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FOOD

Plaintiffs Try to Get Food-Label Suit Moving.

Plaintiffs in the fight over the use of the words "all natural" and "non-genetically modified" in food labeling are trying to get the litigation over KIND bars moving again. Attorneys who claim false advertising by the makers of KIND bars are trying to persuade Southern District Judge William Pauley to lift a stay he issued in the multidistrict litigation in 2016 to give the U.S. Food and Drug Administration time to issue rulemaking on what is, and what is not, "all natural." The Court has not yet ruled on the plaintiffs’ motion to end the stay that is currently in place.


COSMETICS

New FDA Guidelines on Lead in Cosmetics.

The FDA has come out with new draft guidelines about how much lead should be in cosmetics. The FDA released new draft guidelines in late December recommending there be fewer than 10 parts per million in cosmetic products - the same amount that's acceptable in food. According to Duke dermatologist and professor Dr. Jennifer Powers, lead can be poisonous to anyone depending on the concentration and may be specifically harmful to the development of children.


NUTRACEUTICALS

Nutraceuticals market to hit $302 Billion in 2022.

Some researchers expect that the world’s nutraceutical market is expected to reach $302.31 billion in 2022, according to a new report by Allied Market Research. Functional food, which includes branded ionized salt, branded wheat flour and foods fortified with probiotics and omega fatty acids, will continue to drive the boom. That segment occupied a quarter of the market in 2015 and is expected to grow at a CAGR of 6.84 percent between 2016-2022. These same researchers believe that innovation will also help spawn the growth.


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