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Weekly Top Takeaways

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IDFA Regulatory RoundUP

This week, the International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA) held their annual Regulatory RoundUP. The Round Up is an annual update for IDFA members about regulatory changes that affect the dairy industry. The Round Up started off with a keynote from FDA Deputy Commissioner Ostroff discussing the FDA's priorities for the next year which will include FSMA implementation, nutrition facts panel implementation, menu labeling implementation, voluntary sodium reduction guidelines, health and natural definitions, GMO labeling (need congress to pass a national law), antimicrobial resistance, genome sequencing, and recall process review.

The following are the key takeaways from sessions during the Round Up:

- The Department of Justice takes many factors in account when determining which companies to criminally investigate including: seriousness of harm, fraud or misrepresentation, past violation, pervasiveness of the problem, and the company's level of cooperation;
- Joe Levitt from Hogan Lovells US LLP said the major places that the industry is likely to get into trouble during FSMA implementation are: qualified individual, validation, environmental conditions, monitoring, supplier verification, and record keeping;
- During a panel moderated by Connie Tipton IDFA CEO, CEO's from the industry trade associations pushed that transparency could help the industry avoid issues like GMO labeling in the future;
- Arthur S. Garrett III from Keller and Heckman LLP stated when making GMO claims, make sure to audit suppliers to make sure you actually know what you are getting from your suppliers; and
- USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion is looking partners for promoting the new DGAs and has created labeling materials that companies can use on their products.

Soda Tax

The Philadelphia city council approved a citywide soda tax this week by a vote of 13-4. Former mayor of New York City Bloomberg vowed to help continue the movement. A 1.5-cent tax will be added on sugary and diet drinks and the funds will be used for children's education and park programs.

Ortho-Phthalates

FDA has issued a correction to its Ortho-Phthalate Proposed Rule by adding 'Butyl phthalyl butyl glycolate' and 'Ethyl phthalyl ethyl glycolate' to the petition proposing to revoke the food contact use of specified ortho-phthalates.

California Proposition 65

The California EPA Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment opened new rulemaking which proposes to adopt Maximum Allowable Dose Levels for oral exposure of 100 micrograms per day for the following six chemicals: Atrazine, Propazine, and Simazine (Herbicides); and Chlorometabolites DACT, DEA and DIA.

Military Meatless Mondays

Sen. Joni Ernst's (R-IA) attempt to block the military from adopting a meat reduction program was prevented by the senate passing the National Defense Authorization Act without her amendment.

Coffee Does Not Cause Cancer

According to the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), the same group that suggested that red and processed meat cause cancer, published a report that found, "No conclusive evidence for a carcinogenic effect of drinking coffee."

U.S. Global Nutrition Strategy

The U.S. government has released its "Global Nutrition Coordination Plan 2016-2021" which identifies six technical focus areas for enhanced multiple agency coordination: 1) Food fortification; 2) Nutrition information systems; 3) Food safety; 4) The first 1,000 days (pregnancy up to 2 years of age); 5) Nutrition-related non-communicable diseases; and 6) HIV and nutrition.

Candy Caucus

Representatives Jackie Walorski (R-IN) and Annie Kuster (D-NH) launched a bipartisan caucus to promote candy's role in the U.S. economy.

SNA Press Conference

This week the School Nutrition Association held congressional briefing in opposition of the block grant pilot in the House Child Nutrition Reauthorization bill.

Food Safety

[Whole Foods Food Safety Violations](#)

The FDA has cited a Whole Foods Market manufacturing facility in Everett, MA, with 20 food safety violations. FDA inspectors say they found multiple examples of produce and ready-to-eat products being kept or prepared in areas where condensation collects. They additionally confirmed the presence of non-pathogenic Listeria and found inadequate cleaning and sanitation practices.

FSMA Guidance

The FDA released a Food Safety Modernization Act guidance titled "Imported Food Questions and Answers (Edition 3); Guidance for Industry."

Powdered Alcohol

The American Medical Association adopted a position supporting a ban on powdered alcohol, commonly known as "palcohol," in response to rising public health concerns.

Agriculture

GMO Labeling

Reports this week from the hill say that Senators Roberts (R-KS) and Stabenow (D-MI) are very close to a deal on GMO labeling though details are scarce. June 24th is the last day to get legislation to President Obama's desk in order for it to be effective by July 1st, when the Vermont labeling rule goes into effect.

International

GMO Labeling

A new democrat to Canadian parliament, Pierre-Luc Dusseault, introduced Bill C-291 this week calling for mandatory labeling of genetically modified food, following steps taken by lawmakers south of the border.

COOL

On July 1, 2016, a new country of origin food labeling system will go into effect under the Australian Consumer Law. Businesses that sell retail foods will have two years to sell current stock and change their labels to comply with the new law, before it becomes mandatory on 1 July 2018. Under the new system, most foods that are produced, grown or made in Australia will be required to display a label with: the kangaroo in a triangle symbol so you can easily and quickly identify the food's Australian origin; a statement indicating that the food was grown, produced or made in Australia; and the minimum proportion, by ingoing weight, of Australian ingredients, indicated by a percentage amount and shown in a bar chart.


Infant Formula & Medical Foods Labeling law

Under the EU new rules, which will take effect July 20, makers of infant formula, medical foods, meal replacements for weight control, and foods for young children are held to science-based criteria on safety and nutrition of food ingredients and pesticide residues in food. Food companies will have to notify member countries when new products go on the market, and labeling for infant formula will be barred from disparaging breastfeeding.

State

In Rhode Island, a bill, HB 7657 was passed by the House, which would require all schools to have a school health program. The program shall provide for the organized direction and supervision of a healthful school environment, health education, and services. All Rhode Island elementary, middle and high schools that sell or distribute competitive foods and beverages on the school campus during the school day shall be required to offer only healthy foods and beverages as set forth by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In Massachusetts, a bill, HB 4409 was introduced, which would establish a 3-year pilot program for up to 1 school per calendar year for public elementary and secondary schools with the purpose of updating school kitchens for fresh food preparation and storage.

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• International Dairy Deli-Bake Seminar & Expo	• International Dairy Deli-Bake Seminar & Expo • FSMA Public Meeting on Import Rule	• Farm Foundation's Demographic and Social Influences on Consumer Trends in Food and Nutrition	• Farm Foundation's Demographic and Social Influences on Consumer Trends in Food and Nutrition	• Farm Foundation's Demographic and Social Influences on Consumer Trends in Food and Nutrition • Codex Administrative Commission
13	14	15	16	17
• Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture Meeting	• Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture Meeting	• FSMA Public Meeting on Import Rule	• Advisory Committee on Animal Health	
20	21	22	23	24
• APA Annual Meeting • FMI Connect	• APA Annual Meeting • FMI Connect • FSMA Public Meeting on Import Rule • Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria	• FMI Connect • Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria	• AND Public Policy Workshop	• AND Public Policy Workshop
27	28	29	30	
• Summer Fancy Food Show	• Summer Fancy Food Show	• NAMW C Food Package Workshop		

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• IFI Meeting • Republican National Convention	• IFI Meeting • Republican National Convention	• Republican National Convention	• Republican National Convention	• Republican National Convention
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• Democratic National Convention	• Democratic National Convention	• Democratic National Convention	• Democratic National Convention	



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