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Proposal for Task Force Consideration at the ISSC 2027 Biennial Meeting	1. a. ☐ Growing Area b. ☒ Harvesting/Handling/Distribution c. ☐ Administrative
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9. Proposal Subject	Addition of new personnel training requirement for SSI's and SSO's
10. Specific NSSP Guide Reference	NSSP Model Ordinance, Section II., Chapter I. @.01 H. (1)
11. Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	**A. Personnel training requirements for implementing the NSSP** **(1) Shellfish Dealer Inspections** **(a) Shellfish Standardization Officer (SSO) shall successfully complete:** **(i) the FDA basic shellfish plant sanitation course** **(ii) ~~(i)~~ the FDA standardization training course** **(iii) ~~(ii)~~ Seafood HACCP; and** **(iv) ~~(iii)~~ the field evaluation by a FDA standardization officer** **(b) Shellfish Standardization Inspectors (SSI) shall successfully complete:** **(i) the FDA basic shellfish plant sanitation course** **(ii) ~~(i)~~ the FDA standardization training course** **(iii) ~~(ii)~~ Seafood HACCP; and** **(iv) ~~(iii)~~ The field evaluation by a FDA standardization officer or the SSO.**
12. Public Health Significance	The FDA identified a gap in training for new personnel who would be conducting shellfish plant inspections. Some students who were newly hired were attending the more advanced FD245 Shellfish Plant Standardization course without proper knowledge of shellfish plant sanitation, equipment, inspection techniques, and even at times, knowledge of bivalve molluscan shellfish as a food. Student surveys often commented on the course being too advanced for their knowledge, while others commented that less knowledgeable students slowed the course down. The FDA previously taught a basic shellfish course and determined it was extremely important to bring this basic course back to the shellfish curriculum. The new course, FD145 Basic Shellfish Plant Sanitation, will be a virtual course that FDA plans to offer at least once annually. FD145 is intended to be offered prior to FD245 each fiscal year to ensure students can take them in succession. The course will also be offered as a Partnership for Regulatory Education and Training (PRET) course, which means that once personnel from an authority successfully take an FDA offered course, and complete all requirements, they can then receive the materials to train their own staff. All current SSO and SSI will be grandfathered in and not be required to take FD145.
13. Cost Information	No cost for travel when taking the FDA OTED course due to this being a virtual course. Costs within each state using the PRET may differ depending on if they

	offer the training virtually or in person.
14. Changes Needed to Guidance (if proposed change is adopted)	TBD