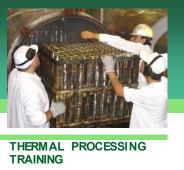


## Module 5. Processing Authorities

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## **Process Authority or Process Expert**

- What does this term mean?
- Who are they?
- What does a process authority do?



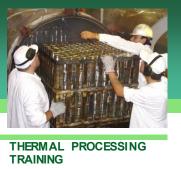




## **Definition of Processing Authority**

- Processing authorities are defined in 9 CFR 431.1
- They include a person or persons:
  - having expert knowledge of thermal process or acidification requirements
  - having access to facilities for making thermal process determinations
  - designated by the processor to perform certain functions





## **Processing Authority**

- A processing authority
  - can be employee of firm
  - can be outside person or organization



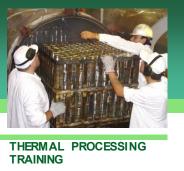


## **Processing Authority**

#### FSIS

- does not publish a list of processing authorities
- recognizes the work, not the person performing the work
- is familiar with individuals and organizations performing this type of work





## **Processing Authority Functions**

- 1. Processing authorities perform temperature distribution tests using detailed protocols.
- Processing authorities do heat penetration tests using detailed protocols, calculate processes, and recommend process schedules
- Processing authorities evaluate process deviations using established protocols and provide product dispositions





### **CSI** and **Process Authority**

- Deal directly with establishment management
- Collect information to answer your questions
- Detailed information can be obtained at the request of FSIS
- Work in cooperation with industry to resolve problems





## **Questions**

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# Questions?



