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FOOD

FDA Delays Draft Guidance for Reducing Sodium.
The FDA has announced extending its comment period on the Draft Guidance to Industry for Voluntarily Reducing Sodium initially issued in June-2016. The guidance, which would encourage manufacturers and restaurants to use less salt, recommended a short-term and long-term goal. The short-term target was to decrease sodium intake to ~3,000 mg/day while the long-term target sought to reduce sodium intake to 2,300 mg/day. With the extension of the comment period, the deadline to provide comments related to the short-term goal is October 11, 2016 while the deadline for the long-term goal is December 2, 2016. The extension comes at the request of food industry groups.

http://www.fda.gov/Food/NewsEvents/ConstituentUpdates/ucm504264.htm (August 18, 2016).

COSMETICS

Should the FDA Have Greater Control Over the Cosmetic Industry?
At the end of July-2016, we reported on FDA’s investigation into consumer complaints received against WEN by Chaz Dean. In response, FDA issued a safety alert informing consumers about consumer complaints of hair loss. Additionally, a bill to expand FDA’s authority over cosmetic products and introduced in April-2015 has resurfaced pitting manufacturers against each other. Otherwise known as the Personal Care Products Act, the Feinstein-Collins bill would require cosmetic manufacturers to report serious adverse reactions from their products to the FDA. The bill also proposed to authorize FDA to investigate at least five different cosmetic ingredients for safety each year. While the legislation has won endorsements from giant cosmetic manufacturers such as Johnson & Johnson and Estee Lauder, it has faced opposition from other companies such as Mary Kay.

http://www.fda.gov/Cosmetics/ProductsIngredients/Products/ucm511631.htm (August 11, 2016).


NUTRACEUTICALS

FDA Warns of Potential Lead Poisoning in Supplement.
The FDA issued an alert warning consumers that Ton Shen Health of Chicago was voluntary recalling its dietary supplement tablets, DHZC-2, because they have the potential to be contaminated with large amounts of lead. The supplement was generally sold in the Chicago area through retail stores as well as through mail orders.


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