

China Food and Drug Administration and Ministry of Environmental Protection

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Food:

- On Jan. 30, 2015, the China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA) issued *the Guiding Opinions on Enhancing the Construction of Food and Drug Inspection and Testing System*. This guidance defines a hierarchical structure for the inspection agencies for food and drug inspection, which refers to: the construction of a four-level structure (state, province, city and county) of inspection agencies for food, including health food; a three-level structure (state, province and city) of inspection agencies for drug and cosmetics; as well as a two-level structure (state and province) of inspection agencies for medical appliances.
- On Feb. 2, 2015, CFDA's Food Safety Supervision Bureau III organized a health food safety seminar with health food manufactures that discussed enhancing the supervision of health food and regulating the administration of food in special forms (e.g. capsule, tablet, oral liquid, granule, pill, etc.).
- On Feb. 4, 2015, CFDA launched a column called "Spot-Checking Information for Food" on its official website, where customers, food manufacturers, and operators are able to find the relevant food spot-checking information.
- Recently, the China Insurance Regulatory Commission (CIRC), together with CFDA and the Food Safety Commission of the Central Peoples' Government, jointly issued the Guidance Opinions on the Pilot Project of Food Safety Liability Insurance. The first batch of companies encouraged in the pilot project are high-risk industries that may easily e, such as those involved in production of dairy and meat products. Also included in this group of high-risk industries are: companies involved in the production and processing processes of meat, edible oil,



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wine, health food, infant formula milk powder, liquid milk, soft drink and cakes, etc.; companies involved in the operation process, such as collective meal distribution entities, restaurant chains, school canteens, and entities that distribute food via online third-party trading platforms; and industries and fields with unique local characteristics that are accident-prone for food safety.

Chemical:

- On Dec. 24, 2014, Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) promulgated the *Comprehensive Directory of Environmental Protection (2014)* that includes two parts. The first part is a directory of products that are highly polluting and of high environmental risk (“dual high products”). The second part is a directory of 40 priority pieces of equipment used in environmental protection. With this directory, MEP will establish more stringent supervision of the dual high products. The intent of directory is to accelerate the phase-out and substitution of the dual high products.

If any item is of interest to you, please contact us for more information.

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