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FOOD

GM Food Labeling: Former Commissioner Concerned. On June 6, 2016, former FDA Commissioner Dr. Margaret Hamburg expressed her concern about GMO labeling at the O'Neill Institute's Vote Food 2016 event at Georgetown Law Center. During her time as Commissioner, Dr. Hamburg stood by the position that specific labels were not required for foods that contained genetically engineered ingredients without evidence of material differences between bioengineered foods and their conventional counterparts. At the event, Dr. Hamburg voiced her concerns that consumers do not want to consume foods containing GMOs and is worried that the U.S. may "enter a period of what some call science denialism out of fear." This concern is mirrored by the AMA, which favors the "FDA's science-based labeling policies [which] do not support special labeling." [http://www.natlawreview.com/article/gm-food-labeling-former-commissioner-concerned](http://www.natlawreview.com/article/gm-food-labeling-former-commissioner-concerned) (June 7, 2016).

COSMETICS

CBRS Gives Global Regulatory Guidance. The Cosmetics Business Regulatory Summit met for its third annual event in Brussels on May 24th and 25th. Leading industry professionals gathered from all over the world to discuss the latest regulatory changes in the cosmetics and personal care industries. The annual summit allowed for industry leaders to address how regulation affects the industry on a global scale and also provided a platform for discussion and debate. Presentation topics highlighted recent regulations in the European Union, natural labeling standards, and management of intellectual property assets. The summit also addressed issues such as how the political and economic crisis in Brazil has impacted cosmetic sales and safety assessments of cosmetic packaging. [http://www.cosmeticsbusiness.com/news/article_page/CBRS_gives_global_regulatory_guidance/118483](http://www.cosmeticsbusiness.com/news/article_page/CBRS_gives_global_regulatory_guidance/118483) (June 14, 2016).

NUTRACEUTICALS

FTC Sending Consumers Refund Checks Who Bought Green Coffee Weight Loss Products. The FTC is mailing more than $9 million in refund checks to 191,748 consumers who purchased Pure Health or Genesis Today green coffee bean extract weight-loss supplements online. The refund arises from a January 2015 settlement resolving allegations that the owner of Pure Health and Genesis Today deceptively marketed the weight loss benefits of the green coffee bean extract. Under the settlement, the owner was prohibited from making deceptive claims about dietary supplements or drug products. Additionally, the owner agreed to pay $9 million for consumer redress. [https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2016/06/ftc-sending-refund-checks-totaling-more-9-million-consumers-who](https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2016/06/ftc-sending-refund-checks-totaling-more-9-million-consumers-who) (June 14, 2016).

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