Canada is Legalizing Marijuana. Here Are Some Questions, Answered.

Canada is poised on the edge of a cultural revolution and dramatic social experiment as it prepares to legalize marijuana on Wednesday.

Although the move has been planned since Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was elected in 2015, the country is scrambling to get ready for the big day because while the federal cannabis act sets a broad skeleton, Canada’s 13 provinces and territories set their own rules — including where marijuana will be sold and where it can be consumed. Read the article...
Companies Chasing a Green Rush

Canada is going to become the 2nd country in the world to legalize marijuana for all uses in what is being called the green rush. This new law will open up profit and investments for a new industry. Check out this article that outlines some of the highlights and downfalls of the profits of legalizing marijuana Read the article...

What Is the Path Forward for Federal Regulation of Cannabis?
Food and Drug Law Journal 2018 Symposium

The cannabis industry is growing, as local initiatives to facilitate medicinal or recreational use expand even in the face of federal resistance. State regulatory regimes are creating a patchwork of experiments that may inform a path forward for a federal regulatory regime, whether or not cannabis is removed from Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA).

Join scholars and practitioners at this year’s Food and Drug Law Journal Symposium to discuss the ambiguities and prospects for the federal regulation of cannabis. This academic symposium explores the often overlooked implications of FDA regulation in relation to the emerging marijuana product industry. Topics include FDA's relevance to edibles and infused products and cannabis medical product development, as well as the interplay of the agency’s jurisdiction with DEA, DOJ, and the states. Find out more!

Conversations with AFDO – New Podcast Launched!

Conversations with AFDO released two new podcasts over the weekend. With the recent devastation of Hurricane Florence AFDO released a Hurricane Response webinar over the weekend.

Also, Joe Corby and Steve Mandernach chat about the Executive Director
Go to afdo.podbean.com or download the Podbean app to view or listen to the app:

Apple App Store

Google Play Store

Register: Holiday Food Safety Webinar

Thanksgiving remains the “Super Bowl” of home cooking in the United States. We support families in preparing a delicious meal and enjoying safe feast leftovers.

Join us for our next free webinar "Turkey Time: Your Thanksgiving Food Safety Overview" on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 1 p.m. Eastern.

A guest from the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline will talk about how turkey prep creates confusion with home cooks and offer simple guidance to alleviate consumer confusion and anxiety.

This webinar will give you a full range of tools to use for your holiday food safety outreach. You will get everything you need to boost consumer confidence in preparing a safe and delicious feast!

We'll be drawing for a prize for BAC Fighters who attend the live event! Be sure to join us! Register now and earn CEUs from ANFP, CDR and NEHA!
Presenting Quantitative Efficacy and Risk Information in Direct-to-Consumer Promotional Labeling and Advertisements

Guidance for Industry

the FDA published the draft guidance for industry entitled “Presenting Quantitative Efficacy and Risk Information in Direct-to-Consumer Promotional Labeling and Advertisements.” The draft guidance describes FDA’s recommendations for presenting quantitative efficacy and risk information in direct-to-consumer (DTC) promotional labeling and advertisements for prescription human drugs and biological products and prescription animal drugs and in DTC promotional labeling for over-the-counter animal drugs.

This guidance is intended to provide recommendations for how manufacturers that choose to include quantitative efficacy or risk information about their drugs in direct-to-consumer (DTC) promotional materials can make the language and presentation more consumer-friendly.

In addition, we hope that the guidance will encourage industry to consider the recommendations on the following topics:

- Presenting probability information in terms of absolute frequencies, percentages and relative frequencies
- Formatting quantitative efficacy or risk information
- Using visual aids to illustrate quantitative efficacy or risk information
- Providing quantitative efficacy or risk information for the treatment group and the control group

Resources for Food and Animal Producers in Flooded Areas Due To Hurricane Michael

As Hurricane Michael makes landfall along the Florida Gulf Coast, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Center for Veterinary Medicine and Center for
updating information, linked below, about resources available for food producers who may be harvesting, mixing, storing or distributing grains and other foods for humans or animals. That information provides some general information, as well as contacts for those in areas that we expect to be impacted by Hurricane Michael. We hope that you will help us distribute this information to growers and other stakeholders who may find it helpful.

- Resources for Food Producers in Flooded Areas Due To Hurricane Michael
- Resources for Animal Food Producers in Flooded Areas of Gulf Coast

Other Training Opportunities

Preventive Controls for Human Foods and Foreign Supplier Verification Programs

Preventive Controls for Human Foods Course (PCQI)
Course Information
Course Schedule

Foreign Supplier Verification Programs Course (FSVP)
Course Information
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Laws and Regulations Committee Updates
A collection of current food, drug, device, and consumer product regulatory issues and news

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