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FOOD

Food Safety Rules Likely to Dodge The Regulatory Reform Bullet.

A 12-page “interim guidance” memo issued Feb. 2 by Dominic J. Mancini, acting administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), says one of President Donald Trump’s executive orders calls upon agencies to cut two existing regulations for every new one between Jan. 20 and Sept. 30 this year. OIRA is associated with the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Federal food safety agencies were not planning on drafting much in the way of new regulations in 2017, which might turn out to be a lucky stroke. The only new regulations now on the horizon that are remotely related to food safety will implement the GMO labeling scheme adopted by Congress this past year. It gives the U.S. Department of Agriculture until July 2018 to finish the job.


COSMETICS

FDA Issues Draft Guidance on Lead Levels in Cosmetics.

The US Food and Drug Administration recently issued draft guidance establishing an upper limit for lead levels in externally applied cosmetics of 10 parts per million (ppm) of lead. FDA’s upper limit lead restriction applies to lip products, such as lipsticks, lip glosses, and lip liners, and to other externally applied cosmetics, such as eye shadows, blushes, compact powders, shampoos, and body lotions. FDA intends the draft guidance to educate new manufacturers entering the marketplace, as well as encourage existing manufacturers to continue to follow or improve on voluntary good manufacturing practices that limit trace amounts of lead as an impurity. FDA’s publication of the draft guidance responds to a Citizen Petition submitted to the Agency by the Personal Care Products Council in 2011, which specifically requested that FDA issue guidance establishing the 10 PPM limit for lip care products and other externally applied cosmetics.


NUTRACEUTICALS

Some Nutraceuticals Found to Improve Outcomes in Heart Failure.

Supplementing with certain nutraceuticals could be beneficial for patients with heart failure, according to a new review published in Current Pharmaceutical Design. Ischemic heart disease, hypertension, smoking, obesity, and diabetes have been identified as the most important risk factors in the lifetime risk of developing heart failure. Previous studies have indicated that some nutraceuticals have demonstrated positive clinical results in preventing heart failure as well as treating the early stages of heart failure, either alone or as adjunct to pharmacological therapy.


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