requirements and report their findings and recommendations to the NSSP Evaluation Criteria Committee at the next ISSC Meeting.

The Committee further recommended that self-assessments should be voluntary and that the word “shall” should be replaced with the word “may”.

Action by 2013 Task Force III Recommended adoption of the NSSP Evaluation Criteria Committee recommendation on Proposal 11-310.

**Action by 2013
General Assembly**

Adopted recommendation of 2013 Task Force III on Proposal 11-310.

**Action by FDA
May 5, 2014**

Concurred with Conference action on Proposal 11-310.