Food, Cosmetics, and Nutraceuticals Committee Meeting Notes

March 11, 2015 Teleconference

(1) **FCN Digest**

In furtherance of its goal to get FCN members the most pertinent information in the most accessible format, the committee discussed the new, condensed bi-monthly FCN Digest format. The Digest’s authors, Jackie Chan and Michael Cromwell, shared the process of preparing the Digest and noted that the time commitment is manageable (about 1-2 hours per edition) and provides them with an opportunity to follow the latest developments in the areas of food, cosmetics and nutraceuticals.

The committee also discussed the benefits of the new format which allows members to stay apprised of the most noteworthy developments in the field without having to spend as much time reading, as well has the drawbacks to the new format. It was noted that the stories that are highlighted in the new format tend to be those that are also covered by most trade and legal publications and are stories of which members are already aware. Meeting participants also noted that the slightly longer version of the Digest covered a greater breadth of developments that might be of more value to the committee members.

The committee is interested in member feedback on preferences for the shorter versus longer versions of the FCN Digest. If you’d like to provide additional thoughts, please contact Madeline McDonough (MMcdonough@shb.com), Laurie Henry (LHenry@shb.com) or Kurt Weaver (KWeaver@wcsr.com).

FCN is grateful for the outstanding job done by Jackie Chan & Michael Cromwell in preparing the Digest for the past 2 years. **If there are any volunteers willing to assist with the Digest going forward, please contact Madeline, Laurie or Kurt.**

(2) **Newsletter**

The Fourth edition of the FCN Newsletter is coming soon! This issue will include timely articles on the Safe Food for Canadians Act and a Compliance Review for Food Importers. It will also include a shorter article examining Food Supply Chain Liability.

If you are interested in authoring a short (500-1000 word) article on cosmetics, or any topic covered by the committee, for the next edition of the newsletter, please contact Charley Woodhouse at cfw@regulatory-food-science.com.

(3) **Upcoming Events and Programming**

a. **Food Import Regulation Webinar** – coordinated by Charley Woodhouse. Now scheduled for the Fall 2015.
b. **ABA Life Sciences Legal Summit** – took place on March 4, 2015 at Genentech. FCN was a cosponsor in name only for the second year in a row. The Committee is interested in members’ feedback or highlights from the Summit. If any member attended and would like to provide feedback, please contact Laurie Henry (Lhenry@shb.com).

c. **Full day program with Torts & Products Liability Sections** – scheduled for July 2015 at Golden Gate University. If you would like to help with the program planning, please contact Laurie Henry (Lhenry@shb.com).

d. **Brownbag Teleconference on Environmental Law & Cosmetics** – coordinated by Rick Rothman. Date TBD.

(4) **Other Proposed Events**

a. FCN is considering a future Brownbag on the intersection between FCN and Data Security & Privacy. The Committee welcomes members’ feedback on this proposal.

b. **Webinar on Mobile Medical and General Wellness Apps** – tentatively planned for Spring 2015. This webinar will explore the regulatory and compliance issues facing developers and marketers of Mobile Medical and General Wellness Apps.

(5) **FCN Homepage Updates**

SciTech has expressed an interest in all the committees having improved website design. FCN is seeking volunteers to take on the FCN website redesign. If you are interested, please contact Madeline McDonough (MMcdonough@shb.com), Laurie Henry (LHenry@shb.com), or Kurt Weaver (KWeaver@wcsr.com).

(6) **FCN Directory**

The last Directory was circulated in June 2014. The committee plans to circulate an updated Directory in the near future. If you have not already done so, please review your entry and update/submit your bio to Madeline, Laurie or Kurt.

Thanks to everyone for taking part in this month’s teleconference call. For those committee members who were not able to make the call, we look forward to your joining our next call and hearing your ideas. FCN teleconference calls will be held every other month going forward. In the meantime, if you have any ideas, questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Madeline McDonough (mmcdonough@shb.com), Laurie Henry (lhenry@shb.com), or Kurt Weaver (kweaver@shb.com).