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This presentation provides an overview of our organization as a directorate within the Health Products and Food Branch at Health Canada. In 15 minutes or less you will be given a look at our responsibilities, challenges and new initiatives linked to product quality. Our primary role is to deliver a national compliance monitoring and enforcement program for all products under the mandate of the Health Products and Food Branch (except food) while supporting: the risk management approach to decision-making; and the vision of a comprehensive regulatory strategy across all product classes.

Our authority stems from the Food and Drugs Act and a wide array of associated regulations. Our responsibilities are supported by four core functions: Inspections; compliance verification; establishment licensing and laboratory analysis. We have two analytical laboratories; one in Longueuil and one in Toronto. Both of which have been accredited to the ISO 17025 standard and both participate with the USP in the collaboration on evaluation of Reference Standard Candidates.

While we are involved in numerous activities around the world, three of our key initiatives this year are: our anti-counterfeit strategy; our border integrity program and our drug inspection program review. All three are linked to each other through their links back to product quality and the therapeutic products' supply chains. Ensuring the safety of products and protecting public health are what we do everyday at the Inspectorate.

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