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Profile

Phyllis Marquitz is the Assistant Regional Director for Latin America, stationed in Mexico City. Prior to joining FDA's Latin America Office, she served as Assistant Director for Foods in the Middle East and North Africa Office at the FDA Office of International Programs. Ms. Marquitz has also worked as part of the International Affairs Staff at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) in the Office of the Center Director. During her time at CFSAN, she worked on food, nutrition, and cosmetic related international issues, such as commodity agreements, export certificates, and food safety capacity building. She has also worked closely with several Codex Alimentarius delegations on topic areas that include contaminants in foods and antimicrobial resistance. Prior to her work at CFSAN, Phyllis served as director of food policy at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and acting director of the Penn State Agricultural Law Center where her portfolios included food safety and nutrition standards, lectures on agricultural land use and agribusiness, promotion of U.S. agricultural products in the global market, food labeling and many other areas where food and agriculture policy intersect with science-based decision making.

Phyllis has a Juris Doctor from the Pennsylvania State University's Dickinson School of Law where she obtained a Certificate in International, Comparative and Foreign Law. She has an M.S. in Health Science from James Madison University and is a registered dietitian.