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Food:

- On March 9, 2015, the Government Affairs Open Office of National Health and Family Planning Commission determined that lavender and soy isoflavone should not be treated as ordinary food ingredients. To use lavender and soy isoflavones as ordinary foods, manufacturers need to follow the procedures outlined in the "Safety Review Regulation on New Food Ingredients."

Chemicals:

- On March 9, 2015, China State Administration of Work Safety (SAWS), published *The Catalogue of Hazardous Chemicals (2015)*. This Catalogue will become effective on May 1, 2015.

The final version of the Catalogue lists 2828 items (organized by Chinese phonetic alphabet *Pinyin*) including 148 items regarded as extremely toxic chemicals. When compared to the previous 2002 version of the Catalogue, the total number of entries decreased due to the removed of many mixtures.

The 2015 Catalogue was developed in accordance with mandatory China GHS national standards for classification and labeling of chemicals, and it identifies hazards as well as categories of hazardous properties, including physical hazards, health hazards, and environmental hazards. The international GHS classification has been adopted, generally bringing the Catalogue in line with international regulations.

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