

## China Food and Drug Administration News Update

March 20, 2015

### Food:

- On March 2, 2015, the General Office of the State Council of China issued “Key Work Arrangement on Food Safety in 2015.” The Arrangement highlights more than 30 key food safety work plans. Key topics include: (1) Infant formula milk powder, infant complementary food, dairy products, meat products, edible vegetable oil, white spirits (wine), and other key foods; (2) Food additives when used out of scope and limitation, adding non-food substances in food and other prominent issues; (3) Formulating classified administration system of food producing and operating enterprises; (4) Strengthening the reform of evaluation and approval system on health products, gradually expanding the scope of filing; (5) Establishing and improving the effective national food safety emergency system, etc.
- On March 15, 2015, the China Food and Drug Administration issued the “Administrative Measures for the Recall of Food,” which will take effect on September 1, 2015. The measures aim to strengthen the supervision of food safety, and guarantee the health of the general public. These measures address: (1) Strengthening risk prevention and control for food safety; (2) Implementing the main body responsibility of enterprises; (3) Strengthening strict supervision according to the law.

### Cosmetics:

- On March 17, 2015, the China Food and Drug Administration published “Guidelines for Cosmetics Production Licensing (interim)” and “Essentials of Inspection on Cosmetics Production Licensing (interim)” for public comments. The “Guidelines” specify the procedures for production licensing of cosmetics, and address licensing authority, licensing items, application requirements, acceptance of application, licensing decision, management of production, and license management. The “Essentials of Inspection” stipulate 106 inspection items,



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including organization and personnel, quality management, plant and equipment, facilities, materials and products, management of production, verification, sales, and adverse reaction on products compliant and recall. Public comments on these two interim regulations are due by April 10, 2015.

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

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