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Department of Health and Human Services

Food and Drug Administration

Office of Regulatory Affairs

Office of Import Operations

Division of Food Defense Targeting

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1. Division of Food Defense Targeting (DCIIB).

- A. For the purposes of enforcing the Prior Notice regulation, serves as the liaison between law enforcement agencies and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) officials regarding intelligence involving food products, including animal feed, which will be imported or offered for import into the United States.
- B. Receives and reviews prior notice and intelligence data on food products, including animal feed, which will be imported or offered for import into the United States (U.S.) and directs the field and/or the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on the appropriate action to take.
- C. Serves as the liaison with CBP, in the field, providing technical expertise in the inspection, examination and sampling of imported food products, including animal feed, that are held at the ports.
- D. Develops, and reviews guidance documents and recommends policies and procedures regarding the receipt, review, and response to Prior Notice submissions to assure compliance with the Prior Notice regulation and the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act.
- E. Recommends compliance actions based on violations of the Prior Notice regulation.
- F. Serves as a liaison, in conjunction with the Director of the Office of Import Operations, to manage and coordinate the acquisition of equipment needed by CBP to inspect, examine, and sample imported food and animal feed products.

2. Authority and Effective Date.

The functional statements for the Division of Food Defense Targeting were approved by the Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services on December 22, 2021, and effective on February 9, 2022.

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The following is the Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Import Operations, Division of Food Defense Targeting organization structure depicting all the organizational structures reporting to the Director:

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