

US: Dietary supplement full implementation and enforcement act

Senators Orrin Hatch and Tom Harkin have recently introduced the “Dietary Supplement Full Implementation and Enforcement Act of 2010”, which calls for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to implement and enforce regulatory requirements established by the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 (DSHEA) and requires not less than \$20 million of funds appropriated to FDA in 2010 be allocated for this purpose.

The bill also establishes additional requirements such as mandating FDA provide industry with guidance on existing rules that apply to new ingredients.

Additionally, the bill requires FDA to submit to Congress an annual accountability report including information on the number of dietary supplement manufacturers inspected under FDA’s Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) regulation, the number of New Dietary Ingredient (NDI) notifications reviewed, a brief summary of all enforcement actions taken in relation to dietary supplements, and other specific data related to the agency’s regulation of dietary supplements.

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