

FDA Staff Manual Guides, Volume I – Organizations and Functions

Department of Health and Human Services

Food and Drug Administration

Human Foods Program

Nutrition Center of Excellence

Office of Nutrition and Food Labeling

Division of Nutrition Labeling, Science and Claims

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1. Division of Nutrition Labeling, Science and Claims (DCRLAB).

- A. Develops regulations and policy related to nutrition labeling (e.g., Nutrition Facts label, front-of-package labeling, nutrient content claims), including label claims related to dietary guidance and health pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act).
- B. Reviews, assesses, and integrates scientific, technical, and regulatory information related to nutrition and health to support decisions and the development of policy and regulations for nutrition labeling (e.g., actions related to the Nutrition Facts label, nutrient and health claims, citizen petition requests, and other nutrition labeling requests).
- C. Provides expert advice and technical assistance to internal and external stakeholders on nutrition science and nutrition labeling policy, and coordinates with other domestic and international government agencies and scientific bodies on efforts related to human nutrition and health.
- D. Advises on and provides prioritization and content design input to and analysis of large-scale databases of food consumption, food composition, food ingredients, sales of packaged food products and product label information.

2. Nutrition Assessment and Evaluation Branch (DCRLAB1).

- A. Develops regulations and regulatory policy related to the nutrition labeling of foods pursuant to the FD&C Act.

- B. Integrates technical, and regulatory information related to nutrition and health to support decisions and the development of policy and regulations for nutrition labeling (e.g., actions related to the Nutrition Facts label, health claims, qualified health claims, nutrient content claims, citizen petition requests, front of pack labeling, and other nutrition labeling requests).
- C. Identifies program priorities for, provides content design input to, and analysis of large-scale databases of food consumption, food ingredients, processed packaged food products and product label information.
- D. Develops methods for monitoring United States (U.S.) populations and special subgroups relative to use and safety of conventional foods. Monitors the nutrient intakes of the U.S population and analyzes the effect of nutrient intake on health outcomes.

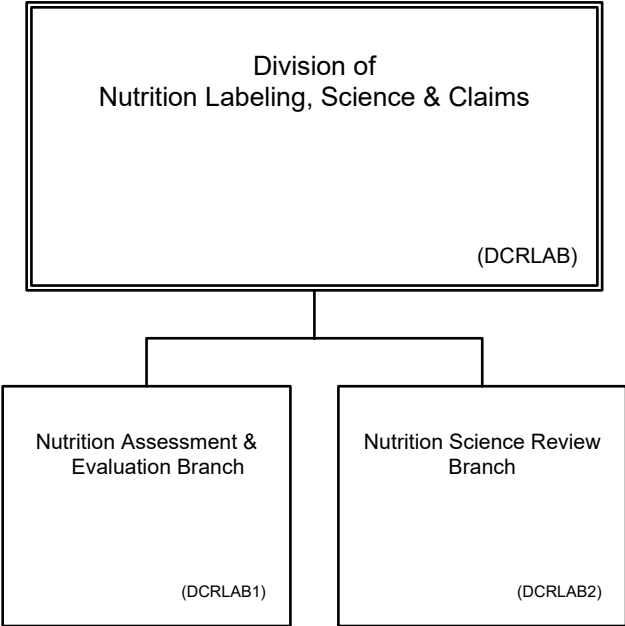
3. Nutrition Science Review Branch (DCRLAB2).

- A. Provides scientific analysis to support the development of regulations and policy related to the nutrition labeling of foods pursuant to the FD&C Act.
- B. Applies scientific knowledge and expertise to develop general principles for fortification of foods and other labeling initiatives (e.g., actions related to the Nutrition Facts label, front of pack labeling, citizen petitions) to improve the nutritional quality of the food supply. Monitors impact of regulations and policy on nutrient intakes and health outcomes in the U.S. population.
- C. Conducts scientific reviews of health claim petitions, qualified health claim petitions, nutrient content claim petitions, Foods and Drug Administration Modernization Act (FDAMA) notifications for health claims and nutrient content claims, and other petitions, proposed actions, and requests related to nutrition labeling of foods.
- D. Provides technical knowledge and scientific expertise on nutrition science and policy to key officials and representatives to domestic and international agencies and scientific bodies engaged in nutrition and health initiatives.

4. Authority and Effective Date.

The functional statements for the Division of Nutrition Labeling, Science and Claims were approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services on March 5, 2024, and effective on May 13, 2024.

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The following is the Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, Human Foods Program, Nutrition Center Excellence, Office of Nutrition and Food Labeling, Division of Nutrition Labeling, Science and Claims organization structure depicting all the organizational structures reporting to the Director:

Nutrition Assessment and Evaluation Branch (DCRLAB1)

Nutrition Science Review Branch (DCRLAB2)