

FDA Staff Manual Guides, Volume I – Organizations and Functions

Department of Health and Human Services

Food and Drug Administration

Center for Veterinary Medicine

Office of Surveillance and Compliance

Division of Animal Food Ingredients

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1. Division of Animal Food Ingredients (DCGDB).

- A. Conducts scientific review of food additive petitions, generally recognized as safe (GRAS) notices, and investigational food additive applications including data on animal and human safety, utility, manufacturing, and labeling.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.
- D. Coordinates scientific reviews and develops policy recommendations for animal food issues (e.g., pet food, bioengineered microorganisms, and unapproved ingredients).
- E. Evaluates Biotechnology Plant Consultations for adequacy of composition and safety data in collaboration with the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN).
- F. 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.
- G. Provides scientific support for regulatory actions for animal foods.
- H. Recommends and participates in intramural and extramural research projects conducted or coordinated by the Office of Applied Science to gain further information on food additives and potential hazards in animal food.

2. Program and Business Management Branch (DCGDB1).

- A. Provides administrative review and coordination for food additive petitions, generally recognized as safe notices, and investigational food additive files.
- B. Coordinates improvement of Information Technology processes, information management systems, and quality management systems for the Division.
- C. Provides project management expertise to Division and Office-wide projects.

3. Biotechnology Branch (DCGDB2).

- A. Provides scientific assessments of new animal food ingredients and new uses of existing ingredients in regulatory submissions, including food additive petitions, generally recognized as safe notices, investigational food additive applications, and Association of American Feed Control Officials feed ingredient definition applications.
- B. Review safety and utility of enzymes, viable microorganisms, and other microorganism-based animal food ingredients.
- C. Evaluates biotechnology plant consultations for adequacy of composition and safety data in collaboration with the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.
- D. Reviews biotechnology-based animal food ingredient labeling for compliance with federal regulations.

4. Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls and Technical Additives Branch (DCGDB3).

- A. Provides scientific assessments of new animal food ingredients and new uses of existing ingredients in regulatory submissions, including food additive petitions, generally recognized as safe notices, investigational food additive applications, and Association of American Feed Control Officials feed ingredient definition applications.
- B. Recommends and participates in intramural and extramural research projects conducted or coordinated by the Office of Research to gain further information on food additives and potential hazards in animal food.
- C. Review chemistry, manufacturing, and controls information for animal food ingredients.
- D. Review safety and utility of technical additives for use in animal food.

5. Nutrients Claims Branch (DCGDB4).

- A. Provides scientific assessments of new animal food ingredients and new uses of existing ingredients in regulatory submissions, including food additive petitions, generally recognized as safe notices, investigational food additive applications,

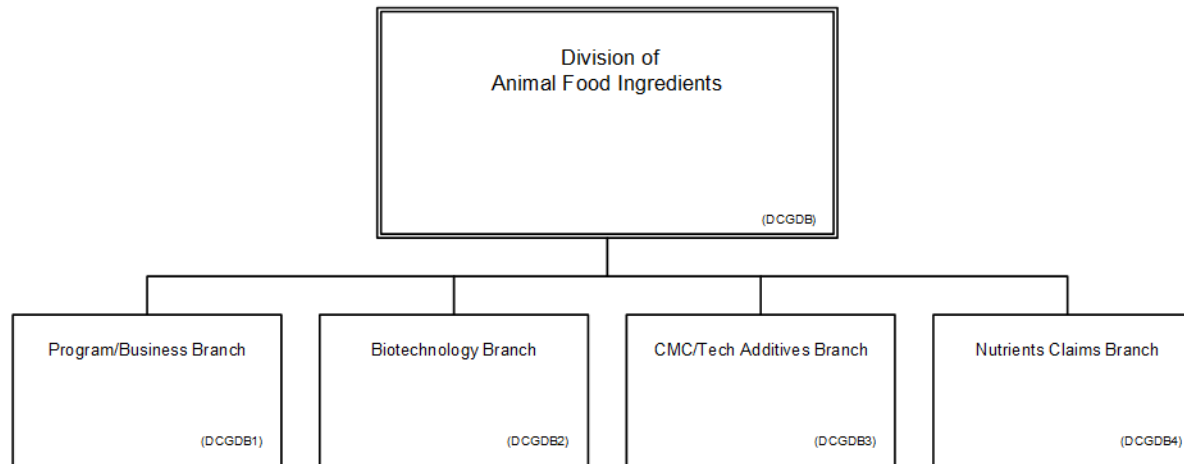
and Association of American Feed Control Officials feed ingredient definition applications.

- B. Review safety and utility of substances intended to serve nutritional purposes in animal food.
- C. Reviews livestock and pet food labeling for compliance with federal regulations.

6. Authority and Effective Date.

The functional statements for the Division of Animal Food Ingredients were approved by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs on August 11, 2022, and effective on September 30, 2022.

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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 Food Ingredients organization structure depicting all the organizational structures reporting to the Director of Animal Food Ingredients:

Division of Animal Food Ingredients (DCGDB)

Program and Business Management Branch (DCGDB1)

Biotechnology Branch (DCGDB2)

Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls and Technical Additives Branch
(DCGDB3)

Nutrients Claims Branch (DCGDB4)