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## **Interagency Risk Assessment Consortium: CY24 Action Plan** **(draft dated December 22, 2023)**

The Interagency Risk Assessment Consortium (IRAC), established in response to Executive Order 13100 and re-chartered<sup>1</sup> in 2011, is a network of federal agencies with responsibilities and interests in the conduct and use of food safety risk assessment. IRAC provides a forum to support cross-agency information exchange and sharing of data, tools, and models to facilitate efficient use of federal resources and drive innovation in food safety risk assessment.

IRAC's CY24 action plan seeks to enhance communication and coordination among IRAC member agencies. The IRAC Technical Committee meets quarterly and the IRAC Policy Council meets up to twice a year. Planned themes for the Technical Committee meetings in CY24 include:

- Use of Risk-based Food Safety “Standards” Across the US Government
- Advancing Data Analytics
- Disease Outcome Modeling
- Risk Assessment And One Health

IRAC Technical Committee quarterly meeting presentations will cover themes of interest to IRAC agencies, as established during the winter meeting of the previous calendar year. During the Technical Committee meetings, each IRAC member agency provides updates of activities of interest to IRAC including, but not limited to: risk assessments, methods, data analysis, tool development, and research. Presentations by IRAC member agency representatives or by special guests related to the established theme (in addition to other topics of interest) provide opportunities for in-depth discussion of activities. The IRAC Technical Committee chair also distributes through email items of interest to IRAC members. IRAC also serves as a resource for food safety risk assessment technical review by providing technical feedback on draft risk assessments developed by member agencies, as requested. Additionally, in CY24, IRAC will form a workgroup to consider options and approaches to risk model validation and credibility.

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<sup>1</sup> 2011 IRAC Charter available at: <http://foodrisk.org/irac/charter>