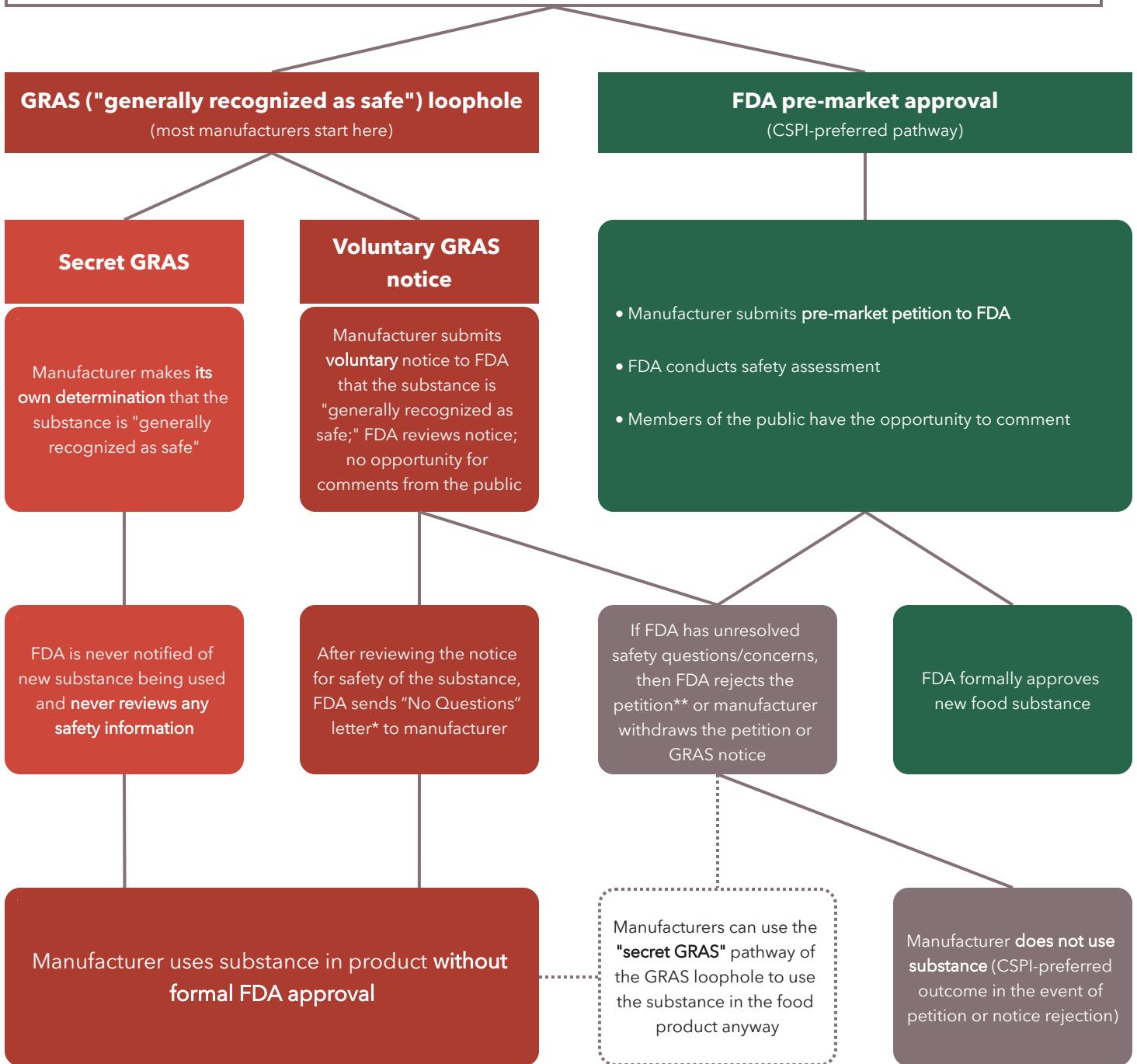


# How do new substances enter the US food supply?

A manufacturer that wants to **add a new substance** to food has several possible paths to market. Here are the processes to establish the substance as "safe" and legal to be used in foods.



**Food manufacturers should not decide in secret that the substances they put in our foods are safe. CSPI calls on the FDA and Congress to close the GRAS loophole.**

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