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FOOD

Whole Foods Expands Listeria Vulto Creamery Cheese Recall.
On March 7, 2017, Vulto Creamery recalled all lots of its Ouleout, Miranda, Heinennellie, and Willowemoc soft wash-rind raw milk cheeses after an outbreak strain of Listeria monocytogenes was identified. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), two people died and six were sickened from the outbreak. In response to the Vulto Creamery recall, Whole Foods Market also expanded its recall of the products.

COSMETICS

Johnson & Johnson Suspends all YouTube Adverts Globally.
Johnson & Johnson (J&J) has suspended all of its YouTube advertising worldwide, in response to growing concerns over advertisements appearing on channels promoting offensive content of terrorism and hate. The decision follows other mobile networks that also chose to remove their advertisements from the Google-owned platform. Google’s Chief Business Officer, Philipp Schindler, commented that Google has begun “ramping up” changes around their advertisement policies and new controls for advertisers.

NUTRACEUTICALS

Colorado Springs Dietary Supplement Distributor Ordered to Cease Operations.
Michael Floren, owner of companies, which manufactured and distributed dietary supplements, was ordered to cease operations after FDA determined Floren’s dietary supplement products were misbranded and unapproved new drugs. The products were marketed with claims that they could address high cholesterol and blood pressure problems. The FDA also noted that some supplements were also misbranded because they failed to properly list the number of servings and correct serving size on the label. FDA sued Floren and his companies in the U.S. District Court in Denver and both parties agreed that the companies would cease operations until they came into compliance with federal law.

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