

State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 38

REESTABLISHING THE FOOD SAFETY AND DEFENSE TASK FORCE

By the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED:**

Section 1. Establishment

The North Carolina Food Safety and Defense Task Force is hereby established.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of the Food Safety and Defense Task Force (hereinafter the "Task Force") is to coordinate interagency and public-private efforts to enhance protection of the State's food supply system and its agricultural industry.

Section 3. Membership

Task Force members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Governor shall appoint members to the Task Force as follows:

- a. The Commissioner of Agriculture, or designee;
- b. The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, or designee;
- c. The Secretary of Health and Human Services, or designee;
- d. The Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, or designee;
- e. Representatives of the University of North Carolina System; and
- f. Representatives of other government agencies, private industry, and other public members invited to participate by the Governor.

The Commissioner of Agriculture, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources shall serve as co-chairs of the Task Force.

Section 4. Duties

The Task Force shall have the following duties:

- a. Partner with state and federal agencies to conduct focused studies of the vulnerability of the State's food system to criminal and terrorist acts and make recommendations regarding the following issues:

1. improving safety and defense of the food supply system,
 2. reducing terrorism threat measures,
 3. improving food safety and defense mitigation and response plans, and
 4. implementing or coordinating training for key stakeholders in the State's food supply system.
- b. Recommend legislation needed to improve the ability of State departments and agencies to protect the safety and defense of the State's food supply and the agricultural industry base, including legislation to protect sensitive and proprietary information of the State's food supply system, safety and defense vulnerability information, and defense plans that, if compromised, would heighten the exposure of the State's food supply system to criminal or terrorist acts.
- c. Recommend budget, staffing, and resource adjustments necessary to improve the capability of State departments and agencies to protect the safety and defense of the State's food supply system and agricultural industrial base.
- d. Prepare an annual report no later than December 15th each year that includes any recommendations or proposals for changes in laws, rules, and programs that the Task Force determines to be appropriate to enhance food safety and defense in the State.

Section 5. Administration

The Office of State Budget and Management shall assist the Task Force in its efforts to obtain State and Federal funding necessary to carry out its duties.

Section 6. Effect and Duration

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately. It shall remain in effect until December 14, 2013, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 147-16.2, or until rescinded. All other executive orders or portions of executive orders inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded. This order specifically replaces Executive Order No. 89, dated September 12, 2005, and Executive Order No. 126, dated September 7, 2007.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this fifteenth day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.



Beverly Eaves Perdue
Governor

ATTEST:

Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State