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**FOOD**

**FDA Asked to Allow Interstate Sales of Raw Milk with Warnings.**

In a FDA Citizen Petition filed last month, raw milk advocates requested the Agency to allow raw milk to cross state boundaries so long as it is labeled with a warning about its health risks and with instructions for safe handling, including instructions for self or home pasteurization. FDA has banned the transport of unpasteurized milk across state lines for the past 30 years and the Citizen Petition forces FDA to review that policy.


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**COSMETICS**

**Independent Cosmetic Manufacturers and Distributors Association Support Safe Cosmetics Modernization Act.**

The Independent Cosmetic Manufacturers and Distributors (ICMAD) Association announced their joint support with the Professional Beauty Association (PBA) for the Safe Cosmetics Modernization Act (SCMA), a bill re-introduced in January by Congressman Pete Sessions. The SCMA would require cosmetics manufacturers to be registered with the FDA and track adverse reaction reports.


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**NUTRACEUTICALS**

**Senator Seeks to Limit Military Access to Supplements.**

Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) withdrew an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act that would have required dietary supplements sold on military bases to be verified by an independent third-party selected by FDA. According to Steve Mister, CEO of Council for Responsible Nutrition, the withdrawn amendment would have been another form of pre-market approval mandating third-party certifications as a requirement of sale of dietary supplements. Despite withdrawal of the amendment, the Natural Products Association is preparing for the amendment of a similar version to be re-introduced to the Senate floor.


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