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**FOOD**

**Homemade food vendors take advantage of relaxed Colorado Laws.**

While most food items sold in Colorado must be prepared in an inspected commercial kitchen, there remains a carve out in the law that allows for food businesses to sell certain items prepared outside of a commercial kitchen and without approval of county health inspectors. Most baked goods, tortillas, spices, teas, dehydrated produce, nuts, seeds, honey, jams, jellies, preserves, fruit butter, flours and other foods considered nonhazardous can be sold out of home kitchens under the Cottage Food Act.


**COSMETICS**

**FDA Has Few Resources For Inspecting Cosmetics Imports.**

Only a tiny fraction of imported cosmetics are physically inspected by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, even though cosmetic product imports have doubled in the past decade, and the agency says it has limited resources for inspecting the imports, according to a letter released earlier this month. Out of nearly three million imports of products such as lipsticks and face powders imported into the U.S. in 2016, only about 9,900 were physically examined by FDA inspectors, a rate that is well under 1 percent, according to a letter the agency sent U.S. Senator Frank Palone, D-N.J., on June 30. Of those, about 1,500 products were flagged for “adverse findings” and a smaller number were sent to FDA labs for testing, according to the letter.


**NUTRACEUTICALS**

**Awareness Regarding Health Benefits to Trigger Growth in Demand for Nutraceuticals Globally.**

The global market for nutraceuticals is anticipated to rise at a 7.3% CAGR from 2015 to 2021. The market is expected to reach US$278.96 bn by 2021 from a valuation of US$165.62 bn in 2014. Based on revenue, the segment that emerged dominant in 2014 was functional food. It acquired a share of 31% in the same year. Over the last few years, the demand for functional foods such as branded ionized salt, omega fatty acid fortified food, probiotics, fortified food, and branded wheat flour has surged extensively. The growing interest among consumers for achieving wellness and good health through a balanced diet, the burgeoning geriatric population, and the intensifying costs of healthcare services are likely to fuel the demand for functional food products over the coming years.


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