



Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act 1938, 1954, 1958

TRINITY HILL

Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act

- ▶ This act was originally put into law in 1938 and ammended in 1954 and again in 1958.
- ▶ The act legally mandated quality and identity standards for foods, coverage of cosmetics and medical devices, clarification of the FDA's right to conduct factory inspections, prohibited false claims on drugs and required acurate descriptions of use and contents, and control of product advertising among other things.
- ▶ This law was created and is enforced in the United States only.
- ▶ Later there were ammendments dictating the exclusion of certain chemicals found to have harmful effects on humans or animals. These were excluded from foods, drugs, and pesticides. The ammendments also included other restrictions on food and drugs that restricted actions or materials deemed dangerous to humans or animals.
- ▶ This law impacted not only the health risks to humans from dangerous practices in the making and consumption of food, drugs, and cosmetics, but also some of the enviornmental hazards associated with their creation. This involved the treatment of animals being tested on as well as consumed and the chemical hazards that were formally prevelant.
- ▶ The Food and Drug Administration is the main regulatory body for this act. The Unted States Enviornmental Proctection Agency also helps to enforce and regulate this act.

Sources

- ▶ [fda.gov](https://www.fda.gov)
- ▶ www2.epa.gov/lawsregs/laws/index.html www2.epa.gov
- ▶ www.law.georgetown.edu