



Specific vs. Generic Program Standards

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Presentation Objectives

- **Provide overview of generic standards concept**
- **Highlight current national program standards infrastructures and management**
- **Conduct interactive opportunity to solicit input and feedback**
- **Discuss initiative for moving forward with concept**

Generic Standard Concept

- **A Generic Standard can be defined as a standard whose requirements are generic and are intended to be applicable to all organizations, regardless of type, size and product and/or service provided.**
- **ISO 9001 is an example of a generic standard**



- **Over a million production and service organizations worldwide are registered to ISO 9001.**
- **The Generic Standard Concept is not ISO 9001. It is a program standard concept that may have application within regulatory programs, such as retail, feed, food or other future programs.**

- **If over a million production and service organizations worldwide can use one standard, can one national regulatory program standard be developed that fits all?**



Advantages of a Generic Program Standard

- **Less prescriptive.**
- **Leaves more to the end user to judge its own needs.**
- **Provides much more flexibility for end user to use its strengths to accomplish requirements of a standard and to achieve continual improvement for their organizations.**

(IT systems along with other resources)

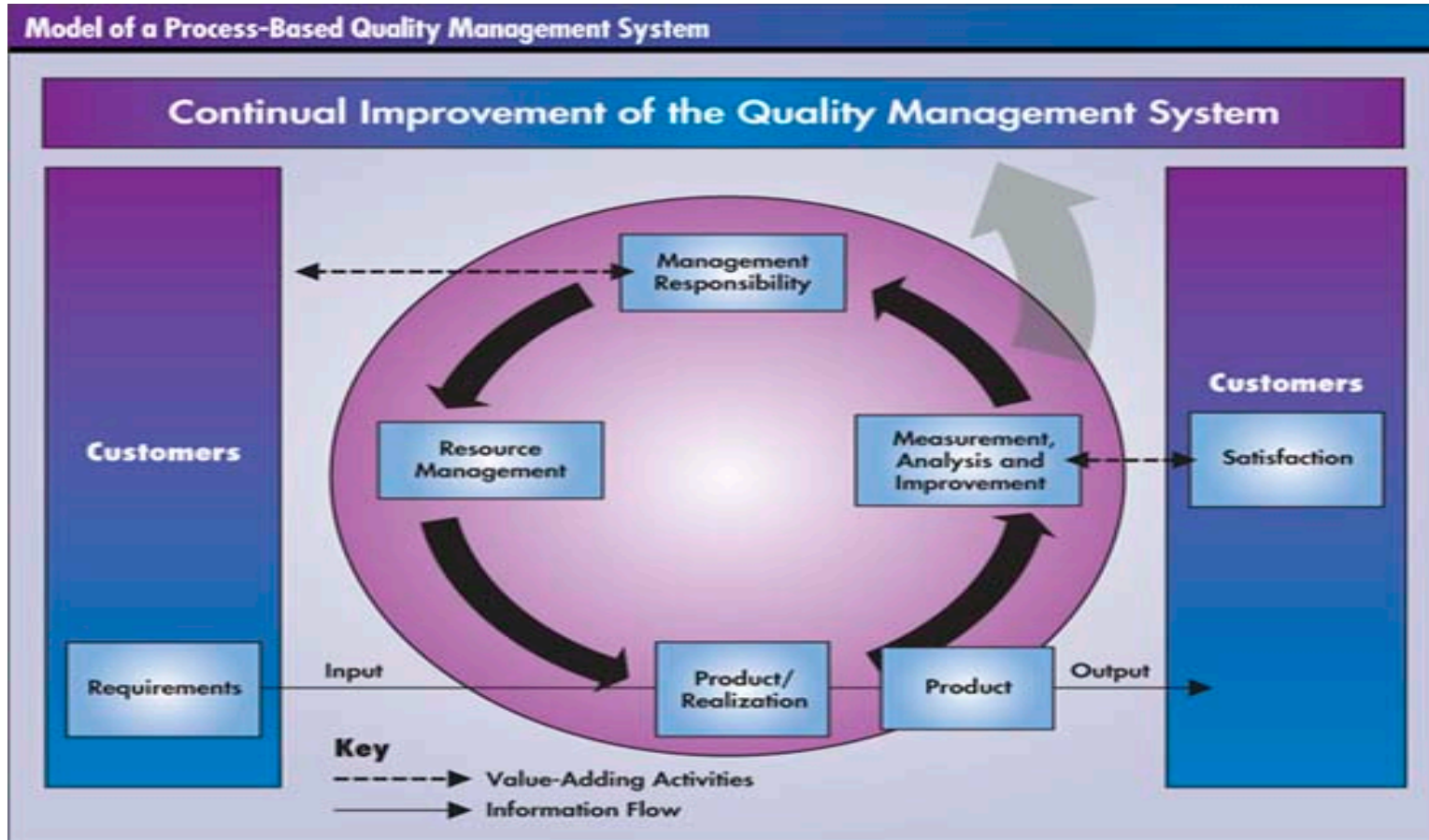
Advantages of a Generic Program Standard (cont.)

- **Minimizes inconsistencies between multiple program standards.**
- **User enrolled in multiple program standards may now have one system based on one set of requirements.**
- **Design of standard can support a process approach that promotes continuous improvement.**

Possible Disadvantages of a Generic Program Standard

- **Consistency**
- **“Bare bones” requirements that may need to be supplemented. (Addendum)**

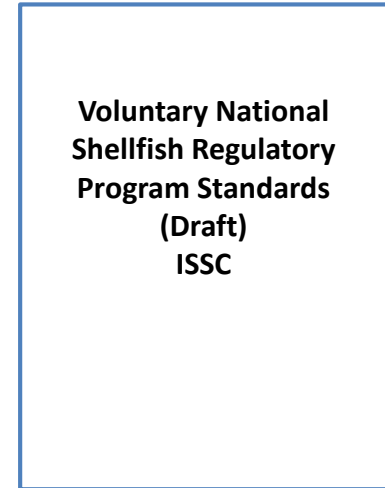
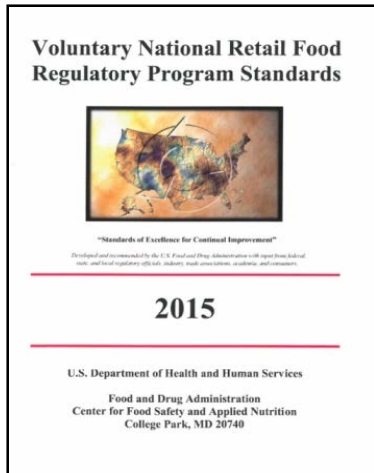
Process Approach for Continual Improvement



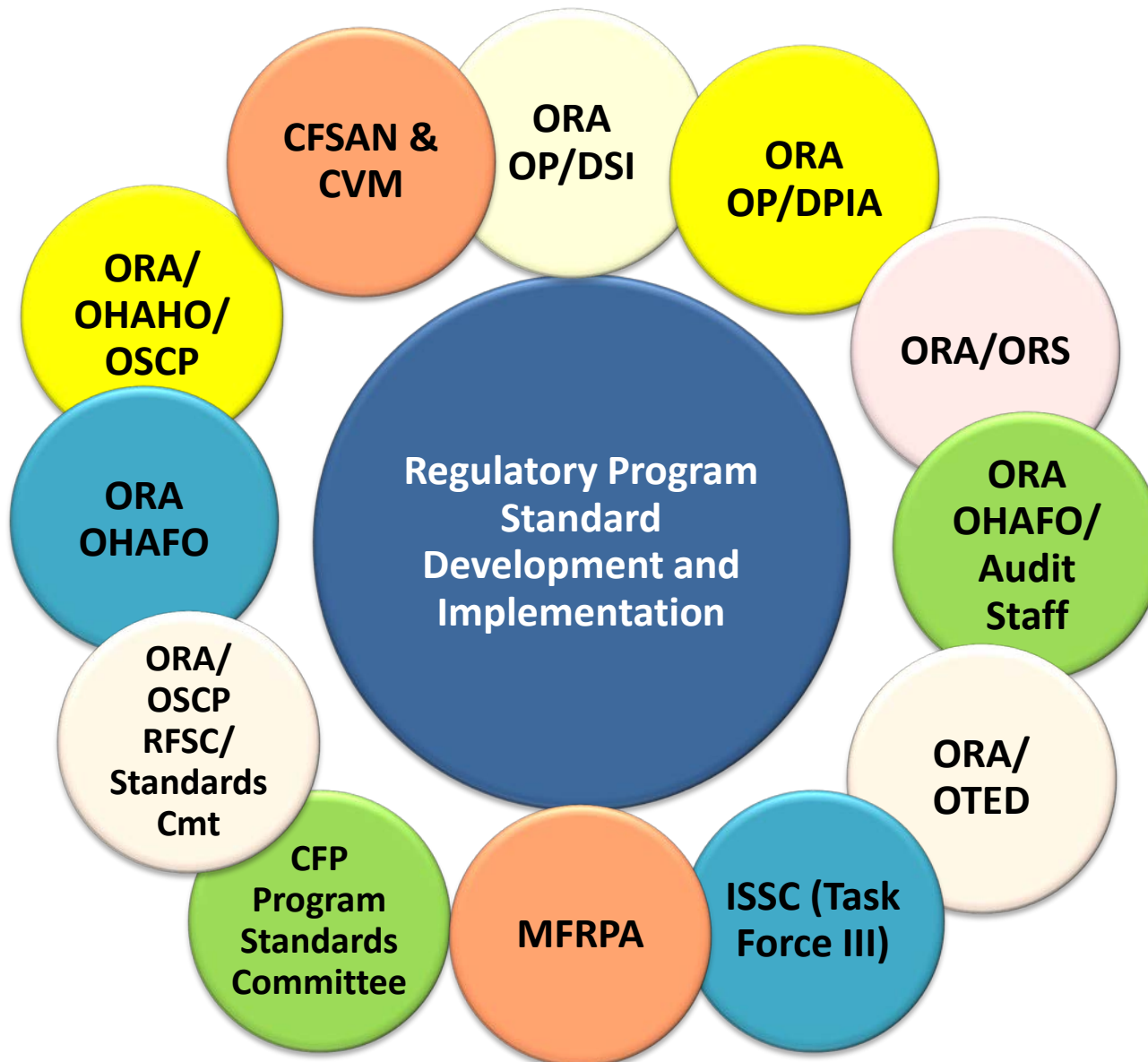
Some Features of a Generic Program Standard

- All standards may be included.
- Less prescriptive – provides flexibility.
- Process approach written includes Management Review and CAPA programs.
- Does not include Strategic Improvement Plans, prescriptive requirements, or appendices.

Current Management of National Program Standards



Involving Regulatory Program Standards Stakeholders

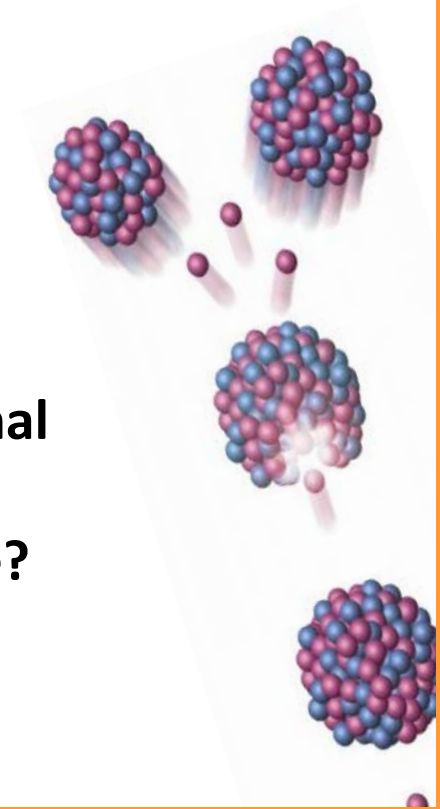


Enrolled Jurisdictions

- **MFRPS: 42 state agencies**
 - 35 dual enrolled in VNRFRPS, 10 dual enrolled in AFRPS, 7 states enrolled in MFRPS/AFRPS/VNRFRPS
- **AFRPS: 22 state agencies**
 - 10 dual enrolled in MFRPS
- **VNRFRPS: 825 agency**
 - 61 states, 5 territories, 482 county, 116 cities, 60 towns, 11 tribal, 9 universities, 1 park, 3 federal agencies (as of 12/31/2017)
 - 35 state are dual enrolled in the MFRPS
- **FDA Districts (Future)?**

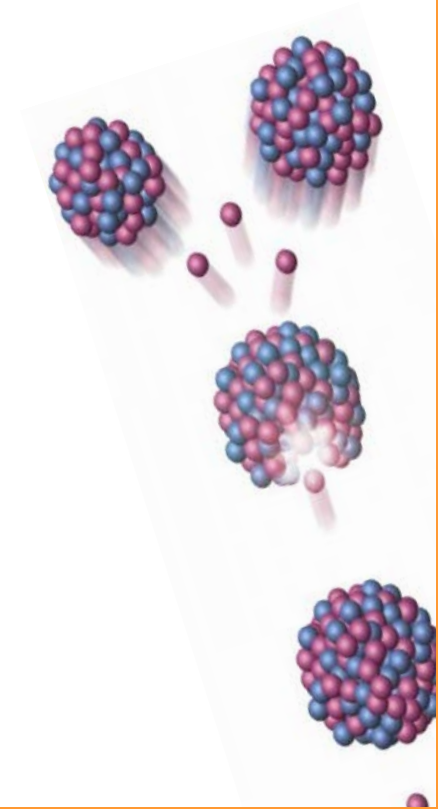
Soliciting Feedback and Input

- **What are the desired goals and reliance on Integrated Food Safety Systems (all stakeholders)?**
 - Recognition and mutual reliance
 - Information exchange
 - Leveraging resources
 - Reducing and preventing foodborne illness
 - Promoting national uniformity
- **Diversity of regulatory programs and operational structures/jurisdictions?**
- **Administrative change vs. public health change?**
- **Harmonization of program standards?**
- **Training and training resources?**



Soliciting Feedback and Input (cont.)

- **Integration or reference of other programs and best practices?**
 - Rapid Response Teams (RRTs)
 - CIFOR
 - Partnership for Food Protection (PFP)
- **Existing governing bodies, e.g.,**
 - Conference for Food Protection (CFP)
 - MFRP Alliance
 - AFRPS Leadership Council
 - Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference (ISSC)
- **Deliverables and assessments?**
- **Future federal investments and?**
- **Return on Investments?**



Next Steps

- **Project/Initiative: Moving to an ISO Standard Framework.**
- **Objective: Socialization/consensus on an ISO-type standards framework among internal and external stakeholders.**
- **Stakeholders: OHAFO/AS, CFSAN Retail, CFSAN (others), OSCP, ORS, OP, OTED, CVM, MFRPA. Others?**

Questions



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