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## **Homeland Security: Protecting the U.S. Food Supply**

### *PDD 63 Overview*

On May 22, 1998, President Clinton ordered the strengthening of the nation's defenses against emerging unconventional threats to the United States to include those involving terrorist acts, weapons of mass destruction, *assaults on our critical infrastructures*, and cyber-based attacks.

### **Presidential Decision Directive 63**

President Bush's February 2003 National Strategy for Physical Protection of Critical Infrastructures & Key Assets

- ◆ Food and Agriculture
- ◆ Water
- ◆ Energy
- ◆ Telecommunications
- ◆ Banking and Finance
- ◆ Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials
- ◆ Defense Industrial Base
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Postal and Shipping
- ◆ National Monuments and Icons

White House Homeland Security Council

- ◆ HSC issues Homeland Security Presidential Directives
- ◆ Interagency Food Working Group

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- ◆ Prevent terrorist attacks within the U.S.
- ◆ Reduce America's vulnerability to terrorism
- ◆ Minimize damage and ensure recovery from attacks that do occur

Homeland Security Advisory System

Threat Conditions

Red – Severe risks of terrorist attacks

Orange – High risk of terrorist attacks

Yellow – Significant risk of terrorist attacks

Blue – General risk of terrorist attacks

Green – Low risk of terrorist attacks

#### FSIS Directives 5420 Series

- ◆ 5420.1 — Homeland Security Threat Condition Response: Food Security Monitoring Procedures
- ◆ 5420.2 — Homeland Security Threat Condition Response: Handling of FSIS Laboratory Samples

#### Operation Liberty Shield

- ◆ Enhanced inspection activity
- ◆ Enhanced surveillance of in-distribution and import facilities
- ◆ Laboratory sampling for threat agents
- ◆ Enhanced surveillance of human illness

#### Tabletop Exercises

- ◆ “Crimson Winter” (January 2003)
- ◆ “Crimson Spring” (TBD)
- ◆ Deputy Secretaries (USDA, HHS, DHS)

#### FSIS Security Guidelines for Food Processors

- ◆ Voluntary
- ◆ Mandatory

#### FSIS Safety and Security Guidelines for the Transportation and Distribution of Meat, Poultry, and Egg Products

- ◆ Issued August 2003
- ◆ Voluntary
- ◆ Small shippers and distributors

#### Surety Points

- ◆ Points at which actions may be taken to ensure the security of the product.
- ◆ May overlap with safety measures.

#### Emergency Preparedness and Response

##### Homeland Security Presidential Directive #5

- ◆ Secretary, DHS is principal Federal official for domestic incident management
- ◆ Enhances the ability of the U.S. to manage domestic incidents by establishing a single, comprehensive, national incident management systems
- ◆ Creates a National Response Plan (NRP)

##### Incident Command System (ICS)

##### Continuity Of Operations (COOP)

“The head of each Federal department and agency shall ensure the continuity of essential functions in any national security emergency by providing for: succession to office and emergency delegation of authority in accordance with applicable law; safekeeping of

essential resources, facilities, and records; and establishment of emergency operating capabilities.” — PDD 67