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IADSA

The International Alliance of Dietary /Food Supplements Associations was founded in 1998 to address the globalization of dietary supplement markets and increasing regulatory challenges. IADSA brings together 58 dietary supplement associations with the aim of building a sound legislative and political environment for the development of the dietary supplement market worldwide.

IADSA serves its worldwide network of associations and companies by:

- Providing a fast flow of regulatory and policy information on dietary supplements, ensuring that there is an awareness and understanding of new developments.
- Coordinating strategy and action on global regulatory issues, particularly in relation to Codex Alimentarius initiatives.
- Widening and deepening the network of associations around the world by helping the establishment of new dietary supplement associations and supporting existing national associations.
- Organizing global and regional events to promote dialogue on the scientific and regulatory issues underpinning the dietary supplement market.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

◆ IADSA

GERMAN ASSOCIATION JOINS THE ALLIANCE

The Food Supplement Group AK NEM of the German Federation for Food Law and Food Science (BLL) has applied to become member of IADSA.

Created in 2003, AK NEM has 30 members engaged in the manufacture and marketing of dietary supplements and in 2005 was a co-organiser with IADSA and the European Associations EHPM and ERNA of the very successful conference held in Berlin on 'Food Supplements in Europe – Challenges for the Future.'

For further information on AK NEM please contact its Manager of Scientific and Regulatory Affairs, Ms Stefanie Rams, email: srams@bll.de.

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IADSA PROPOSALS FOR FOOD ADDITIVE LEVELS ADOPTED

IADSA's lobby to retain nine additives at specific levels in the Codex General Standard for Food Additives met with success at the recent Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) meeting in Beijing, China.

Their proposals for Castor Oil (1,000 mg/kg), Polysorbates (25,000 mg/kg), Polyvinyl Alcohol (45,000 mg/kg), Acesulfame Potassium (2,000 mg/kg), Aspartame (5,500 mg/kg), Cyclamates (1,250 mg/kg), Neotame (90 mg/kg), Saccharin (1,200 mg/kg) and Sucralose (2,400 mg/kg) will now be put forward to the Codex Alimentarius Commission for adoption in July.

In addition, IADSA was successful in achieving new numbering for Lycopene under the International Numbering System (INS), which will enable proper differentiation between Lycopene extracted from tomatoes, synthetic Lycopene and Lycopene derived from the organism *Blakeslea trispora*.

Time constraints meant that the revised Codex levels for food colours were not discussed, and issues concerning colours in food supplements will thus remain unresolved for a further year.

For further information, contact the IADSA Secretariat at secretariat@iadsa.be.

CONTAMINANTS COMMITTEE MEETS

The first meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants, following the decision to split the former Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants into two, was also held in Beijing.

One of the main objectives of the Committee has been to develop a Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods (GSCTF) in which each contaminant has a listing of each susceptible commodity or processed food and the maximum levels assigned by the Codex Committee. Currently the GSCTF covers 12 contaminants, of which 6 are heavy metals/mineral elements, plus a further 19 for which maximum levels have not yet been set.

From discussions at the meeting, the following issues were of relevance to the supplement industry:

- **Methods of Analysis and Sampling for Dioxins and PCBs:** IADSA pointed out that while supplements contained a large number of product matrices that need to be controlled, very few were likely to give problems with dioxins or PCBs, and any controls should be by limits on the raw material, not the final product. IADSA has been asked to produce a detailed report on this point.
- **Perchlorate:** a contaminant used in industrial processes which can disrupt the function of the thyroid, and which may be a problem with some naturally occurring supplement ingredients such as botanicals, is to become a priority for evaluation of its toxicology and an exposure assessment.
- **Furan:** produced during the thermal processing of foods, and a potential liver and kidney toxicant. Found in foods, including bottled foods and nutrition drinks and juices, and possibly in heat processed supplement ingredients. A full toxicological and exposure assessment has been requested.

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GMO LABELLING AND ADVERTISING

The Codex Committee on Food Labelling met this month and discussed two issues relevant for the dietary supplement industry: the labelling of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) and the definition of Advertising in relation to nutrition and health claims.

Regarding GMO labelling, where countries are divided on whether the labelling of foods/ingredients derived from GMOs (process-based labelling) should be voluntary or mandatory, the Committee decided, in an attempt to make progress on this issue, to establish a Working Group to analyse what is possible under Codex draft standards and what is needed, and reflect on appropriate actions forward. It was agreed that the time frame to complete this

work was set at 4 years and that the first Working Group meeting would take place in Ghana in early 2008.

In addition, the definition of Advertising was amended by the Committee and will be considered for adoption at Step 5 by the Commission at its next meeting in July. The revised draft takes into account the suggestions made by IADSA about alternative wording of the text in the interests of clarity:

“Advertising means any commercial communication to the public, by any means other than labelling, to promote directly or indirectly, the sale or intake of a food through the use of nutrition or health claims in relation to the food and its ingredients”.

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ASIA

◆ INDIA

NEW FOOD REGULATORY BODY ANNOUNCED

Speaking at the inauguration of the International Conference on Food Regulations organized by the Confederation of Indian Industries, the Indian Health Minister, Dr Ambumani Ramadoss, announced that a single body to address food regulatory issues will be set up in four to five months time.

Until now, food regulation has been dealt with by a number of different agencies, but recently India integrated its food laws under the 2006 'Food Safety and Standards Act', which stipulates that a Food Safety and Standards Authority (FSSA), an autonomous scientific regulatory body headed by a food commissioner, should be formed. Once formed, the implementation of the new Regulations will begin.

Source: HADSA

◆ JAPAN

MHLW'S LATEST DECISIONS ON INGREDIENTS

- *New Substances Added to the Food Additive List:*
In a recent notification from the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW), both d and dl- α Tocopheryl Acetate are newly listed in the the Food Additive Positive List. This means that both substances can now be used as food/dietary supplement ingredients in Japan.

- *Revisions to the Classification of Ingredients:*
The MHLW has recently published a notification of revisions to the classification of ingredients. Of importance to the food supplement industry, L-Citrulline is among the many substances newly classified as food use ingredients.
- *New OTC Procedure for Herbal Ingredients:*
In a recent notification, the MHLW has offered industry the opportunity of achieving OTC product approvals for herbal ingredients such as Gingko biloba, Saint John's Wort, and Saw Palmetto.

A more detailed submission procedure for these herbal products, which are currently marketed as food supplements, will be advised soon.

Source: NNFA-J

◆ THAILAND

SUPPLEMENT EXCISE TAX PROPOSALS SUSPENDED

Following representations from the Thai Health Food and Supplements Association (HFSA) and IADSA, which explained both benefits of dietary supplements and international tax practices, the Excise Tax Department of the Ministry of Revenue of the Thai Government has suspended its proposal to impose a 50% excise tax on dietary supplements.

It is now hoped that this suspension may result in the proposal being permanently dropped.

Source: HFSA

EUROPE

◆ EUROPEAN UNION

EFSA PANEL WORKING ON HEALTH CLAIM GUIDANCE

In order to meet national deadlines, the European food supplement industry (EHPM/ERNA) is currently working to finalise its 'master list' of health claims for submission by members to their national authorities, who in turn will submit them to the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) for inclusion on the proposed central list of 'generic claims'.

To date, guidance from EFSA on the detail of what is required to substantiate a health claim has been scant. However, agenda items at the next meeting of EFSA's Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies include

'New requests for scientific opinion on: Nutrition and health Claims, Guidance for health claims applications, and nutrient profiles' and discussion on a *'Draft opinion on "Scientific and technical guidance for preparation and presentation of the application for the authorization of a health claim'*.

It is understood that a comprehensive guidance document may be available by the summer of this year.

Source: EHPM

EBF PETITIONS ON TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE FOR BOTANICALS

The European Botanical Forum (EBF) is pressing for traditional knowledge to be taken into account in the evaluation of health claims submitted for the central 'generic' claims list of the Nutrition and Health Claims Regulation.

As Patrick Coppens, secretary of the EBF, points out, under European medicines law the registration procedure for traditional herbal medicinal products allows proof of traditional use to replace conventional efficacy data, and it would therefore be *'...quite disproportionate'* if the requirements for substantiating a health effect for a food were to be more demanding.

A report from the Working Group on Botanicals is scheduled for the next plenary meeting of EFSA's Scientific Committee.

Source: ERNA

CONCERNS ON FISH OIL LEGISLATION

The European Federation of Association of Health Product Manufacturers (EHPM) has sent a letter this month to the European Commission to raise its concerns regarding the impact of the imminent application of new EU regulation concerning the certification of fish oils for human consumption from third countries.

The supply of high quality fish oils destined to the food supplement industry comes mainly from third countries. It appears that due to the structure of the market, the number of changes and related costs necessary to comply with this regulation, the establishments in the third countries will not be able to meet the EU deadline of November 2007.

EHPM fears that if the current deadline is maintained, there is a real risk of shortage of the available sources of compliant fish oil for the industry resulting in an impossibility to continue to market popular fish oil and omega 3 supplement products.

EHPM believes that the impact of this Regulation on the food supplement sector had not been foreseen by the Commission when it was developed and urges the Commission to seriously consider the possibility to extend the transition period for fish oils for human consumption to October 2009.

Source: EHPM

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ENDORSES CAM

The European Parliament Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety have endorsed the following amendment in relation to complementary and alternative medicine in a recent vote on the first reading of the European Union Health Programme 2007:

A holistic and pluralist approach to public health is necessary and therefore complementary and alternative medicine should be included in the actions supported by the Programme.

The second reading in the European Parliament, when the final vote will be taken, is in July.

Source: EHPM

EFSA PLANS SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is planning a Scientific Conference to be held in June 2007, to coincide with its fifth anniversary.

Entitled 'EFSA and Food Safety in the EU: Achievements and Challenges', the aim of the Conference is to review the contribution EFSA has made so far to food safety in Europe and to provide advice on future challenges that it must meet to accomplish its mission.

There are to be three Round Table discussions:

- *Harmonisation and transparency in risk assessment*
- *Communicating risks and benefits: a strategy for Europe*
- *What do different institutions and stakeholders expect from EFSA and what does EFSA expect from them*

For an attendance application form and further details, see www.efsa.europa.eu

Source: EHPM

EU FOOD CHAIN MONITORING PROJECT LAUNCHED

The European Union has launched a food chain monitoring project aimed at developing harmonized testing and analysis systems which are acceptable to consumers, manufacturers and regulatory bodies. Currently different methods are used in different EU Member States.

The Monitoring and Quality Assurance project (MONIQA) will examine food safety food testing and analysis methods used across Europe and investigate the safety implications of new food processing technologies.

Source: EHPM

DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD-BASED DIETARY GUIDELINES

In order to showcase its scientific work and facilitate access by stakeholders, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) publishes a number of ad hoc scientific publications.

The most recent publication from EFSA's Scientific Colloquia is entitled, 'Development of Food Based Dietary Guidelines'. For further details, see <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/publications/scientific.html>

Source: ERNA

◆ FRANCE

CONSUMER ASSOCIATION CHALLENGES SUPPLEMENT CLAIMS

The French Dietary Supplement Association, SDCA, recently held a dialogue with the Consumer Association CLCV. CLCV had put out a press release accusing food supplements, particularly those for weight-loss, of being ineffective and of claiming greater effect than could be substantiated.

During the dialogue it was noted that CLCV had based its views on medicinal data and dosage, and was not fully aware of the difference between physiological action and therapeutic efficacy.

Source: SDCA

◆ IRELAND

FUNCTIONAL FOOD RESEARCH PROJECT LAUNCHED

Ireland has launched a seven year marine functional foods research programme, with a budget of 5.2 million euros from the Marine Institute and the Department of Agriculture and Food.

Its aim is to become a leader in the global market for foods with added health benefits via the nutrients that can be sourced from the marine environment. Noel Dempsey, Minister for Marine Communications and Natural Resources, is quoted as saying that '*Marine functional foods and ingredients are key elements in our strategy to brand this country as the Seafood Island of Europe.*'

Source: IHTA

◆ UNITED KINGDOM

HEALTH DEPARTMENT INTRODUCES LOW COST VITAMIN RANGE

The UK Department of Health has recently introduced a range of low cost 'Healthy Start Vitamins' to support their recommendations for women and young children. Healthy Start vitamin drops for children are based on Reference Nutrient Intake values rather than (adult) Recommended Daily Amounts and contain Vitamin A (233 micrograms), vitamin C (20 mg) and vitamin D (.5 micrograms). For women, the drops contain vitamin C (70mg), vitamin D (10 micrograms), and folic acid (400 micrograms).

The drops are provided free to beneficiaries of the Healthy Start Scheme (qualifying pregnant women, new mothers and children), but can also be sold by Primary Care Health Trusts to other customers.

Source: HFMA

FOOD IRRADIATION STAKEHOLDER GROUP SET UP

Following a comprehensive Technical Workshop on Food Irradiation held by the Food Standards Agency (FSA) in January of this year, it became clear that it was necessary for action by industry, analysts and enforcers to achieve a more reliable screening and confirmatory test method for the detection of irradiated food supplements and their ingredients.

To further this initiative a Steering Group has been set up, and the FSA, acting as Secretariat, is also requesting industry volunteers to become part of the 'Food Irradiation Stakeholder Group'.

Source: HFMA

THMPD REGISTRATION APPROVALS ANNOUNCED

Since implementation of the Traditional Herbal Medicinal Products Directive last year, the UK Medicine and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has received around 20 applications for Traditional Herbal Registrations, all for single herbal ingredient products.

Three approvals have so far been granted: for an Arnica gel and a Devil's claw product (both for muscular aches and pains) and a Feverfew product for the prevention of migraine.

In addition, there have been two registration approvals in Germany: one for a 13 ingredient tonic/digestion product based on Melissa, and one for a Hawthorn tea product, 'for support of function of heart and circulation'.

Source: HFMA

NORTH AMERICA

◆ CANADA

FOLIC ACID FORTIFICATION TO INCLUDE B12?

A recently published Canadian study has found that the fortification of grains to reduce the risk of neural tube defect should include both folic acid and vitamin B12.

Writing in the May 2007 edition of the journal 'Epidemiology', the researchers also advocated that, 'the benefits of adding synthetic B12 to current recommendations for periconceptual folic acid tablet supplements or folic-acid-fortified foods needs to be considered.'

Source: CHFA

◆ UNITED STATES

ASSOCIATIONS COMMENT ON CAM GUIDANCE

The American Herbal Products Association (AHPA) has called on the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) to withdraw its draft '*Guidance for Industry on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Products and their Regulation by the Food and Drug Administration*'.

FDA's stated intention in issuing the draft was to respond to 'increased confusion' about products used by practitioners of alternative and complementary medicine. However, the Guidance has given rise to widespread concern that the practice of complementary medicine will be affected and result in dietary supplements being classed as drugs.

The Natural Products Association (NPA), has pointed out that a 'Guidance' document is not legally binding but instead represents FDA's views on complementary and alternative medicine, which in this instance could be more clearly presented.

In addition, the Council for Responsible Nutrition (CRN USA) pointed out that the draft fails to make clear that supplements are not regulated as drugs.

The document is open for comment until the end of May and the associations will be providing further comment to FDA.

Source: AHPA / NPA / CRN USA

FINAL CLEARANCE FOR GMP RULES

It was announced last week that the Office of Management and Budget has given clear clearance for the long-awaited final Good Manufacturing Practices Regulation for dietary supplements. The final Regulation is now back at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to be finalised for publication in the Federal Register, which could be expected in the next 5 weeks. Thus the final document is likely to appear in early June.

Source: AHPA / NPA / UNPA

STUDY SHOWS SUPPLEMENTS SAVE HEALTHCARE COSTS

A recently published study, commissioned by the Dietary Supplement Education Alliance, updates the research on supplementation and healthcare cost savings carried out by the Lewin Group. The new study concludes that over a five year period the appropriate use of certain dietary supplements would both improve the health of key populations and save more than \$24 billion in healthcare costs.

The supplements highlighted in the study are:

- Calcium with vitamin D in relation to avoidance of hospitalisation for hip fracture
- Folic acid in relation to avoidance of neural tube defect
- Omega 3 Fatty Acids in relation to reduction of coronary heart disease
- Lutein with zeaxanthin in relation to age related macular degeneration.

Source: CRN USA

SUPPLEMENTS EXEMPTED FROM NEW FOOD SAFETY BILL

A bill has recently been introduced to the US Senate designed to close gaps in the FDA's food safety system, following recent recalls of spinach, peanut butter and pet food.

The 'Human and Pet Food Safety Act of 2007', considerably increases the powers of the Secretary of Health and Human Service and the Food and Drug Administration to exert controls on foods throughout the supply chain and to require foreign governments, manufacturers and distributors to certify that they meet US safety laws and standards and to allow audit and inspection of premises.

The dietary supplement industry has been concerned about the possible negative impact of the proposed measures. However, further discussion in the Senate has been directed at allaying these fears – as exemplified by the words of Senator Edward Kennedy, a co-author of the bill, who said that it would not '*...override, overturn or conflict with the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.*'

Source: UNPA

ASSOCIATIONS CHALLENGE KELP SUPPLEMENT REPORT

Dietary supplement trade associations have been quick to challenge the study, reported in last month's Newsflash, which found high levels of arsenic in a kelp herbal supplement thought to have caused arsenic poisoning.

The American Herbal Products Association (AHPA) disputes this, pointing out that the subject of the poisoning has ignored a specific label caution and had taken considerably more than the recommended daily amount - a particularly significant factor given the naturally occurring presence of iodine in kelp, which in overdose produces similar symptoms to arsenic.

The Natural Products Association (NPA) highlights the study's inaccurate use of measurements: *'The glaring omission of the mass of the capsules and the subsequent presentation of the data as a concentration allows the authors to provide a provocative story and headline. Once real world metrics are applied.....these numbers are obviously well within the numbers the authors cite as daily intake values.'*

Source: AHPA / NPA

CONGRESSMAN'S CONCERNS ON SUPPLEMENT LEAD LEVELS

In a recent letter to the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, US Representative Henry Waxman has criticized the FDA for *failing '..to investigate serious allegations of potentially dangerous levels of lead in some vitamin products.'*

Specifically, Congressman Waxman asks:

- What steps FDA has taken in response to the recent specific instance of lead contamination in a brand of multi-vitamin for women, and what steps FDA will take to address the issue more generally
- Whether FDA needs additional legal authority to respond effectively, and whether additional resources are needed.

Source: AHPA

ASSOCIATION CHALLENGES GROUNDS FOR SUPPLEMENT BAN

The Natural Products Association (NPA) has filed a brief with the US Supreme Court to challenge a lower court ruling made in 2004 on the standard used by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to impose a ban on ephedrine alkaloids in dietary supplements. In 2005, in a Utah district court, this ban was successfully challenged and overturned - a decision subsequently reversed in a circuit appeals court in 2006.

Importantly, as David Seckman, NPA Executive Director and CEO, points out, their challenge does not argue with the court's decision but instead is *'..arguing that FDA used the wrong legal route to get there'*, thereby creating a situation which could result in *'huge consequences for consumers, retailers and manufacturers of dietary supplements.'*

Key points in the NPA brief include:

- That the ruling means that the distinction between dietary supplements and drugs will 'effectively evaporate'
- That as a result of the ruling dietary supplement manufacturers will have to conduct the 'rigorous clinical tests' required for drugs
- That as a consequence, consumer choice, protected under the Dietary Supplements Health and Education Act (DHSEA) will be curtailed.

Source: NPA

FDA ACTION ON ADULTERATED PROTEIN CONCENTRATES

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is to expand its investigation of wheat gluten imported from China and is also sampling all Chinese-sourced rice protein concentrates.

Following a high proportion of wheat gluten and rice protein concentrate testing positive for melamine, a potentially toxic synthetic compound with many industrial uses, the agency is concerned that it has been intentionally added to ingredients to artificially raise their protein value.

China has now banned its food exporters from using melamine.

Source: AHPA

CONTAMINATION CONCERNS FOR GLYCERIN

The American Herbal Products Association (AHPA) has advised its members that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued guidance which recommends manufacturers ensure that the glycerine they use is not contaminated with diethylene glycol (DEG), a poison.

Although the guidance is currently directed at pharmaceutical manufacturers, glycerine is also used in the dietary supplement industry. Further details of the FDA guidance can be found on

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/guidance/7654fnl.htm>

Source: AHPA

FDA REVIEWS ASPARTAME STUDY

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has completed its review of the long-term carcinogenicity of aspartame, as set out in the study conducted by the European Ramazzini Foundation (ERF) entitled, "*Long-Term Carcinogenicity Bioassays to Evaluate the Potential Biological Effects, in Particular Carcinogenic, of Aspartame Administered in Feed to Sprague-Dawley Rats*".

While ERF did not make the full study available to FDA, from the data that was provided FDA found that it did not support ERF's conclusion that aspartame is a carcinogen and that it did not provide evidence to alter its conclusion that the use of aspartame is safe.

Source: CRN USA

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

◆ AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

AUSTRALIA ADOPTS NZ NUTRIENT LEVELS

Australia has now adopted New Zealand limits for selenium, vitamin A and niacin.

This decision, which has been welcomed by the New Zealand food supplement industry as being an important step towards the establishment of a joint Australia-New Zealand agency agreement for supplements, will mean that Australian levels for selenium will increase from 26 micrograms to 150 micrograms, niacin will be 100mg, and the level for vitamin A will be raised to 10,000 International Units.

Source: NPNZ

FOLIC ACID DEBATE CONTINUES

No decision has yet been reached on plans by the Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) for the mandatory fortification of bread with folic acid.

It is estimated that the measure could deliver 50% of the amount of folic acid needed to avoid neural tube defects. However, concerns remain about the possibility of masking deficiency of other B vitamins in the elderly, about the effect of large amounts of folic acid on young children, and about the financial implications for the food industry.

Source: CHC

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KEY EVENTS: JUNE – DECEMBER 2007

Date	Conference	Place
June 26 - 30	Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius www.codexalimentarius.net	Rome, Italy
June 27 - 29	Natural Products Expo Asia www.naturalproductsasia.com/eng_main.php	Hong Kong, China
July 02 - 07	Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) www.codexalimentarius.net	Rome, Italy
July 15 - 17	Cosmoprof North America 2007 - The Business of Beauty www.cosmoprofnorthamerica.com	Las Vegas, NV, United States
July 20 - 22	NPA Annual Natural Products Convention and Trade Show www.naturalproductsassoc.org	Las Vegas, NV, United States
August 07 - 09	Food Ingredients South America http://south-america.fi-events.com/	Sao Paulo, Brazil
August 16 - 20	International Conference and Exhibition of the modernization of Chinese medicine and health http://icmcm.tdctrade.com/	Hong Kong, China
September 06 - 09	CHFA Expo East www.chfa.ca	Toronto, Canada
September 13 - 16	SANA 2007: International Exhibition of Natural Products - Nutrition, Health, Environment www.eventseye.com/fairs/trade_fair_event_8250.html	Bologna, Italy
September 26 - 28	Food Ingredients Asia http://asia2007.fi-events.com/	Bangkok, Thailand

Date	Conference	Place
September 26 - 29	Natural Products Expo East www.expoeast.com	Baltimore, MD, United States
October 10 - 12	Natural Products Expo Japan 2007 www.naturalproductsjapan.com	Tokyo, Japan
October 30 - November 01	Food Ingredients Europe http://europe2007.fi-events.com/	London, United Kingdom
October 30 - November 01	Natural Ingredients - Exhibition & Conference www.ni-events.com	London, United Kingdom
November 06 - 08	Supply Side West - International Trade Show and Conference www.supplysideshow.com/west/	Las Vegas, NV, United States
November 12 - 16	Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) www.codexalimentarius.net	Bad Neuenahr, Germany
November 14 - 16	Cosmoprof Asia - Where beauty meets trends and Business www.cosmoprof-asia.com	Hong Kong, China
November 20 - 22	Health Ingredients Japan 2007 www.hijapan.info/en/	Tokyo, Japan
December 04 - 06	Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius www.codexalimentarius.net	Geneva, Switzerland

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