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FOOD
Maryland Bans Routine Antibiotic Use in Food-Producing Animals.

On May 31, 2017, Maryland (MD) became the second state (after California) to ban the routine use of antibiotics on farms. The bill, entitled “The Keep Antibiotics Effective Act” prohibits the administration of antimicrobial drugs to cattle, swine and poultry that are not sick, a practice many public health experts contend can fuel the spread of drug-resistant bacteria. The new law, which is slated to take effect on January 1, 2018, also requires the MD Department of Agriculture to collect publicly available data on use of certain antimicrobial drugs in the state.


COSMETICS
New Regs for Tuesday: Wolves, Cosmetics, Trucks.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is planning to examine its cosmetic labeling rule. Under the cosmetics rule, companies must disclose product information on the label. But the FDA is proposing a routine information collection request that could lead to potential changes in the rule. The public has 60 days to comment.


NUTRACEUTICALS
HG GCC to buy Nutraceutical International for $446 Million.

HG GCC LLC has agreed to buy Nutraceutical International Corp in a deal valued at about $446 million, including debt. Terms of the deal call for Nutraceutical stockholders to receive $41.80 in cash (without interest) for each outstanding share. Nutraceutical, of Park City, Utah, makes, markets and distributes branded nutritional supplements and other natural products sold primarily to and through domestic health and natural food stores. The agreement has been unanimously approved by Nutraceutical’s board of directors, acting on the recommendation of a special committee of independent and disinterested directors. The special committee negotiated the terms of the agreement with the assistance of its financial and legal advisors.


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