Role and Activities of the Food Research Division

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The Food Research Division of the Bureau of Chemical Safety conducts a range of research activities including the identification, determination, distribution, and ascertain sources of, and effects of processing on, potentially hazardous chemicals in the food supply.

Major activities of the Division are the development of analytical methods for such chemicals, the conduct of surveys to determine the levels and extent of contamination of food; as well as National Surveys to determine human exposure to these chemicals. The main National Surveys include the Total Diet Study, and the Human Milk Survey.

The Division's programs are conducted in close collaboration with the Chemical Health Hazard Assessment Division, Health Products and Food Branch Regional Food Laboratories, the Toxicology Research Division, as well as the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.