



B12 Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS)

Definition: Introductory knowledge, skills, and abilities related to the concept of a national collaborative and cooperative network of federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial feed and food protection agencies working in concert to protect the U.S. feed and food supply.

Topic Area TLO: Describe how collaborative interrelationships of regulatory agencies promote and protect public health in a global environment.

Topic Area ELOs:

- Discuss the IFSS elements.
- Explain the IFSS.
- Distinguish regulatory roles in a global environment.
- Explain responsibilities and roles that contribute to the IFSS.
- Describe the global food supply system.

Unit 1: Foundations

Definition: Basic knowledge of the IFSS concept, development, and sustainment.

TLO: Discuss the origins, mandates, and drivers of the IFSS.

ELOs:

- Define relevant terminology.
- Discuss the concept of IFSS.
- Discuss the development of the IFSS.
- Explain IFSS sustainability.
- Discuss the relationship between the IFSS and FSMA.
- Describe the IFSS role throughout the global food/feed supply.

TLO Behavioral Anchors - not all-inclusive

- The regulator has a knowledge or awareness of the origin of the IFSS:
 - a. 50 state meetings
 - Food and Feed Associations
 - FSLTT
 - b. PFP
- The regulator has a knowledge or awareness of the IFSS mandate:
 - a. What is FSMA?
 - Briefly describe FSMA
- The regulator has a knowledge or awareness of the IFSS drivers:
 - a. Collaboration to protect public health
 - b. Uniformity
- The regulator can describe the timeline of IFSS development.
- The regulator can give examples of FSMA rules.
- The regulator has knowledge or awareness of the need to increase efficiency by leveraging resources across overlapping jurisdictions:
 - a. Stakeholders
 - b. Examples of collaboration
 - Cooperative agreements / grant, contracts, MOUs
 - Joint work planning
 - o Rapid Response Team
- The regulator knows how the IFSS impacts public health.





Unit 2: Stakeholders

Definition: Government, nongovernment organizations, and industry with vested interest in the IFSS.

TLO: Describe the stakeholders within the IFSS.

ELOs:

- Identify the types of stakeholders.
- Describe how stakeholders influence public policy.
- Discuss roles for each type of stakeholder.
- Describe the relationship between the Partnership for Food Protection (PFP) and the IFSS.
- Identify the associations that comprise the Council of Association Presidents (CAP).
- Match feed/food trade associations within their primary target audience.
- Describe the role of feed/food safety alliances.

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- The regulator has a knowledge or awareness IFSS stakeholders:
 - a. Industry
 - Retail
 - Manufacturing
 - Unprocessed
 - Importers
 - b. Government
 - FSLTT
 - Military
 - c. Laboratories
 - d. Representative groups
 - Alliances
 - Organizations
 - Associations
- The regulator has a knowledge or awareness of additional IFSS stakeholders:
 - a. Consumers
 - Human Food
 - Animal Food
- The regulator can discuss examples and roles of Industry Associations:
 - a. NRA
 - b. GMA
 - c. AFIA
- The regulator can discuss examples and roles of regulatory associations:
 - a. AAFCO
 - b. AFDO
 - c. NEHA
- The regulator can discuss examples and roles of laboratory associations:
 - a. APHL
 - b. Private vs government labs
- The regulator can give examples of collaborative partnerships:
 - a. NCIMS
 - b. ISSC
 - c. FSPCA
 - d. PSA
- The regulator can give examples of international and domestic partnerships.
- The regulator can discuss examples and roles of laboratory and academia:
 - a. Consulting
 - b. Process authorities





	c. Cooperative Extension Services
	d. Develop emerging technology
	e. Research
	The regulator can describe your role as a stakeholder in
	the IFSS.
	The regulator can describe how you interact with other
	stakeholders in the IFSS.
Unit 3: Mutual Reliance	TLO Behavioral Anchors - not all-inclusive
Definition: Government	
agency agreements that	The regulator can define mutual reliance:
support mutual reliance.	a. Sharing of resources
Support mutual reliance.	b. Improved communication
TLO: Discuss how agreements	c. Utilizing partner strengths
support mutual reliance.	The regulator can define agreements:
	a. Contracts
ELOs:	b. Compliance agreements
 Discuss the use of 	c. Cooperative agreements
funding vehicles to	d. MOUs
support mutual	The regulator can explain why mutual reliance is
reliance programs.	important:
 Discuss the 	a. Efficiency
relationship	Increased impact
between formal	Increase work output
agreements and the	b. Improved trust
IFSS.	c. Share inspectional and lab results
Discuss the	Equivalent data
importance of third- party audit	d. Interagency cooperation
party addit programs.	e. Leveraging resources
Describe mutual	Joint work planning
reliance conducted	Joint inspections
under cooperative	The regulator can describe how mutual reliance leads to
programs.	comparability:
	a. Training
	b. Joint exercises
	c. Uniform enforcement of consumer laws
	d. Quality regulatory Systems
	e. Program standards
	The regulator can give examples of different types of
	agreements:
	a. Inter-agency
	b. Industry and agency
	The regulator can discuss how mutual reliance
	agreements support the IFSS.
Unit 4: Program Standards	TLO Behavioral Anchors - not all-inclusive
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- The regulator has a knowledge or awareness of the importance of building a quality management system.
- The regulator has a knowledge or awareness of how the standards may help protect public health.
- The regulator has a knowledge or awareness of the focus on prevention.
- The regulator has a knowledge or awareness of whether your program is enrolled in program standards.
- The regulator can explain increased efficiency and uniformity:
 - a. Building infrastructure
 - b. Mutual reliance
 - c. Consistency between agencies
 - d. Collaboration
- The regulator can explain the importance of a quality management system:
 - a. Continuous improvement
 - b. Known standards
 - c. Focus on prevention
 - d. Legally defensible regulatory system
- The regulator can discuss the impact of standards on the protection of public health:
 - a. Faster incident response time
 - b. Risk based inspections
 - c. Consumer and industry confidence
- The regulator can explain the focus on prevention:
 - a. Benefits of risk-based inspections
 - b. Importance of sampling
 - c. Benefits of uniform program standards (UPS)
 - d. Reduction in foodborne illness