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Food Fraud and Dietary Supplement Adulteration Focus of USP Education Events - December 2 – 4, 2015

Dec. 2, 2015 – USP Education Course
Mitigating the Risk of Food Fraud Using the USP Food Fraud Guidance

Dec. 3 – 4, 2015 – 2-day Workshop
Adulteration and Fraud in Food Ingredients and Dietary Supplements
Co-sponsored by the American Botanical Council & the Food Protection and Defense Institute

Rockville, Md., November 9, 2015 -- Food fraud and economically motivated adulteration (EMA) are major threats to the integrity of the nation's food supply, the dietary supplement industry and public health. The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) was created in part to address these issues. FSMA now requires food (including dietary ingredient) manufacturers to develop a Food Safety Plan and to identify and evaluate known and foreseeable risks. Adulteration of dietary supplements has been in the public eye due to the recent actions by several state Attorneys General.

The USP education course on December 2 will train the participants in utilization of Food Fraud Mitigation Guidance, a practical tool designed to help industry and regulators identify the riskiest food ingredients in supply chains, develop an adequate food fraud mitigation strategy, and efficiently counteract fraud and EMA.

The workshop on December 3-4 is a forum where leaders and experts from industry, regulatory and enforcement agencies, academia and the media will explore a wide range of innovative tools designed to help detect fraud and EMA, gain better understanding of the factors impacting supply chain integrity, and get the latest appraisal of the utility of DNA testing in establishing botanical identity.

Experts from the Food Protection and Defense Institute, New York Botanical Garden, the Interpol, the International Olympic Committee, the FDA, the USDA and key research laboratories will survey the current landscape and pinpoint the next steps necessary to help protect public health from EMA and fraud in both dietary supplements and food.

For more information, including a course description, preliminary agenda and registration information, visit <http://uspgo.to/Adulteration-USP>, email conferences@usp.org or call +1-301-816-8130.

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