

§ 398. Notices to States regarding imported food

(a) In general

If the Secretary has credible evidence or information indicating that a shipment of imported food or portion thereof presents a threat of serious adverse health consequences or death to humans or animals, the Secretary shall provide notice regarding such threat to the States in which the food is held or will be held, and to the States in which the manufacturer, packer, or distributor of the food is located, to the extent that the Secretary has knowledge of which States are so involved. In providing notice to a State, the Secretary shall request the State to take such action as the State considers appropriate, if any, to protect the public health regarding the food involved.

(b) Rule of construction

Subsection (a) of this section may not be construed as limiting the authority of the Secretary with respect to food under any other provision of this chapter.

(June 25, 1938, ch. 675, §908, as added Pub. L. 107-188, title III, §310, June 12, 2002, 116 Stat. 673.)

§ 399. Grants to States for inspections

(a) In general

The Secretary is authorized to make grants to States, territories, and Indian tribes (as defined in section 450b(e) of title 25) that undertake examinations, inspections, and investigations, and related activities under section 372 of this title. The funds provided under such grants shall only be available for the costs of conducting such examinations, inspections, investigations, and related activities.

(b) Notices regarding adulterated imported food

The Secretary may make grants to the States for the purpose of assisting the States with the costs of taking appropriate action to protect the public health in response to notification under section 398 of this title, including planning and otherwise preparing to take such action.

(c) Authorization of appropriations

For the purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2003 through 2006.

(June 25, 1938, ch. 675, §909, as added Pub. L. 107-188, title III, §311, June 12, 2002, 116 Stat. 673.)

§ 399a. Office of the Chief Scientist

(a) Establishment; appointment

The Secretary shall establish within the Office of the Commissioner an office to be known as the Office of the Chief Scientist. The Secretary shall appoint a Chief Scientist to lead such Office.

(b) Duties of the Office

The Office of the Chief Scientist shall—

- (1) oversee, coordinate, and ensure quality and regulatory focus of the intramural re-

search programs of the Food and Drug Administration;

- (2) track and, to the extent necessary, coordinate intramural research awards made by each center of the Administration or science-based office within the Office of the Commissioner, and ensure that there is no duplication of research efforts supported by the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration;

- (3) develop and advocate for a budget to support intramural research;

- (4) develop a peer review process by which intramural research can be evaluated;

- (5) identify and solicit intramural research proposals from across the Food and Drug Administration through an advisory board composed of employees of the Administration that shall include—

- (A) representatives of each of the centers and the science-based offices within the Office of the Commissioner; and

- (B) experts on trial design, epidemiology, demographics, pharmacovigilance, basic science, and public health; and

- (6) develop postmarket safety performance measures that are as measurable and rigorous as the ones already developed for premarket review.

(June 25, 1938, ch. 675, §910, as added Pub. L. 110-85, title VI, §602, Sept. 27, 2007, 121 Stat. 898.)

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