



# North Carolina Food Safety and Defense Task Force

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Wednesday, January 11, 2023 - 9:30AM (EST)

## Meeting Minutes

### I. Welcome, Introductions, & Membership Engagement- Sarah Cope, Chair

- New attendee introductions
  - Summer Williams. GA Dept. of Agriculture
  - Mathew Brague. Emergency Management
- “Meet me in 3” member introduction
  - Michele Howard, US Food and Drug Administration
- Break out discussion
  - Introduce yourself to the other members of your breakout group. Then discuss your knowledge of the Food Traceability Rule and how you feel it may or may not impact your current role in food safety. Also feel free to discuss any questions, concerns, hesitations, impacts, or results of the Food Traceability Rule.

### II. Minutes Approval

- November 9, 2022 meeting minutes approval
  - Motion: Shane Smith
  - Second: Sean Sliva

### III. Outbreak Update

- Norovirus (oysters) update: as of 12/21 290 cases affecting 8 states reported by CDC; 13 cases across 3 Counties in NC from December 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>; great cross agency work to help with recall of product

### IV. Business

- Committee reports:
  - a. Executive Committee- **Sarah Cope, NCDA&CS**
    - i. No major report
  - b. Food Emergency Response and Communication (FERC)- **Sean Silva, NCDA&CS**
    - i. Lidl: Lidl US has announced a voluntary recall for the 8.4 oz Favorina branded Advent Calendar (Premium Chocolate with a Creamy Filling) due to potential Salmonella contamination
    - ii. World Market: Something South African LLC recalled its Peppercorn Collection Gift Set as the pepper may be contaminated with mold
  - c. Crop/Produce- **Chris Harris, NCDA&CS**
    - i. Continuing to implement the Produce Safety Rule in NC through outreach, education, technical assistance, and regulatory compliance. On March 18, 2023 the FDA has announced that we will be moving from initial educational inspections to initial routine inspections. This means instead of only mentioning significant observations verbally, they will now be written down in addition to being verbally mentioned. Nothing else is changing other than one additional way of communicating the observations written down.

- ii. To learn more, join the NC Fresh Produce Safety Task Force the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 9:00AM in-person in Raleigh or via Zoom. Reach out to Lynette, the Chair of the NC Fresh Produce Safety Task Force for the details.
  - d. Conference Planning Committee 2023- **Lynette Johnston, NCSU**
    - i. Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2023
    - ii. Location: NC A&T Extension and Research Farm Pavilion at 3020 McConnell Rd, Greensboro, NC 27401. Online attendance option will be available.
    - iii. Theme: The Vulnerability Of North Carolina's Food Supply
    - iv. Industry partner to support from Diversey
  - e. Task Force Education and Exercise Committee- **Candice Christian, NCSU**
    - i. March 8, 2023 NCFSDTF Meeting will be held in person at the Steve Troxler Agricultural Sciences Center in Raleigh, NC with a presentation by the NCDA&CS Food and Drug Protection Division
- Other reports:
  - Academic Report:
    - i. Chip Simmons: Dean search still under way, Dr. Rich Bonanno has been named the Vice Provost in addition to the Associate Dean of CALS and Director of NC State Extension; Dr. Ray McKinnie has been named Associate Dean at NC A&T
  - Industry Reports: No reports
  - Agency Reports:
    - i. Shane Smith: New regional for West Team, Christy Whitley, 3 sets of rules for readoption in 2023-Residential Care, Local Confinements, and Camps
- Additional business: None

## V. Speaker

- Food Traceability Rule
  - a. Andrew Kennedy, Independent Food Traceability Consultant
    - i. Andy followed up to a question received during his presentation. The question and answer are documented below:
      1. **Small RFE/Restaurant Exemption:** Would this apply to restaurants owned by a multi-unit restaurant operator that are below the \$250K sales threshold? Or would sales be measured at the corporate level across all restaurants?
      2. The exemption applies to individual establishments, regardless of owner. So, a person who owned multiple locations could have some locations exempt while others not exempt depending on the average annual monetary value of food sold during the previous 3 year period for each location:  
 Unless exempt from the food traceability regulation, individual restaurant franchise locations that receive foods on the Food Traceability List (FTL) will need to comply with the new food traceability recordkeeping requirements, once the compliance date has arrived, because such locations are engaged in the “holding” of FTL foods (as defined in [§ 1.1310](#)). (Section [1.1305\(i\)](#) exempts from the food traceability rule **individual retail food establishments (RFEs) and restaurants with an average annual monetary value of food sold or provided during the previous 3-year period of no more than \$ 250,000 (on a rolling basis), adjusted for inflation using 2020 as the baseline year for calculating the adjustment.**) Generally, records of key data elements (KDEs) for the receipt of foods on the FTL (under [§ 1.1345](#)) would be the records that

non-exempt restaurant franchise locations would be required to keep under the rule. Please note that under [§ 1.1455\(b\)](#) of the final rule, an individual franchise location could have another entity, such as corporate headquarters, establish and maintain the required records on its behalf, though the individual location would be responsible for ensuring that the records could be provided to FDA within 24 hours of a request for review. In any case, we anticipate that most RFEs and restaurants will be able to rely on records they already use to meet many of their requirements under the rule, as permitted under [§ 1.1455\(f\)](#). In addition, almost all of the receiving KDEs that RFEs and restaurants are required to maintain under the rule are KDEs that their suppliers will be required to send them under [§ 1.1340\(b\)](#).

**VI. Adjournment**

- Motion: Shane Smith
- Second: Chip Simmons

**VII. Attendance**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2023</b>
Alexandria Rimmer	
Alexis Welch	
Alice Isley	
Allison Sain	
Alyssa Barkley	
Amanda Osteen	
Amber LaRose	
Andre C. Pierce	
Anna Allen	
Anne Lowry	
Ashley Miles	
Ben Bailey	
Ben Chapman	
Beth Frith	
Betsy Meeks	
Cameron Howell	x
Candice Christian, <b>Executive Committee, Member</b>	x
Carla Catalán Day	
Carla Pressley	
Carolyn Griffin	x
Christopher Harris	x
Chuck Martin	
Courtney Matthews	
Dan Tew	x
Daniel Gaines	x
Danny Thornton	
David Buckley, <b>Executive Committee, Member</b>	
Debbie Hamrick	x
Diane Ducharme	
Donna Wanucha	
Ellen Reynolds	
Felissa Vazquez	
Garry Freeman	
Genevieve Sinclair	

Gordon (Ross) Jackson	
Hannah Byers	
Harold Jernigan	
Hillary Waldroop	x
Holly Haire	
James Ball	
James Thomas Jumalon	x
Jamie Stamey	
Jason Smith	
Jaymin Patel	
Jeff Hawley	
Jeff Suggs	
Jeff Uriate	
Jennifer Hatley	
Jessica Badour	
Jessica Zetlau	
Jimo Ibrahim	
Joan Sims	
JoAnn Pittman	x
Joe Doster	x
John Zeberan	x
Julie Schlegel	x
Jonathan Ruiz Espejo	
Karen Beck, <i>Executive Committee, Member</i>	x
Kate Nicholas	x
Katelynn Rollins	x
Kevin Hardison	
K.P. Sandeep	
Kristine Markulin	x
Larry Michael, <i>Executive Committee, Member</i>	
Lee-Ann Jaykus	
Lindsey Kueffner	
Lisa Benton	
Lisa Halbedl	
Lisa McCoy	
Lisa Morgan	
Lori Jenrette	
Lucy Love	
Lynette Johnston, <i>Executive Committee, Chair</i>	x
Mark A Kenion	
Marvin Lackman	
Mary Yavelak	
Matthew Perkins	
Meg McGuire	
Michele Howard	x
Michelle Bouchey	x
Minoo Mehrotra	x
Miranda Roehrig	
Monica T. Kiker	
Neeti Karmacharya	x
Nicole Arnold	
Nicole Clausen	
Nicole Lee, <i>Executive Committee, Past Chair</i>	x
Nykesse Roberts	
Otto "Chip" D. Simmons, III, <i>Executive Committee, Member</i>	x

Paul Potter	
Peter Sloane	
Rachel McDowell	
Reagan Converse	
Rick Barney	
Roger Mozingo	
Rose Hoban	
Sandra Bridges	
Sandra Saunders	
Sarah Cope, <b>Executive Committee, Chair Elect</b>	<b>x</b>
Stan Biconish	
Sean Silva, <b>Executive Committee, Member</b>	<b>x</b>
Shane Smith, <b>Executive Committee, Member</b>	<b>x</b>
Steve Tracey, <b>Executive Committee, Member</b>	<b>x</b>
Summer Williams	<b>x</b>
Susan M. Thompson	
Tammra Morrison	
Terri Ritter	
Thomas Jumalon	<b>x</b>
Todd Taylor	
Tommy Hyatt	
Traci Stevens	
Valerie Lott	
Veronica Bryant, <b>Executive Committee, Past Chair</b>	<b>x</b>
Warren Richardson	
Wilbur Huggins	

**Other attendees:** Angela Sowers, BiBi Contii, Chandler Olsen, DeET Taylor, Marcella Crook, Matt Brague, Nancy Smith, Ryan Knox, Shleby McClean, Stacy Hartley

**NOTE:** Our next full Task Force meeting is March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Our regular meetings are scheduled for every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the next odd-numbered month. If you have any questions, or would like to join the Executive Committee, please reach out to Sarah Cope, Shane Smith, or Lynette Johnston. The Executive Committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every even-numbered month. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

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