

# Challenges – A Year in the Making

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ONADE & OMUMS  
2020



**U.S. FOOD & DRUG**  
ADMINISTRATION

**Center for  
Veterinary  
Medicine**

*Protecting Human  
and Animal Health*

# Who are we?

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# A little background

Just to refresh your memory about what our Offices do



# FDA CVM Responsibilities

## ONADE

- Investigational New Animal Drugs (INADs)
- Conditional Approval
- Drug Approval

## OMUMS

- Incentives
  - User Fee Waivers
  - Designation
- Indexing
- Minor Use Animal Drug Program (USDA)

# What we heard from you last year

- **There are problems with drug approval:**
  - **It is expensive**
  - **It takes too long**
  - **Once the drug *is* approved, companies raise the price**
- **Species grouping needs to be better defined**
- **More things (brood stock, baitfish) should qualify for indexing**

# Since then...?





# ONADE



- Division Director Selections
- Processes related to Approval
- Other Noteworthy GFI Publications
- Aquaculture Strategic Plan
- “Quarterly” Communication

# Division Director Selections

- **Dr. Crystal Groesbeck**  
selected as the  
**Director, Division of  
Therapeutic Drugs for  
Food Animals**



- **Ms. Laura Stets**  
selected as the  
**Director, Division of  
Scientific Support**



# Processes Related to Approval

- Four draft GFIs published on July 15<sup>th</sup> that incorporate alternative approaches in clinical investigations for new animal drugs
  - Public meeting held in July 2019
- CMC (manufacturing)
  - FDA vs. EPA requirements

# Processes Related to Approval continued

- Discussions related to INAD Database
  - Supporting approval of AQ drugs
- ONADE working with OMUMS on Indexing



# Other Noteworthy GFI Publications

- **Draft GFI #262** – Pre-submission Consultation Process for Animal Food Additive Petitions or Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) Notices
- **Revised Draft GFI #256** – Compounding Animal Drugs from Bulk Drug Substances



# Aquaculture Strategic Plan



- **Developing an AQ Strategic Plan to highlight and prioritize CVM's AQ activities**
- **Still in early development**
- **Cross-Center involvement (ONADE, OSC, OR)**

# Aquaculture Strategic Plan continued



- Topics being discussed for possible inclusion:
  - Priority AQ drugs
  - Collaboration with external partners for gathering of data to further AQ drug approvals
  - Additional discussions on topics like model species and species grouping

# “Quarterly” Communication



- Started at last year’s AADAP conference with meeting between CVM and Stakeholders
  - Discussed challenges to approval process and stakeholder priorities
- Virtual stakeholder meeting in December 2019 between CVM and ADAC



# **“Quarterly” Communication continued**

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting yesterday on July 27 at ADAC meeting**
- **Would like to continue to discuss how to build these meetings so that they work for all involved.**
  - **Frequency of occurrence**
  - **Agenda driven and solution based**

# OMUMS

- ❖ **Designation** of MUMS drugs
- ❖ Administer **grants** for Designated projects
- ❖ **Indexing**
- ❖ **Conditional Approval** (eligibility)
- ❖ **Minor Use determinations**  
(User fee waivers)
- ❖ **Liaison** to other government programs (USDA MUADP)
- ❖ **Stakeholder outreach**

# Designated Drugs for Aquaculture

- Of 154 designated drugs – 99 are for aquaculture
- Over 3 million dollars in grants for studies
- Conditional approval for Aquaflor (2007) for columnaris in catfish - led to full approval (2012)
- **14 designated aquaculture drug claims approved**

# MUADP Status

## Projects:

- **Erythromycin for Bacterial Kidney Disease** in freshwater reared salmonids has had some delays, but the MUADP is still actively completing requirements
- **SrCI for skeletal marking of Pacific salmon fry** still in progress
- Working with research partners and USDA to completely redesign program and secure stable funding

# Status of Guidance For Industry #61



**NOT!**

# Rejoice!





# Draft GFI #61 Published

- Published on July 15
- Comment period closes November 12
- **PLEASE SEND US YOUR THOUGHTS**
- What is different?
- How is it organized?



# What's in it?

- This draft replaces GFI #61 that was published in 1999
- Contains information about MUMS incentive programs – mainly from the Minor Use & Minor Species Animal Health Act of 2004 (MUMS Act)
- Includes information about the FDA approval process in general, and how it applies to MUMS products - including any special considerations (especially for aquaculture)

# Organization of GFI #61

## The 1999 version –

### *FDA Approval of New Animal Drugs for Minor Uses and for Minor Species –*

#### 5 main sections –

- Minor use in a major species
- avian
- ruminants
- rabbits
- aquatic species

A lot of redundant information

## The 2020 Draft –

### *Special Considerations, Incentives, and Programs to Support the Approval of New Animal Drugs for Minor Uses and for Minor Species*

- Now unified
- Chronological
- Describes all MUMS incentives *and* the drug approval process

# Sections about MUMS Incentives

- **III – The MUMS Act**
- **IV – Early considerations**
- **V – User Fees & Minor Use Determinations**
- **IX – MUMS Designation**
- **XXI – Other Incentives – Short descriptions of: Conditional Approval, the Index of Legally-marketed Unapproved New Animal Drugs for Minor Species, and the Office of MUMS**

# Plea

- **Links to the document and to our descriptive presentations can be found at:**  
<https://www.fda.gov/animal-veterinary/cvm-updates/fda-issues-revised-draft-guidance-assist-sponsors-animal-drugs-minor-uses-and-minor-species>
- **Please send comments and questions to help us make this the best and most helpful guidance possible**
- **Directions for electronic and for written comments are in the announcement**

# Where do we stand now?



We can do it!



# What do we need from you?

**Tell us your needs for new drugs**

**Need to work with manufacturers**

**Possibly can coordinate with other countries**

**Educate us about your industries –**

**Lectures about the economics of the industry**

**Survey re: broodstock**

**Contacts with baitfish industry**

**What else should we know?**

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# Questions?

