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SFDA: Method for the Assessment of nine health claims for health products

SFDA released detailed methods for assessment of nine health claims for health products. The nine claims include Antioxidative Function, Protection of Gastric Mucosa Function, Assisting Blood Sugar Reduction Function, Alleviating Eye Fatigue Function, Improving Nutritional Anaemia Function, Assisting Blood Lipids Reduction Function, Alleviating Lead Excretion Function, Weight Control Function, and Clear the Throat Function. Among them, only the claim of Alleviating Eye Fatigue Function requires human trial only, the other eight claims should conduct both animal testing and human trial.

The assessment of Alleviating Eye Fatigue Function requires 60 days, Assisting Blood Lipids Reduction Function requires 45 days to 6 months, and Weight Control Function requires 6-10 weeks to carry out the testing. The other claims need 30 days to conduct both testing, no more than 45 days when necessary.

Any application for blue hat with those claims after May 1 this year has to follow the latest assessment regulation. *(Source: SFDA)*

SFDA: More strict registration work in health products in future

SFDA issued another notice within its system in May, emphasizing to be more strict in registration of health products in future. Every process should follow the regulations strictly.

According to SFDA official website, in 2011, 819 domestic health products received blue hat, and 13 foreign health products got the hat. approved.

In 2012, up to now, 218 domestic products and 4 foreign products approved.

A senior in a health products registration company said, "SFDA is going to slow down the pace of approval of blue hats, and we'll see less blue hats approved every year in the future."

MoH: Standard of nutrition fortifier in food released in March

Standard of nutrition fortifier in food released in late March and will take effect since January 1, 2013. The standard includes the content proportion of nutrition fortifier, such as vitamins, minerals, DHA, protein, in general food, as well as what source can be used to get the nutrition. *(Source: MoH)*

SFDA: 15 companies were detected to manufacture disqualified capsule

SFDA conducted all-around inspection on pharmaceutical use gelatin and capsule cross the nation in April. 15 companies were found to produce over-standard chromium capsule among 117 companies detected. One company was found to manufacture over-standard chromium gelatin. Here is the disqualified capsule company list as follows.

Zhejiang Province (9 companies)

Xinchang County Zhuokang Capsule Ltd, Co

Zhejiang Xinchang County Huaxing Capsule Company

Xinchang County Ruixiang Capsule Ltd, Co

Zhejiang Kangnuo Capsule Ltd, Co

Zhejiang New Dazhong Mountain Capsule Ltd, Co

Xinchang County Wozhou Capsule Ltd, Co

Zhejiang Linfeng Capsule Ltd, Co

Xinchang County Chengxin Capsule Ltd, Co

Zhejiang Xinchang County Tianlin Chemical Capsule Ltd, Co

Chongqing (2 companies)

Chongqing Huixiang Capsule Ltd, Co

Chongqing Ruidi Capsule Ltd, Co

Sichuan Province (2 companies)

Chengdu Zhenghe Pharmaceutical Capsule Ltd, Co

Chengdu Jinrui Pharmaceutical Capsule Ltd, Co

Henan Province (2 companies)

Henan Jiaozuo Jinjian Company (This company was found to produce over chromium gelatin too.)

Henan Haohai Pharmaceutical Ltd, Co *(Source: SFDA)*

Mintel: China consumers prefer additive-free drinks

Mintel, a market investigation company from Britain, released a research report recently, saying that more and more Chinese customers prefer additive-free soda drinks. The report found that 72 percent of Chinese customers will avoid sodas which containing man-made additives. However, only 1.8 percent of the soda drinks in China market claim they are additive-free. "It's a market opportunity for those healthy drinks manufacturers." Said TanHengHong, a senior analyst of Mintel. *(Source: Mintel)*

MoH: Lactobin can't be used in infant formula since September 1, 2012

Lacobin is the milk produced by healthy cows within 7 days after baby delivery. It is found that the quality of the milk produced in the period is unstable. However, it is a popular trend in China for new parents to feed their baby with infant formula made by lactobin, which is more expensive and mainly imported from Australia and New Zealand, as they thought it to be more nutritious. MoH released a regulation that lactobin can't be used in infant formula since September 1 this year, quoting that even in Australia and New Zealand, lactobin won't be used for babies younger than 4 months. *(Source: MoH)*

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