

**FDA Staff Manual Guides, Volume I – Organizations and Functions**

**Food and Drug Administration**

**Office of Foods and Veterinary Medicine**

**Center for Veterinary Medicine**

**Office of Surveillance and Compliance**

**Division of Animal Feeds**

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**1. Division of Animal Feeds (DCGDB).**

- A. Conducts scientific review of food additive petitions, generally recognized as safe (GRAS) notices and affirmations, and investigational food additive applications including data on animal and human safety, utility, manufacturing, and labeling.
- B. Evaluates the safety of complete animal foods, animal food supplements, and food ingredients for animals, and provides risk assessments on hazardous contaminants in animal foods to ensure animal and human food safety.
- C. Evaluates safety data, manufacturing and use information, and labeling for complete animal foods and for non-drug substances added to animal foods to determine their legal status and compliance with laws and regulations.
- D. Provides technical and scientific expertise to the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) including evaluation of new feed ingredients and review of current feed ingredient definitions in the AAFCO Official Publication.
- E. Coordinates animal food regulatory activities with State feed control offices through participation in the activities of AAFCO committees and task forces as well as the AAFCO Board of Directors.
- F. Coordinates scientific reviews and develops policy recommendations for animal food issues (e.g., contaminants, bioengineered microorganisms, and unapproved ingredients).
- G. Evaluates Biotechnology Plant Consultations (BNF) for adequacy of composition and safety data in collaboration with the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN).
- H. Develops policy recommendations on animal food issues involving bioengineered plants and participates with CFSAN in developing policy recommendations on general issues involving bioengineered plants with other Centers and Offices within FDA, as well as other Federal agencies and international organizations.

- I. Approves feed mill licenses after being assured that the licensee can manufacture and label medicated feed in compliance with agency regulations.
- J. Maintains inventory of distributors of veterinary feed directive drugs.
- K. Ensures that licensed facilities comply with the medicated feed license regulations by evaluating the results of an inspectional compliance program for these facilities
- L. Provides consulting reviews to the Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation for medicated feed labels, including medicated pet food labels.
- M. Develops, monitors, evaluates, provides reports from, and provides training for regulatory requirements on Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) Compliance Programs or Field Assignments for medicated feeds, Type A medicated articles, and animal food contaminants (e.g., BSE, microbial pathogens, mycotoxins, pesticides, heavy metals, and industrial chemicals).
- N. Provides scientific support for regulatory actions for animal foods and medicated animal feeds.
- O. Recommends and participates in intramural and extramural research projects conducted or coordinated by the Office of Research to gain further information on contaminants, drugs, and food additives.

## **2. Authority and Effective Date**

The functional statements for the Division of Animal Feeds were approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and effective on December 14, 2018.

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The following is the Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, Center for Veterinary Medicine, Office of Surveillance and Compliance, Division of Animal Feeds organization structure depicting all the organizational structures reporting to the Division of Animal Feeds:

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