

## China Food and Drug Administration News Update

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### Food:

- On July 28, in accordance with the new Food Safety Law and the Administrative Permission Law, the China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA) issued the revised draft of “Administrative Measures for Registration and Notification of Health Care Food,” “Administrative Measures on Health Care Food Labeling,” and “Administrative Measures on Health Care Food Raw Material Directory and Health Function Directory.” Public comments are due by August 28.

Notable changes include the following: (1) a "Notification system" will be included in the health care food management system; (2) changes will be made to the definition of "health care food"; (3) changes will be made to the required qualifications of an applicant; (4) registration will be managed based on the risk grade; (5) changes will be made to the required materials for health care food registration and notification; (6) changes will be made to the product name; (7) the addition of a health care food function directory; (8) the addition of a health care food raw material directory; (9) requirements on the timeliness of the notification certificate; (10) the addition of an expiration date for the registration certificate if the registered health care food has not been produced within five years; and (11) the addition of administrative fees.

### Cosmetics:

- On August 12, the CFDA published a revised draft of the proposed “Technical Specifications on Cosmetic Safety.” Comments are due by September 1. The major revisions were made to: (1) the terms and definitions; (2) general safety requirements; (3) restrictions on the use of hazardous substances; (4) the lists of prohibited and restricted components for use in the manufacture of cosmetics;



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and (5) physical and chemical testing methods.

**Chemicals:**

- On August 14, the State Administration of Work Safety issued an “Emergency Notice on Safety Special Programs regarding hazardous chemicals, inflammables and explosion-prone objects,” in response to the incident at the Dongjiang Port Area. The Notice requires companies to do the following: (1) organize an immediate inspection of the production, operation, transportation and storage activities for hazardous chemicals, inflammables, and explosion-prone substances ; (2) establish a team responsible for the safety of production and operation activities; (3) strengthen source control of hazardous chemicals, inflammables, and explosion-prone objects; and (4) enhance the capacity for emergency handling of hazardous chemicals, inflammables, and explosion-prone objects.

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

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