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FOOD

FDA Issues New FSMA Guidance for Exempt Canned Foods, Juice and Seafood.
The FDA has released three guidance documents related to the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) regulations for low-acid canned foods as well as the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) guidelines related to juice and seafood. The HACCP regulations for juice and seafood require processors to perform hazard analyses and develop a HACCP plan to address biological, chemical, and physical hazards unique to foods. The guidance documents are aimed at enabling food producers to understand which parts of the FSMA rules apply and how the FSMA rules may affect their operations. The documents also address some of the FSMA exemptions for these products.


COSMETICS

Are UV Tests Enough for a Sun Protection Claim?
The need to protect against UVA, UVB and infrared radiation is compounded by a new factor which may affect skin aging - blue light. Excess blue light accelerates the skin oxidation process, explains Gerard Redziniak, PhD. Many laboratories are already marketing products with blue light or high-energy visible light protection claims. Cosmetics brands have recognized this as a big opportunity to gain a competitive edge over their counterparts by developing active ingredients to protect the skin against blue light.


NUTRACEUTICALS

What Could Amazon’s Acquisition of Whole Foods Mean for the Natural Products Industry?
The impact on dietary supplements resulting from the anticipated partnership between Amazon and Whole Foods could lead to an expansion of quality products made from natural origins. With Amazon’s recent launch of its Elements brand for dietary supplements, increased competition is likely.


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