

GLOSSARY

APPROVED SOURCE: An acceptable supplier to the regulatory authority based on a determination of conformity with principles, practices, and generally recognized standards that protect public health.

CCP: Critical Control Point.

CONTAMINATION: The unintended presence in food of potentially harmful substances, including micro-organisms, chemicals, and physical objects.

CONTROL MEASURE: Any action or activity that can be used to prevent, eliminate, or reduce an identified hazard. Control measures determined to be essential for food safety are applied at critical control points in the flow of food.

CORRECTIVE ACTION: An activity that is taken by a person whenever a critical limit is not met.

CRITICAL CONTROL POINT (CCP): An operational step in a food preparation process at which control can be applied and is essential to prevent or eliminate a hazard or reduce it to an acceptable level.

CRITICAL LIMIT: One or more prescribed parameters that must be met to ensure that a CCP effectively controls a hazard.

CROSS-CONTAMINATION: The transfer of harmful substances or disease-causing micro-organisms to food by hands, food contact surfaces, sponges, cloth towels and utensils that touch raw food, are not cleaned, and then touch ready-to-eat foods. Cross contamination can also occur when raw food touches or drips onto cooked or ready-to-eat foods.

DANGER ZONE: The temperature range above 41°F and below 140°F that favors the growth of pathogenic micro-organisms.

EXCLUDE: To prevent a person from working as a food employee or entering a food establishment except for those areas open to the general public.

FOOD: Raw, cooked, or processed edible substance, ice, beverage, chewing gum or ingredient used or intended for use or for sale in whole or in part for human consumption.

FOOD ESTABLISHMENT: An operation at the retail or food service level, i.e., that serves or offers food directly to the consumer and that, in some cases, includes a production, storage, or distributing operation that supplies the direct-to-consumer operation (satellite kitchens).

FOOD PREPARATION PROCESS: A series of operational steps conducted to produce a food ready to be consumed.

FOODBORNE ILLNESS: A sickness resulting from the consumption of foods or beverages contaminated with disease-causing micro-organisms, chemicals, or other harmful substances.

FOODBORNE OUTBREAK: The occurrence of two or more cases of a similar illness resulting from the ingestion of a common food.

HACCP: Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point.

HACCP PLAN: A written document that is based on the principles of HACCP and describes the procedures to be followed to ensure the control of a specific process or procedure.

HAZARD: A biological, physical, or chemical property that may cause a food to be unsafe for human consumption.

HAZARD ANALYSIS AND CRITICAL CONTROL POINT (HACCP): A prevention-based food safety system that identifies and monitors specific food safety hazards that can adversely affect the safety of food products.

INTERNAL TEMPERATURES: The temperature of the internal portion of a food product.

MEAT: The flesh animals used as food including dressed flesh of cattle, swine, sheep, or goats and other edible animals, except fish, poultry and wild game animals.

MICRO-ORGANISM: A form of life that can be seen only under the microscope; including bacteria, viruses, yeast, and single-celled animals.

MONITORING: The act of observing and making measurements to help determine if critical limits are being met and maintained. * **NSLP:** National School Lunch Program.

OPERATIONAL STEP: An activity or stage in the flow of food through a food establishment, such as receiving, storage, preparation, cooking, etc.

PATHOGEN: A micro-organism (bacteria, parasites, viruses, or fungi) that causes diseases in humans.

PERSONAL HYGIENE: Individual cleanliness and habits.

POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOOD: A food that is natural or synthetic and that requires temperature control because it is capable of supporting:

- the rapid and progressive growth of infectious or toxigenic microorganisms.
- the growth and toxin production of *Clostridium botulinum* or
- in raw eggs, the growth of *Salmonella enteritidis*; and Includes foods of animal origin that are raw or heat-treated; foods of plant origin that are heat treated or consists of raw sprouts, cut melons, and garlic in oil mixtures that are not acidified or otherwise modified at a processing plant in a way that results in mixtures that do not support growth of pathogenic micro-organisms as described above.

PROCESS APPROACH: A method of categorizing food operations into one of three categories:

- Process 1: Food preparation with no cook step, wherein ready-to-eat food is received, stored, prepared, held and served;
- Process 2: Food preparation for same day service wherein food is received, stored, prepared, cooked, held and served; or
- Process 3: Complex food preparation wherein food is received, stored, prepared, cooked, cooled, reheated, hot held, and served.

RECORD: A documentation of monitoring observations and verification activities.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY: A Federal, State, local, or tribal enforcement body or authorized representative having jurisdiction over the food establishment.

RESTRICT: To limit the activities of a food employee so that there is no risk of transmitting a disease that is transmissible through food and the food employee does not work with exposed food, clean equipment, utensils, linens, and unwrapped single-service or single-use articles.

RISK: An estimate of the likely occurrence of a hazard.

RISK FACTOR: One of the factors identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as contributors to the foodborne outbreaks that have been investigated and confirmed. The factors are unsafe sources, inadequate cooking, improper holding, contaminated equipment, and poor personal hygiene.

* **SFA:** School Food Authority

SEVERITY: The seriousness of the effect(s) of a hazard.

SOP: Standard Operating Procedure.

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) –A written method of controlling a practice in accordance with predetermined specifications to obtain a desired outcome.

TEMPERATURE MEASURING DEVICE –A thermometer, thermocouple, thermistor, or other device for measuring the temperature of food, air, or water.