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Monitoring Region	China, South Korea, Singapore, Indonesia
Monitoring Period	Mar. 1, 2022 – Mar 31, 2022
Surveillance Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ General regulation changes ➤ Regulation changes on product standards, labeling/packaging, raw materials/food additives
Food Categories	Infant formula, health food

Part 1. Regulation Updates: China

Chapter 1. General Regulations

1.1 China Adds a New Function to GACC Food Manufacturer Registration System

- Date: 2022.3.3
- Applicable food categories: all products
- Source: [GACC single window](#)

On March 3, 2022, a new function "account certification" was added to the GACC food manufacturer registration system recently.

With this new function, enterprises beyond the 18 food categories* can directly apply for the account certification within the system. Only the accredited accounts can get access to the registration of all food categories (both within the 18 food categories and beyond).

The 18 food categories refer to:

Meat and meat products, casing, aquatic products, dairy products, bird's nest and bird's nest products, bee products, eggs and egg products, edible oils and fats, stuffed pasta, edible cereals, industrial products of cereal flour and malt, preserved and dehydrated vegetables and dried beans, seasonings, nuts and seeds, dried fruits, unroasted coffee beans and cocoa beans, special dietary foods, and health food.

1.2 China to Tighten Supervision over the Health Food Logo

- Date: 2022.3.21
- Applicable food categories: health food
- Source: [Official notice](#)

On March 21, 2022, the State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR) issued a drafted notice regarding the supervision of the health food logo. Comments can be sent to bjspjgc@163.com till April 21, 2022.

According to the notice, the logo of health food is the exclusive mark for health food registered or filed in China, which shall be marked on the minimum sales package of health food products. The filing or registration certificate holder of health food, and the manufacturer and business operator of health food shall ensure that the health food product on the market is marked with the health food logo as required.

The logo of health food shall be the pattern specified by SAMR, and shall be marked on the top left of the minimum sales package in equal proportion. The logo shall be clear and easy to identify, and cannot be deformed or discolored. If the surface area of the main display panel is greater than 100cm², the width of the widest part of the health food logo shall not be less than 2cm. Otherwise, the width of the widest part of the health food logo shall not be less than 1cm.



Chapter 2. Product Standards

No updates

Chapter 3. Labeling / Packaging

No updates

Chapter 4. Raw Materials / Food Additives

4.1 China Consults on the Use of Arabinoxylan as a Novel Food Ingredient

- Date: 2022.3.14
- Applicable food categories: all products
- Source: [Official Notice](#)

On March 14, 2022, China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment (CFSA) opened the proposal of arabinoxylan as a novel food ingredient for public feedback, which can be used as a source of dietary fiber. Any comment can be sent to xspyl@cfsa.net.cn prior to April 14, 2022.

Chinese Name	Latin Name	Recommended intake	Notes
阿拉伯木聚糖	Arabinoxylan	≤ 15 g/day (if the content of arabinoxylan exceeds 85g/100g, then it shall be recalculated based on the real content)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unsuitable for infants, young children, the pregnant and breastfeeding women. Unsuitable consumer groups shall be marked on the product labels and instructions. 2. Specifications and food safety indicators shall comply with the requirements in the Appendix of this notice.

Chapter 5. Other Noteworthy Information

5.1 China Releases the First Batch of Registered Infant Formula Produced Under the New GB Standards

- Date: 2022.3.2
- Applicable food categories: infant formula
- Source: [Official Notice](#)

As revealed by the notice released on March 2, 2022, six infant formula products produced under new GB standards were granted formula registration approvals. Among the six products, three are from Junlebao and the rest are from Yili Group.

Up until the release of this article, the registration information of the six products has not been added to the “[Query Platform for Special Foods](#)” (a database set up by China’s SAMR) yet due to the update lag. But we can find more details from the Wechat Official Accounts of the two involved companies. According to Junlebao, the three involved products are all from a series called “Qizhi”. Besides satisfying the requirements raised in the GB standards, Junlebao optimized the addition amount of lactoferrin and added lactulose as well as prebiotics into the updated recipes. In 2021, the sales amount of the Qizhi series increased by 30% from the previous year. Disclosed by Junlebao, this series enjoys a brand loyalty rate of over 72%. The other three involved products of Yili Group are from a series called “Beiguan”. According to Yili Group, fresh A2 raw milk is used as the raw material in the updated recipe, added with nutrients like lactoferrin, probiotic, DHA, ARA, etc.

The release of this notice is good news for stakeholders since we all know the infant formula market

in China is under pressure at this stage. At least, the review work of new recipes produced under the new GB standards goes well and stakeholders can look forward to the approval of their applications.

Part 2. Regulation Updates: South Korea

Chapter 1. General Regulations

No updates

Chapter 2. Product Standards

No updates

Chapter 3. Labeling / Packaging

No updates

Chapter 4. Raw Materials / Food Additives

4.1 South Korea Consults on Health Functional Food Code

- Date: 2022.3.2
- Applicable food categories: health food
- Source: [Official notice](#)

On March 2, 2022, the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) revealed an exposure draft of Health Functional Food Code for public opinion. The consultation period is set to end on May 2, 2022.

The proposed changes are:

1. Expanding Raw Material Scope for Manufacturing Protein

All kinds of permitted food ingredients are proposed to be used in manufacturing protein products:

Present	Draft
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Manufacturing Standard <p>Raw Material: Legumes, oils, eggs, fishes, shellfishes, meats, nuts, cereals, edible insects. (Edible insects used for manufacturing protein should be on the list of the Food Code)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Manufacturing Standard <p>Raw Material: Protein products shall be manufactured or processed from food ingredients, in order to supplement protein.</p>

2. Adding New Function of Ginseng

According to the *Draft*, the individually recognized function of ginseng “**benefit for liver health**” is going to be changed to a notified function and listed in [Health Functional Food Code](#).

Therefore, once the draft is passed, the notified functions of ginseng would be “helpful to improve immunity, recover from fatigue, benefit for bone health, and **benefit for liver health**”.

The recommended daily intake of the product purporting “benefit to the liver” is drafted as well: Total amount of ginsenoside Rg1 and Rb1: **28.8mg** (equivalent to 2.4g ginseng extract).

3. Removing Aloe Whole Leaf from the Functional Ingredient List

The side effect of hepatotoxicity was found after continuous consumption of the **aloe whole leaf** ingredient for a long time. Therefore, the authority proposed to delete this raw material from the functional ingredient list.

Part 3. Regulation Updates: Singapore

Chapter 1. General Regulations

1.1 Singapore Updates Regulatory Guidance for Health Supplements

- Date: 2022.3
- Applicable food categories: health food
- Source: [Official document](#)

In early March 2022, Singapore Health Sciences Authority (HSA) unveiled the new version of the *Health Supplements Guidelines* (*Guidelines* for short), which provides the regulatory information

for enterprises dealing with health supplements in Singapore. It is noteworthy that this Guideline is just a collection of information and does not supersede any prior national legislation.

This Guideline introduces the regulatory requirements of health supplements from the perspective of safety & quality (including prohibited ingredients, contaminants limits, use of vitamins and minerals, etc.), labeling, advertising, as well as product and dealer licensing control.

Please click [here](#) for the complete version of the *Singapore Health Supplements Guidelines (Revised March 2022)*.

Chapter 2. Product Standards

No updates

Chapter 3. Labeling / Packaging

No updates

Chapter 4. Raw Materials / Food Additives

No updates

Part 4. Regulation Updates: Indonesia

Chapter 1. General Regulations

1.1 Indonesia Proposes Draft for Health Supplements Advertising

- Date: 2022.3.11
- Applicable food categories: health food
- Source: [Official notice](#)

On March 11, 2022, Indonesia Food and Drug Administration (BPOM) announced to solicit comments for the draft of Advertising Supervision of Traditional Medicines, Quasi Medicines, and Health Supplements. Comments can be sent to ditstandarotskkos@pom.go.id prior to March 25, 2022.

In Indonesia, only health supplements obtained corresponding distribution permits are allowed to be advertised via image, text or other forms on media. The holder of the distribution permit needs to be responsible for the information contained in advertisements, and ensures advertisements conform to BPOM regulations. According to the announcement, advertisements for health supplements need to be granted approval by BPOM. The holder of the distribution permit shall register with the advertisement review system first, then submit the application for advertisement review with required materials and documents. After that, the advertisement review group will give a final decision after reviewing. During the review process, the applicant may be required to modify or supplement materials.

The information conveyed in advertisements shall be objective, complete and non-misleading. The language shall be Indonesian. However, universally understood terms in foreign languages can be exempted no matter if there're corresponding terms in Indonesian or not. If the advertisement is specially placed in a region or targeted at consumers in a specific region, the local language can be used in the advertisement.

Chapter 2. Product Standards

No updates

Chapter 3. Labeling / Packaging

No updates

Chapter 4. Raw Materials / Food Additives

No updates



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