

## 2014 MFRPS-ISO Sampling Initiative Protocols

Regarding the MFRPS-ISO sampling agreement/plan, the following items are acceptable for inclusion into the State sampling agreements/plans.

- Manufactured Foods under the purview of FDA.
- Manufactured Foods under the purview of State Inspection – if also under FDA jurisdiction.
- Environmental Samples of Manufactured Food (MF) production/storage and transport facilities.
- Routine Manufactured Food samples
- Seafood samples
- Processed Shellfish
- Bottled Water only (not municipal water) may be sampled for some analysis.
- Non-routine Manufactured Food Samples planned for and collected during alleged illness investigations and complaints.
- Produce, if it is washed and processed (cut, sliced, cored or manipulated in any manner from its fresh state) is acceptable. *Fresh whole produce may also be included in this initiative, if sampled for pesticides or, in conjunction with an FDA sampling assignment, or in association with a foodborne outbreak.*

The following areas are not suitable or covered under this State MFRPS-ISO sampling agreement.

- Grade A Dairy products (Milk). Grade A products are covered under the Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) program.
- Food produced in a retail setting, unless as part of a national sampling assignment, or in conjunction with a foodborne outbreak.

- Environmental Samples from retail settings, unless associated an illness or complaint, which may include a manufactured food.
- Municipal Water (that is covered under EPA purview). Only Bottled water from water bottling manufacturing firms would be acceptable for some analysis.
- USDA regulated products
- Foods intended for animals
- Raw shellfish (oysters, clams, mussels and scallops covered under the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP). However, processed shellfish products, i.e. breaded oysters, oysters in soup, or heat-treated, (manufactured food products and no longer a National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) product could be sampled under this initiative. The key here is manufactured food products are included whereas products covered under the NSSP program are not covered in this initiative.

Types of sample analysis acceptable for inclusion in the MFRPS-ISO, but not limited to include:

- Chemical
- Pesticides
- Biological
- Physical (foreign matter)-filth
- Allergens
- Metals
- Toxins
- Contaminants
- Specie Substitution/confirmation
- Confirmation of product identity - example (Honey).

*\*Exceptions to these guidelines may be requested by the State program (Food and Lab jointly) and reviewed by FDA.*