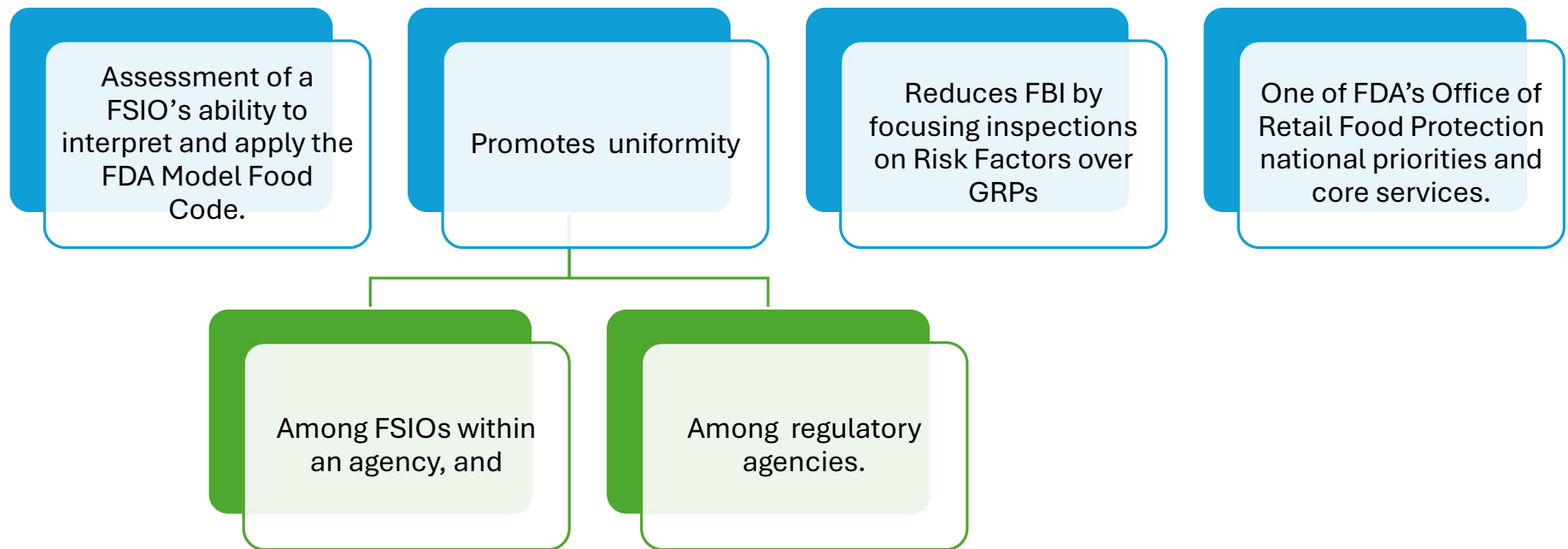


FDA Standardization Program

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What is Standardization and Why is it Important?



FDA Procedures for Standardization of Retail Food Safety Inspection Officers

Updated to the 2022 FDA Food Code

How is Standardization Achieved?

- FDA Procedures Manual
 - Criteria for eligibility
 - Performance areas assessed
 - Methodology
 - Inspection equipment requirements
 - Roles of standard and candidate
 - Standardization maintenance
 - Re-standardization criteria

Table 1: Summary of Evaluation Methods for Each Performance Area

PERFORMANCE AREA	INITIAL STANDARDIZATION ³	RE-STANDARDIZATION ⁴
FOODBORNE ILLNESS RISK FACTORS and FOOD CODE INTERVENTIONS	Joint Inspections	Joint Inspections
GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES	Joint Inspections	Joint Inspections
Application of HACCP Principles	RISK CONTROL PLAN; Process Flow Charts; Verification of existing HACCP Plan; and Orally communicates the Seven Principles of HACCP.	RISK CONTROL PLAN; Process Flow Charts (optional); and Verification of existing HACCP Plan.
Inspection Equipment	Field Observations	Field Observations
Communication	Field Observations	Field Observations
RISK-BASED INSPECTION Methodology	Field Observations	Field Observations



Standardization
Process

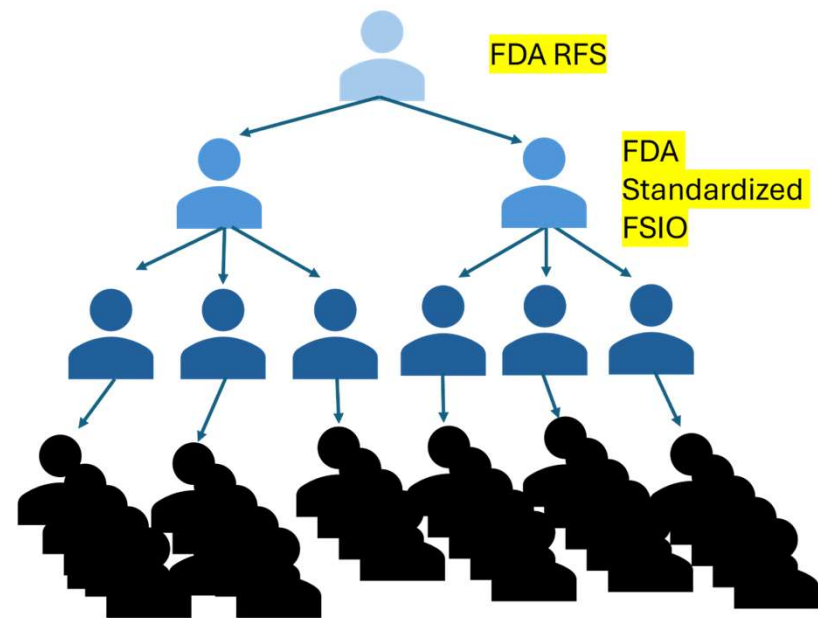
FDA Internal Standardization for RFS

- FDA Standards
 - 2 National Standards: Policy & Implementation
 - 3 Associate Standards: RFS on implementation team
 - Responsible for standardizing and re-standardizing RFS
- Follow requirements in FDA Standardization Manual
- Re-standardize every 3 years

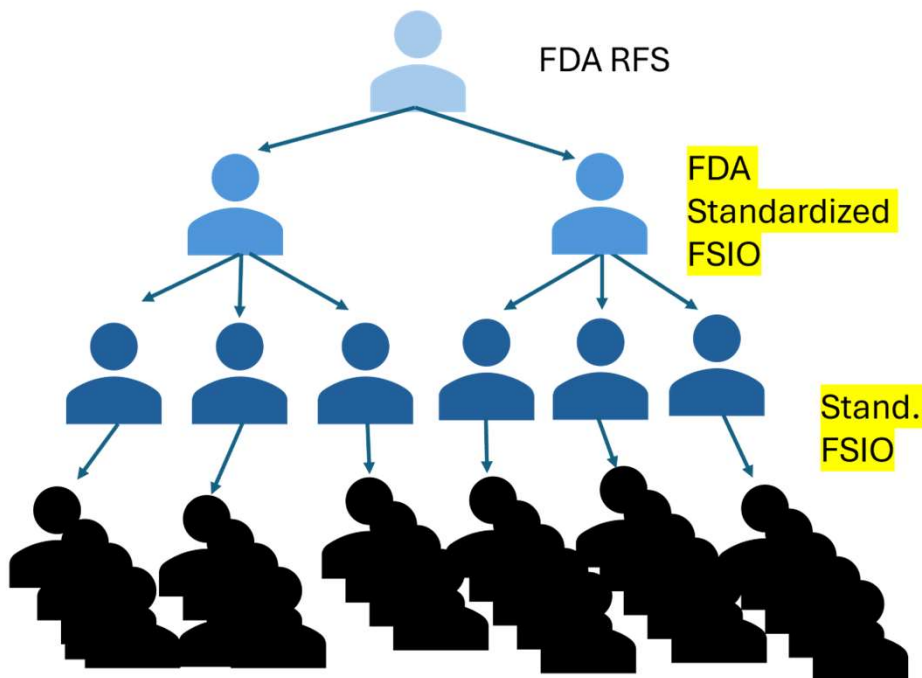


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- FDA RFS standardize ~ 2 FSIOs in each state
- Current Procedures Manual
- Current Food Code
- 8 initial, 6 re-standardization
- Re-standardize every 3 years
- Maintenance requirements
 - Attend FDA Seminars
 - Conduct 5 standardization per year
 - 5 Risk Control Plans/Training per year
 - 20 hrs. continuing education every 36 months



FDA Partner Standardization Programs



- Program Standard #2
 - Similar to FDA standardization
 - May conduct 4 inspections
 - May use own regulations / policies / compliance & enforcement / forms / SOPs
 - May use FDA as standard or other
 - Re-standardization every 3 years
 - If not standardizing others - every 5 years

Thank you

