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Food:

- On December 30, 2015, China National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC) published 47 new national food safety standards, which include food additive standards, nutrition supplement standards, and product standards. In addition, two national standards for new foods for special dietary purposes were published, addressing sports nutrition foods and supplementary nutritional food for pregnant and lactating women. These latter two standards will become effective on November 13, 2016.
- On January 7, 2016 the China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA) published the *Guidance of a Traceability System for Edible Vegetable Oil Manufactures*. Under the requirements of the new traceability system, required recordkeeping covers the whole process of production and operation, including information relating to raw material examination and acceptance, the production process, product inspection, product distribution, and personnel and equipment. Manufacturers are required to record the information of material sources, processing procedures, product flow, and product quantity to ensure whole system traceability.
- On January 7, 2016 CFDA published the *Rules for Food Safety Traceability Information Record of Infant Formula Milk Powder Manufacturers*. Under these *Rules*, infant formula milk powder manufacturers are encouraged to adopt electronic methods to record information on product research and development, raw materials, the production process, finished product management, sales, risk information, and recall information.

Cosmetics:

- On December 23, 2015, CFDA published the *New Inventory of Existing Cosmetic Ingredients in China (IECIC 2015)*. The Inventory includes 8783 ingredients. Substances that are not included in the list are regarded as new ingredients for cosmetics and have to be registered with CFDA.



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Chemicals:

- On December 15, 2015, the State Administration of Work Safety (SAWS) issued the *Guideline Checklist for Safety Inspection of Chemical (Hazardous Chemical) Industry* to standardize the work safety management of the hazardous chemical industry, guide and strengthen the law enforcement of local work safety administrations, and urge hazardous chemical manufacturers and operators to fulfill safety responsibilities. The *Guideline* outlines 40 potential violations and provides references to the legal basis and corresponding penalty provisions. Potential violations may include aspects of staffing and qualification, process management, equipment and facility management, and safety management.

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

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