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SCDA Regulators To Notify Industry Regarding CBD and Hemp In Food and Feed Products In The Market Place

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) is aware of the growing public interest in hemp and cannabis-derived products, including cannabidiol (CBD) addition into human and animal foods in South Carolina.

“The Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has concluded that under the Federal Food and Cosmetic Act, CBD cannot legally be added to any human or animal food products for public sale” said Derek Underwood, Assistant Commissioner of Consumer Protection. “In essence, this is identical to adding a drug to a food or feed product.” ***FDA has concluded that it is a prohibited act to introduce or deliver for introduction into interstate commerce any food or feeds to which CBD has been added.***

<https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/PublicHealthFocus/ucm421168.htm#legal>

SCDA has cooperative agreements with FDA to ensure compliance, consumer health and safety, and SCDA must follow the lead of the FDA. Currently, the SCDA nor the FDA are aware of any evidence that would call into question these conclusions.

Our goal is to educate the public, our manufacturing folks, and those in the Food and Feed industry by providing current, accurate, and legal decisions regarding Hemp derived products including CBD oil.

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