

The Dietary Supplements Quality Collaborative Publishes Policy Framework to Advance Safety and Quality of Dietary Supplements

WASHINGTON, DC (May 20, 2020) –The Dietary Supplements Quality Collaborative (DSQC), a multi-stakeholder, cross-sector collaborative, working together to improve the quality and safety of dietary supplements, today released its policy framework, [*Modernizing and Strengthening Policies to Advance the Safety and Quality of Products Marketed as Dietary Supplements*](#). Representing an agreement among 26 national stakeholder organizations across the public health spectrum consisting of consumer groups, practitioners, industry, research, standard-setting, and academic organizations, this framework outlines policies and resources aimed at ensuring safe, quality supplements; removing illegal and tainted products from the marketplace; and promoting consumer education.

[More than three out of four](#) Americans take dietary supplements to complement a well-balanced diet and healthy lifestyle. With more than 50,000 products available to Americans, choosing and using supplements responsibly is of paramount importance to public health.

“Many supplements have been shown to be beneficial for certain health conditions,” said Christine Burdick-Bell, Steering Committee Vice-Chair, DSQC. “But given the exponential growth of the market and the sheer numbers of Americans taking supplements, failure to maintain quality and safety could have a tremendous impact on the public’s health.”

Recognizing a collective and shared responsibility to the health of consumers, the DSQC’s framework outlines how all stakeholders can promote safety, advance transparency, and embrace quality mechanisms, including:

- Strengthening and clarifying the U.S. Food and Drug Administrations (FDA) regulatory authority of products marketed as dietary supplements with appropriate enforcement tools and policies, such as mandatory recalls, risk-based inspections and enhanced adverse event reporting systems;
- Encouraging approaches to increase transparency among manufacturers, regulators and the public, such as requiring listing with the FDA of marketed dietary supplement products and providing additional information on product labels; and
- Promoting compliance with CGMP regulations and public standard for quality; enhancing efforts to qualify and validate suppliers, ingredients, and products; and, creating resources to help consumers select quality supplements.

“Making quality the critical ingredient in dietary supplements takes multi-stakeholder, cross-sector collaboration,” noted Joseph Nadglowski Jr., Steering Committee Chair, DSQC.

“Together, the members of the DSQC can help reduce intentionally adulterated or misbranded products from entering the market and prevent significant health risks to Americans ranging



from unexpected allergic reactions, negative interactions with prescription drugs or adverse health effects caused by the consumption of spiked supplements containing illegal substances.”

About the Dietary Supplements Quality Collaborative

The Dietary Supplements Quality Collaborative (DSQC) is a multi-stakeholder, cross-sector collaborative, working together to improve the quality and safety of dietary supplements. The Collaborative brings together members’ expertise and networks to help promote supplement safety, advance transparency, and embrace quality. DSQC aims to advance the quality and safety of products marketed as dietary supplements in the United States in the interest of protecting public health. Learn more at www.dsqcollaborative.org.

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