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CFDA: All Infant Formula Passed Spot Check

Recently the state food and drug authority spot checked 218 batches of infant formula products, all of which passed the inspection.

The spot check covers 63 indexes contained in the products, including protein, fat and carbohydrate. The products inspected were from 88 companies, including well-established local and foreign brands.

The products are sold in Beijing, Hunan province, Hebei province, Jiangxi province, Shanxi province, and Guangdong province.

Before this latest inspection, all three spot checks towards infant formula products inspected from June to August found no substandard products. (Source: Economy Daily)

China to Further Cross-Border E-Commerce to Boost Foreign Trade

China will set up more cross-border e-commerce pilot zones in favor of trade facilitation to boost China's global competitiveness, according to a decision made at a State Council executive meeting chaired by Premier Li Keqiang on Wednesday.

The meeting decided to extend the success of cross-border e-commerce pilot zones to more cities with good infrastructure and strong trade and e-commerce development potential across the country. The original initiative was set in motion by the State Council in Hangzhou in 2015 before being expanded to another 12 cities, including Shanghai, Tianjin and Chongqing, since early 2016.



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Some good practices are going national, such as the development of online comprehensive service platforms incorporating custom clearance, logistics, tax refund, payment, fund raising and risk control services and offline industrial parks providing whole-industrial-chain services.

"We need to enable the healthy development of cross-border e-commerce and speed up the growth of new engines, making the foreign trade sector more adaptive to new circumstances and better endowed with new cutting edges," Li said. "The prospect of cross-border e-commerce is very bright."

Statistics by the Ministry of Commerce shows that 220 countries and regions across the world were covered by China's cross-border e-commerce network as of 2016, with a turnover of 5.85 trillion yuan (891 billion U.S. dollars), up by 28.2 percent year-on-year.

The total volume of foreign trade via cross-border e-commerce in the 13 pilot zones reached 163.7 billion yuan in 2016, up by more than 100 percent year-on-year. More than 400 third-party platforms were established and 20,000 cross-border e-commerce trade companies were established in the pilot zones.

The government will further reform to streamline administration, enhance compliance oversight and improve service, and improve the policy matrix for cross-border e-commerce, to boost efficiency and reduce costs of doing business.

Developing the entire value-chain of e-commerce will be a form of support measures, including establishing overseas storage facilities covering key countries and markets and logistics networks.

"We need to expand and clone good experience and practices accumulated, and lay down the rules in a

timely manner. The new growth drivers' capacity to boost employment, extend the industry chain and buttress growth cannot be overestimated," the premier said.

The meeting on Wednesday also decided to support the exploration and innovation efforts by the pilot zones. Different online platforms will be integrated to better provide one-stop services to share information, regulatory credentials and enforcement resources.

Paralleled efforts will be made to match online platforms with robust offline industrial cluster development and comprehensive service provision.

The government will also step up the development of credit system in the cross-border e-commerce sector and improve mechanisms to evaluate e-commerce sector, safeguard transactions, better protect consumers, IPR and manage risks.

"Government oversight should be both enabling and prudent. Producers and platform companies should live up to their responsibilities, while the government's focus is on enhancing compliance oversight," Li said. (Source: Xinhua)

CFDA: Over 98% Special Food Passed Spot Checks

According to the state regulator of food and drug, the general standard rate of spot checks over food of special use is over 98%.

The official data show that over 9000 kinds of health food are sold in the local market, which are produced by over 2600 companies with the value of 400 billion yuan.

In April, 2017, CFDA set up registration



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management department of special food, which ushered in a new chapter for the registration management of health food, food of special use and infant formula products. Since 2013, CFDA has conducted spot checks towards food of special use for years. All infant formula products have to pass tests by the companies before being put in to the market, and the regulators conduct spot checks each month, with a standard rate of 98.7%. (Source: news.ywcb)

Mapping China's Healthcare Industry

Those interested in the current situation of the healthcare industry in China no longer need to depend on statistics collected manually, fearing that the data would not be up-to-date. With the help of big data and artificial intelligence, AI, a digital map can offer everything about the medical field.



In just one click, the digital map offers users all the information related to the medical industry within a specific region in China, including different types of medical enterprises, innovative demonstration areas, high-end talents in the area, the latest medical products, as well as the financing condition in each medical field.

The digital map launched by Firestone Inventing, a consulting company specializing in the medical

industry, is the first product in China to present statistics about the healthcare industry by itself. Using big data and AI techniques, the data are updated automatically, which greatly liberates the labor forces and improves the accuracy of information.

The product was first launched in Changping district in Beijing on Tuesday. The database stored in the map demonstrated that by now, there are 2,393 medical-related enterprises in the area. Among them, 1,269 manufacture medical equipment, 845 offer medical services, while 196 produce biopharmaceuticals. Meanwhile, up to 69 professionals have been attracted to the region, 10 of which are listed among China's "1000 Talent Plan".

"With the help of the digital map, Changping district will attract financing and high-end talents to the healthcare industry, building the area into an ideal place for medical scientific innovation," said Su Guiguang, vice-director of Changping district.

In 2016, the State Council launched "Healthy China 2030", a guideline that suggested that by 2020, the total volume of the healthcare industry in China will surpass 8 trillion yuan (\$1.2 trillion), and the figure is estimated to reach 16 trillion yuan by 2030. The healthcare industry has become a strategic pillar industry and a large amount of capital is flowing into the sector.

"The digital map based on location services, was invented to help the government adjust its industrial chains and realize accurate positioning. In this way, local authorities can carry out more scientific guidelines and attract capital and talents based on the guidelines, boosting the development of the healthcare industry in China," said Yang Hongfei, chief executive officer of Firestone.

According to the company, the product will be applied to every area in China soon.

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Zhang Yidan, an analyst specializing in the medical industry at Beijing-based research company Analysys, said that using big data, the processing efficiency and malleability of information are improved to a large extent, which is beneficial to both the investors and the enterprises related to the field.

"The investors may find it easier to make their decisions, while the enterprises can make wiser strategic plans. In this way, the digital map will boost the development of medical industry in China," she added. (Source: China Daily)

Private Companies Ink Food Safety Credit Scoring Deal

Beijing Guo Fu Tai Credit Management Co., Ltd (Beijing Guo Fu Tai Credit Management) and Shi An Cheng Shi Technology Co., Ltd (Shi An Cheng Shi) signed a credit scoring system for food safety into being at China International Electronic Commerce Center on September 14.

Shi An Cheng Shi's general manager Sun Di and Beijing Guo Fu Tai Credit Management's general manager Chen Dengli participated in the signing ceremony.

One of the domestic technology companies in food safety, Shi An Cheng Shi focuses on the development of China's food safety industry. Meanwhile, its new business partner Guo Fu Tai utilizes its advantages in Internet technology and data collection to the develop domestic credit scoring systems for commercial use.

As a key Chinese e-commerce service provider, China International Electronic Commerce Center provides e-government services to the government as well as credit score management and Internet-based value-added services for enterprises.

The partnership will further strengthen the collaboration between the different companies and aid the maintenance of market order and food safety systems in the commercial sector.

According to Sun, the agreement makes way for a credit scoring system along the entire value chain, which would significantly improve food safety at all levels.

"Adopting a scoring system for food-related enterprises can help to improve food safety in a way that maintains market order and best serves the public interest," Sun said.

"Through deepening the public's awareness of food safety and scoring food suppliers, the system will enable consumers to pick and choose [who they buy from based on their scores], which in return, improves the food safety standards in the market."

Representatives and experts at the event all agreed that mobilizing consumers to play an active role in the construction and development of a food safety system is a good concept that benefits the entire Chinese society. (Source: Global Times)

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