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FOOD

The FDA delayed the compliance date for the Nutrition Fact Label final rules to provide manufacturers with necessary guidance from FDA and enable them to complete and print updated nutrition facts panels for their products.

FDA Signs MOU with China to Outline Certification Process for Certain Exports.
In response to China’s AQSIQ Decree 145, the FDA has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Certification and Accreditation Administration (CNCA) formally establishing a registration process for U.S. food manufacturers who export certain foods to China. The AQSIQ 145 requires that CNCA receive certification of compliance with the relevant standards, laws, and regulations of China for the following products as of June 15, 2017: milk and milk products, seafood, infant formula, and/or formula for young children. The MOU provides for third-party certification process to ensure that manufacturers and products satisfy relevant food safety requirements of China.

COSMETICS

Scientists Discover Topical Drug that Tans Skin without Ultraviolet.
Researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute published findings showing how a compound can increase pigmentation in human skin. The compound is a topical drug, containing small-molecule salt-inducible kinases (SIK) inhibitors that can create tanned skin without exposure to harmful UV rays. The product is able to induce “significant darkening” after eight days of daily application.

NUTRACEUTICALS

International Probiotics Association Releases Guidance Document Defining “Probiotic.”
In response to an increased number of products mislabeled as a “probiotic,” the International Probiotics Association (IPA) issued a guidance document to provide clarity around the term and the organisms that would qualify as probiotics. The guidance provides that probiotics need to be identified at the strain level since probiotics within the same Genus and species can have strain-specific and unique characteristics.
http://internationalprobiotics.org/resources/guidelines/

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