

We currently have a nutritionist position open in the Nutrition and Labeling Team within the Division of Animal Feeds. The Division of Animal Feeds is part of the Center for Veterinary Medicine in the Food and Drug Administration. We are responsible for the federal regulation of substances used in animal drinking water and feed, including pet foods. A very general description of what the Division does is available on the CVM internet site at <http://www.fda.gov/cvm/animalfeed.htm>

### Duties

The scientist will be a member of the Nutrition and Labeling Team (HFV-228) within the Division of Animal Feeds, Office of Surveillance and Compliance (OSC) in FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine. Working under the supervision of the Team Leader, the incumbent will be responsible for applying valid scientific principles, appropriate nutritional practice, microbial expertise, and a sound understanding of FDA's laws, regulations, guidance, and policies relating to animal feed, to the specific duties identified in the paragraphs below.

The incumbent will serve within OSC's Division of Animal Feeds as a scientific reviewer of data and information concerning the acceptability of new substances intended for use in animal feed. A primary focus will be the evaluation of novel substances obtained from a variety of sources which may include items like plant extracts and fermentation products. Some of these substances will also be obtained using emerging technologies and derived from unusual sources, such as bioengineered microorganisms and plants. The evaluation of the safety and appropriateness of these novel substances will be a primary concern. The incumbent will be responsible for the review and evaluation of the utility and safety of new food additives, investigational food additives, proposed ingredients, and substances that may be generally recognized as safe (GRAS) for an intended use in animal feed. This review and evaluation may include determining whether the appropriate experimental designs were employed for safety and/or utility studies used in the collection of research data on the substances; ensuring the appropriate statistical analyses were conducted on the data; and identifying additional scientific evidence that must be provided by a sponsor to demonstrate substance safety and/or utility. The reviews are complex because of the large quantity of data points that need to be evaluated and the potential for there to be across species extrapolation of these data. The incumbent will also be responsible for identifying and commenting on deficiencies in submissions related to the utility and safety of new food additives, investigational food additives, proposed ingredients, and GRAS substances. The incumbent will also recommend corrective measures and additional data needs where necessary. Based on the incumbent's expertise, they may recommend to the Team Leader the implementation of new or revisions of existing policies brought about by new information, programs, or techniques related to the use of new substances in animal feed.

The incumbent may also evaluate whether product labeling is adequate to ensure the safety and utility of a substance in feed. Label reviews may include ensuring the presence of appropriate warning/caution statements and adequate directions for use. The incumbent may also review the labeling of marketed products for compliance with agency and state recommendations and requirements. The incumbent will also provide

support for the Division's and Office's activities concerning animal feed. Such activities might include development of guidance documents, other public information documents, maintenance of internet pages or responses to public inquiries related to current and revised regulations and policies. The incumbent will also serve as a general resource for information about animal nutrition, particularly in their area of expertise.

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