



IFSS Framework – Basic Level Gen Eds **B24 Recalls**

Definition: Introductory knowledge, skills, and abilities related to the process of removing a product from commerce.

Topic Area TLO (Terminal Learning Objective): Describe the recall process in regulatory programs.

Topic Area ELOs (Enabling Learning Objective):

- Explain the recall process.
- Explain why recalls are initiated.
- Determine when to recommend that a recall may be necessary.
- Explain agency roles in recalls.
- Identify components in the recall process.

Unit 1: Foundations

Definition: Basic knowledge of recalls related to regulatory programs.

TLO: Describe the importance of recalls.

ELOs:

- Define key terminology.
- Give examples of what could initiate a recall.
- Explain the differences between recall classifications.
- Describe the importance of interagency and industry collaboration.
- Explain the need for communication with stakeholders.
- Explain agency's plan for removing product from the distributions system.
- Explain firm's plan for removing product from the distribution system.
- Explain the purpose of

- The regulator can discuss how recalls contribute to maintaining human and animal health.
- The regulator can describe the regulator's agency's policies for recalls.
- The regulator can explain the reasons to initiate a recall:
 - a. Enforcement action to keep human and animal food safe
 - b. Remove economic adulteration
- The regulator can explain the impact if the product isn't removed.
- The regulator can explain the reasons for a voluntary recall:
 - a. Process for allowing the producer to take responsibility for not complying with the requirements





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a market withdrawal.
Trace a product
through the supply
chain.

Unit 2: Risk Assessment

Definition: Process to evaluate information for potential health impact of the product if it remains on the market.

TLO: Discuss the importance of risk assessment in product safety assurance.

ELOs:

- Explain the importance of risk assessment to determine if a recall is needed.
- Give examples of triggers that could initiate a recall.
- Explain how the potential severity of the hazard affects risk.
- Explain how probability of exposure affects risk.
- Describe how recall classes I, II, III would affect a recall decision.

TLO Behavioral Anchors - not all-inclusive

- The regulator can name conditions that would initiate a
- The regulator can name conditions that would impact the scope of a recall.

Unit 3: Documentation

Definition: Records needed when conducting a recall.

TLO: Explain the importance of documents needed when conducting a recall.

- The regulator can provide information to aid in decision making:
 - a. To determine the scope of the recall
 - b. To support the risk assessment
- The regulator can conduct recall audit checks:
 - a. Verify unsafe products are off the market.
- The regulator can discuss the role of documentation in validation, tracking, and organization:





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ELOs:

- Identify documents used to track product movement.
- Give examples of documents that should be reviewed.
- Identify the documents that need to be collected.
- Review documents used to determine the scope of the recall.

a. Defensibility

b. Evidence to support a recall

Unit 4: Communications

Definition: Information sharing and messaging strategies between agencies and stakeholders.

TLO: Discuss the role of communication during a recall.

ELOs:

- Describe the importance of interagency and industry communication.
- Explain how communication is coordinated during a recall.
- Identify requirements related to information sharing.
- Describe the roles of regulatory agencies in issuing public communications.
- Explain the importance of sharing lessons learned from recalls.
- Describe media types used to inform stakeholders of a recall.
- Describe the criteria of

- The regulator can describe the communication process with stakeholders while conducting a recall:
 - a. Articulate the chain of command
 - b. Describe agency's jurisdiction
 - c. Describe agency's communication policy
- The regulator can inform stakeholders that there is a recall:
 - a. Recall alerts
 - b. Inform the regulated population of the necessity
 - c. Adapt communication to the stakeholders
 - d. List the steps to take a recall
- The regulator can gather information for a recall:
 - a. Ask the right questions and document
 - b. Active listening
 - c. To maintain a better understanding of the situation
- The regulator can give examples of agency communication policies.
- The regulator can discuss the process of assembling a recall team.
- The regulator can explain regulations to substantiate a recall.





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- the messaging types that are used during a recall.
- Explain the criteria for issuing a public health message during a recall.
- Explain how sensitive communication should be shared with affected stakeholders.
- Explain when sensitive communication would be shared with affected stakeholders.
- Describe the agency internal communication process during a recall.
- Explain how public health recall messaging would affect international distribution.

TLO Behavioral Anchors - not all-inclusive

Definition: The process of removing unsafe products from all points of production, distribution, manufacturing, processing, storage, retail, and consumer ownership.

Unit 5: Recall Process

TLO: Explain how the recall process is used to remove unsafe products.

ELOs:

- Describe how the decision is made to initiate a recall.
- Describe the process of implementing a recall.
- Discuss the importance of notifying the public.
- Describe the process of recall validation.

- The regulator can name the conditions that trigger a
- The regulator can list steps necessary to remove unsafe product from the marketplace.
- The regulator can identify recall information to share with stakeholders.
- The regulator can explain how the scope of the recall impacts complexity.
- The regulator can identify the actions associated with each recall classification.





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- Describe the process of determining if a recall should be initiated.
- Describe the process of how a recall would be conducted.
- Explain the process of how relevant stakeholders are notified of a recall.
- Describe how to verify that a recall has been properly conducted by a firm.

Unit 6: Product Disposition

Definition: Ensuring that unsafe products do not reenter the marketplace.

TLO: Explain the role of product disposition during a recall.

ELOs:

- Explain the importance of product disposition.
- Give examples of reconditioning products.
- Explain when a product needs to be destroyed.
- Describe coordination that may be needed between agencies for product disposition.
- Describe the verification needed to ensure proper product disposition.

- The regulator can define what disposition means.
- The regulator can discuss the methods for holding a product.
- The regulator can define methods of disposition.
- The regulator can discuss the importance of documentation.
- The regulator can explain recall effectiveness checks:
 - a. Trace back trace forward
 - b. Collect evidence for disposition validation
- The regulator can explain how to avoid the reintroduction of unsafe product back into the food chain:
 - a. Identify the product and document storage of the product
 - b. Witness and document destruction of product
 - c. Describe the appropriate security measures