

FDA Staff Manual Guides, Volume I – Organizations and Functions

Department of Health and Human Services

Food and Drug Administration

Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition

Office of Food Additive Safety

Division of Food Contact Substances

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1. Division of Food Contact Substances (DCEGA).

- A. Provides Center guidance and coordinates the technical evaluation of regulatory and scientific issues regarding food contact substances, including industry actions.
- B. Evaluates toxicological data and information, and chemical data and information (including data on probable human exposure), submitted to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) by notifiers, petitioners, or from other sources, that pertain to the safety of food contact substances.
- C. Consults with prospective notifiers and petitioners prior to submission concerning proposed new uses of food contact substances, advising on notification or petition content and approaches to meet statutory standards. Advises notifiers, petitioners, and other interested parties of any inadequacies that may preclude requested action on submissions reviewed by this Division.
- D. Writes and amends, as needed, procedural regulations and guidelines to implement the provisions of food contact substance sections of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.
- E. Develops and redirects, as necessary, current policies, compliance efforts, and research dealing with food contact substance issues.
- F. Develops and maintains information for assessment and monitoring the safety of food contact substances. Responds to stakeholder inquiries and processes Freedom of Information requests in a timely and efficient manner.

2. Toxicology Review Branch (DCEGA1)

- A. Evaluates toxicological data and information (including data on probable human exposure), submitted to the FDA by notifiers or from other sources that pertain to the safety of food contact substances.
- B. Consults with prospective notifiers prior to submission concerning proposed new uses of food contact substances, advising on notification content and approaches to meet statutory standards. Advises notifiers and other interested parties of any inadequacies that may preclude requested action on submissions reviewed by this Division.

3. Chemistry Review Branch (DCEGA2)

- A. Evaluates chemistry data and information (including probable human exposure estimates), submitted to the FDA by notifiers or from other sources that pertain to the safety of food contact substances.
- B. Consults with prospective notifiers prior to submission concerning proposed new uses of food contact substances, advising on notification content and approaches to meet statutory standards. Advises notifiers and other interested parties of any inadequacies that may preclude requested action on submissions reviewed by this Division.

4. Regulatory Review Branch (DCEGA3)

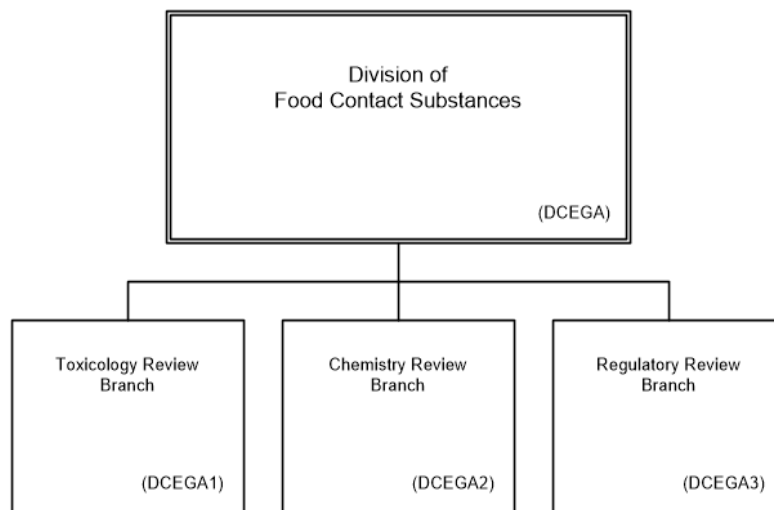
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5. Authority and Effective Date.

The functional statements for the Division of Food Contact Substances 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 Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Office of Food Additive Safety, Division of Food Contact Substances organization structure depicting all the organizational structures in the immediate office reporting to the Director.

These branches report to the Division of Food Contact Substances (DCEGA)

- Toxicology Review Branch
- Chemistry Review Branch
- Regulatory Review Branch