China Food and Drug Administration News Update

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Food:

- On September 9, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ) released the "Administrative Measures for Food Importers' Examination and Verification on Overseas Enterprises." Public comments are due by October 9. The Measures have been formulated to support Article 94 of China's new Food Safety Law, which stipulates that overseas exporters and manufacturers shall guarantee the safety and quality of the food they export to China and ensure compliance with Chinese laws, regulations, and requirements. Under the Measures, importers should establish an Examination and Verification (EV) system for overseas exporters and manufacturers.
- On September 9, the China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA) issued instruction notes regarding traceability for rice liquor (baijiu) manufacturers in accordance with the provisions of the new Food Safety Law. The rice liquor traceability system will require manufacturers to set up internal traceability systems, while regulators must offer guidance and supervision during the establishment and implementation of this system.

Chemicals:

On September 11, the State Administration of Work Safety (SAWS) issued a revised draft of "Several Provisions on Implementing China's Work Safety Law." The Provisions, consisting of 36 articles, include sections on business entity liability, internal responsibility system, law enforcement rules for the work safety administration, and penalties. The Provisions requires hazardous chemical manufacturers and operators to: (1) establish a work safety committee; (2) develop and strengthen work safety standardization; (3) set up a work safety management division; (4) ensure 20% of the work safety supervisors are registered safety engineers, and there should be at least 1



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