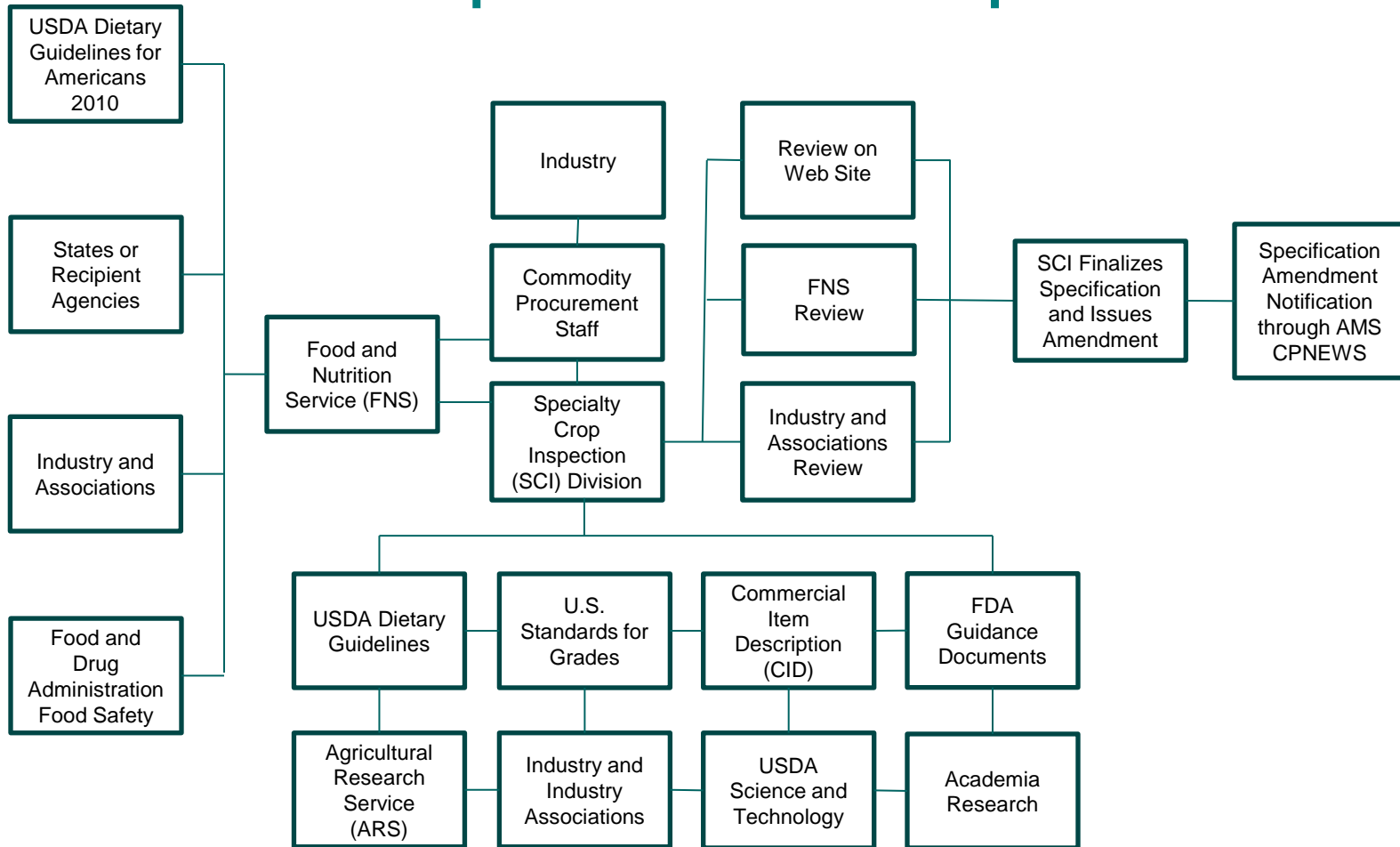

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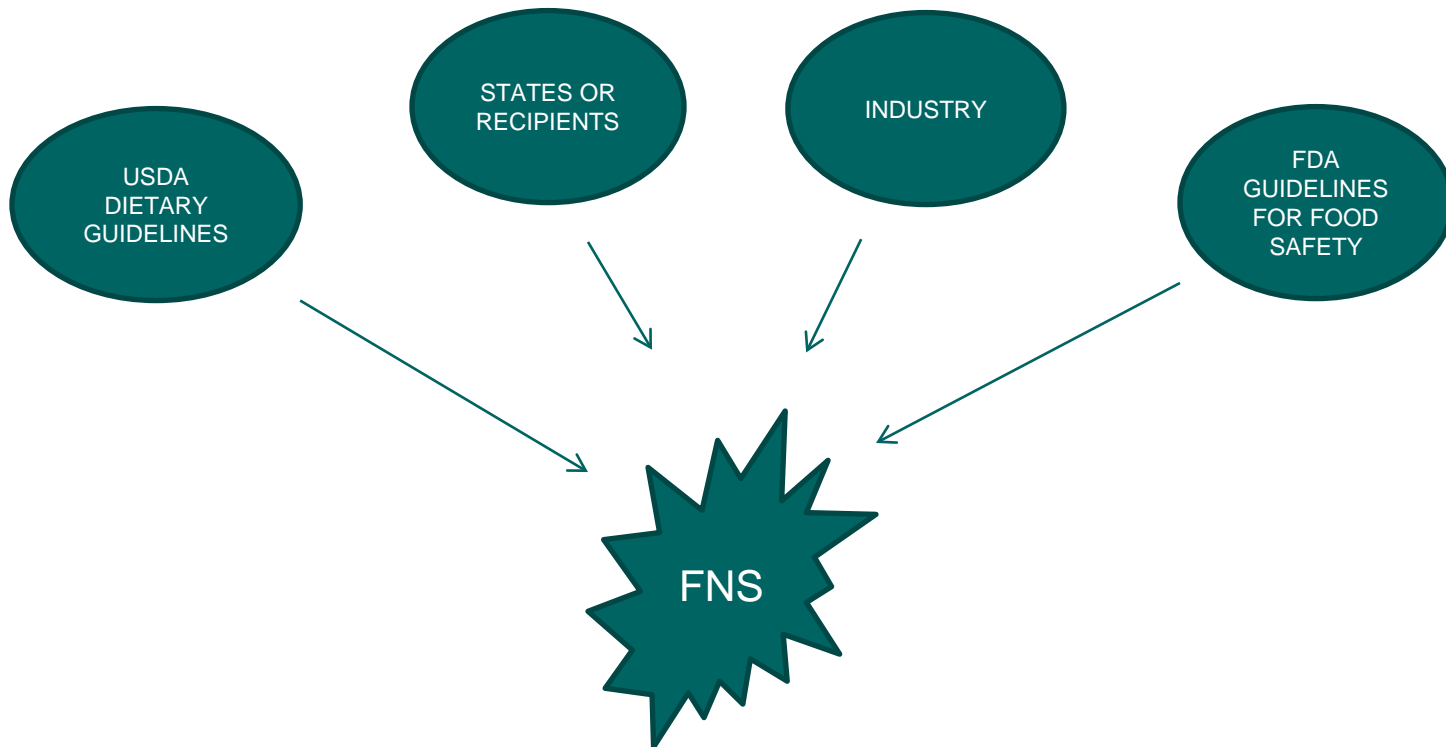
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State or other Recipients Requests

- Individual Serving Size Containers
- Pre-cut Fruit or Ready to Serve Vegetables
- Frozen Fruit and Vegetables in 2 pound and 5 pound Packages
- Bulk Products for Further Processing



Industry Requests

- Changing or Revising Fill or Size of Containers
- Adding Additional Packaging Types
- Revising Size, Color, or Style of Products
- Development of Specifications for New Products

FDA Guidelines For Food Safety

- Proposed Rules for Improving Food Safety
- Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)
- Food Related Guidance Documents





Commodity Procurement Staff

- Product Development
- Coordinate Industry Input
- Coordinate Obtaining Product Samples for Review

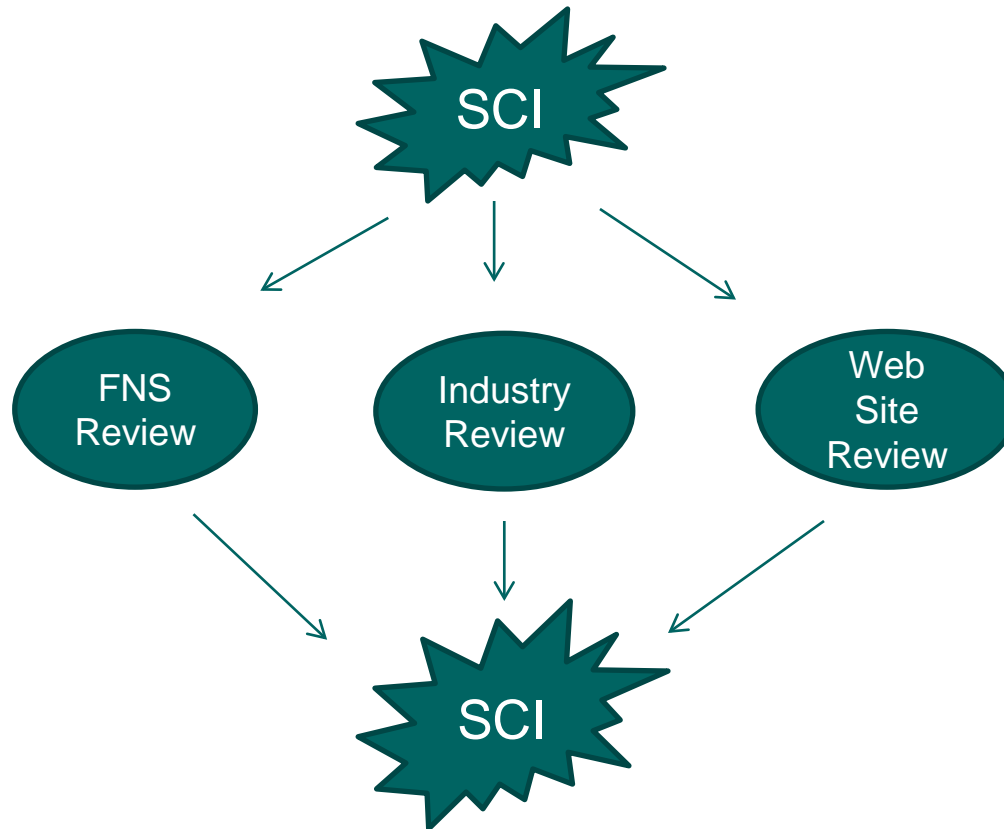


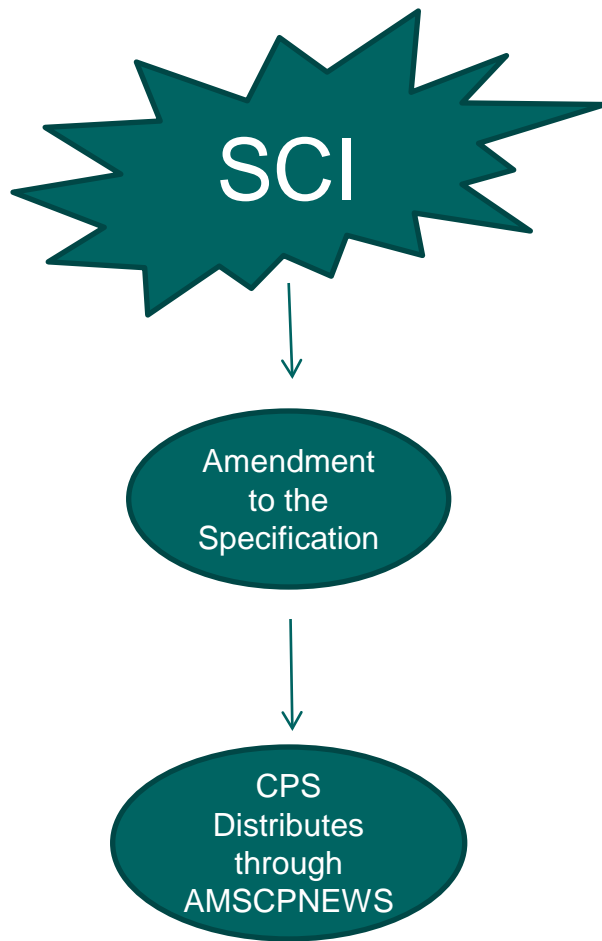
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- USDA Dietary Guidelines
- U.S. Standards for Grades
- Commercial Item Description (CID)
- FDA Guidance Documents
- Agricultural Research Service (ARS)
- Industry and Industry Associations
- Academia Research
- USDA Science and Technology



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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