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FDA's Request for Supplement Registration Doesn't Follow the Administration's Lead to Unburden Industry, says NPA

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Natural Products Association today asked Congress to reject the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) budget request for a product registration system for nutritional supplements as it's unclear of what value is added to the agency's mission of promoting and protecting public health.

"The Administration has been clear that they want to unburden industry from unnecessary regulatory requirements and now we have the FDA without a permanent head asking for money and power without any clear reason that their wants will benefit public health, which is completely at odds with the Administration. The agency currently has access to labels via inspections and other means. Does this mean the agency isn't using that authority or that information? Why is that behavior going to be rewarded? Any discussion of a national registry for nutritional supplements must start with preemption of state laws, otherwise it is a waste of taxpayer dollars, will be significantly burdensome to small businesses, and will do nothing to protect consumers," said Daniel Fabricant, Ph.D., President and CEO of NPA. "The FDA should also use the resources it already has to act on things like CBD enforcement and NDI intellectual property protection."

The NIH Office of Dietary Supplements has a voluntary label submission portal in place. Furthermore, FDA inspectors routinely collect dietary supplement product labels during good manufacturing practice inspections and log them into the Agency's Compliance Management System (CMS) database. Labels are also currently collected by the agency for issuance of certificates of free sale.

Natural Products Association

The **Natural Products Association (NPA)** is *the* trade association representing the entire natural products industry. We advocate for our members who supply, manufacture and sell natural ingredients or products for consumers. The Natural Products Association promotes good manufacturing practices as part of the growth and success of the industry. Founded in 1936, NPA represents approximately 1,000 members accounting for more than 10,000 locations of retailers, manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors of natural products, including foods, dietary supplements and health/beauty aids. Visit www.npanational.org.