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## Review Article

**Study of Nutraceutical regulations around the Globe**

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**Abstract**

Nutraceutical is a food or fortified meals product that supposedly offer medicinal or health benefits such as the prevention and remedy of disorder. Nutraceuticals have appeared as a requisite for consumers in developed as well as developing countries with diseases due to changing lifestyles. As nutraceuticals blur the border between food, medicine and health supplements, it is difficult, with the aid of legal definition, to differentiate between nutrients, meals components, drug and pharmaceuticals. Globally, regulatory authorities are converging on the product safety and quality as such products are destined for human intake. When food product reaches from one country to another, it becomes important to maintain safety and quality standards in compliance with the different regulatory guideline set by the respective government; which can be a real driver for the growth of the industry. This article focuses mainly on the review of the regulatory framework for nutraceuticals in India, USA, Canada, Europe, and Australia with harmonized regulation for nutraceutical product registration in this market.

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E-mail address: [akankshachaudhary054@gmail.com](mailto:akankshachaudhary054@gmail.com) (Akanksha Rani).**1. Introduction**

In 1989, Dr. Stephen Defelice, chairman, foundation for excellence in medicine, derived the word “nutraceutical” from pharmaceutical and nutrition. Defelice believes nutraceutical can be defined as a food or a part of food that gives it scientific or health benefits, consisting of prevention and/ or remedy of disorder. (1) Nutraceuticals, dietary supplements, functional food are on sometime overlapping words.

The rules and regulations in this market are have provided for such products over the years with distinct meanings and regulations, keeping safety aspects in mind. These standards have evolved more as there are increasing numbers of products on the market. These requirements have developed greater as numbers of products delivered within the market place are increasing. Research in the location of food technological know-how is providing basis for improvement of such products. Such products have unique health gain claims or many a instances claims for remedy for certain diseases or disorders. A clean know-how of Nutraceuticals in a regulatory gadget will reduce the confusion in organising the policy or Nutraceuticals. However in modern situation the regulatory position of

Nutraceuticals is specific depending on the country's regulatory framework. (2)

**2. Global Regulatory Market**

As per the study, the global nutraceutical market was anticipated to be \$149.5 billion in 2011 with the United States, Europe, and Japan being the largest regional markets, making up approximately 93% of the global nutraceutical needs. (3) The global market for nutraceuticals will grow at 7.5% CAGR, according to a new study by PMMI Business Intelligence, from a \$241 billion market in 2019 to \$373 billion in 2025. The way to control and marketing of nutraceuticals is remarkably diverse globally. This is largely because of the challenges in categorizing such products, lack of an appropriate regulatory class for these hybrid products, and differing opinions on what is assumed to be satisfactory scientific confirmation to wind up their functionality. (4) At this stage, there are no regulations and no regulatory procedures which define and overtly address nutraceuticals. There is no sign if and when specific regulations for nutraceuticals will come into existence. Some Asian countries such as South Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, and Singapore have approved phytosterol-containing foods. The main marketed food product of such type in the

Pacific Rim countries is milk for heart health by Nestlé. (5) On the contrary, under EU and US regulations, the

daily consumption of phytosterols may be divided across one, two, or three servings of food. (6)

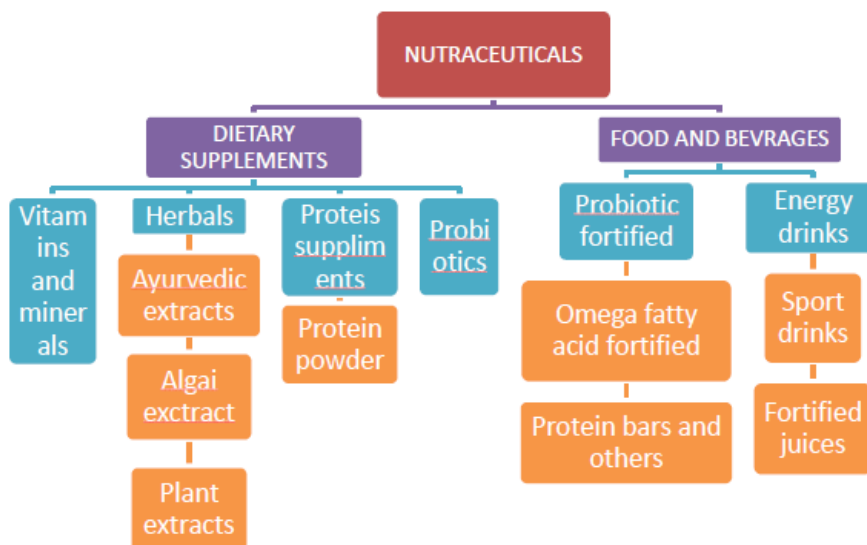


Figure 1. Types of Nutraceutical

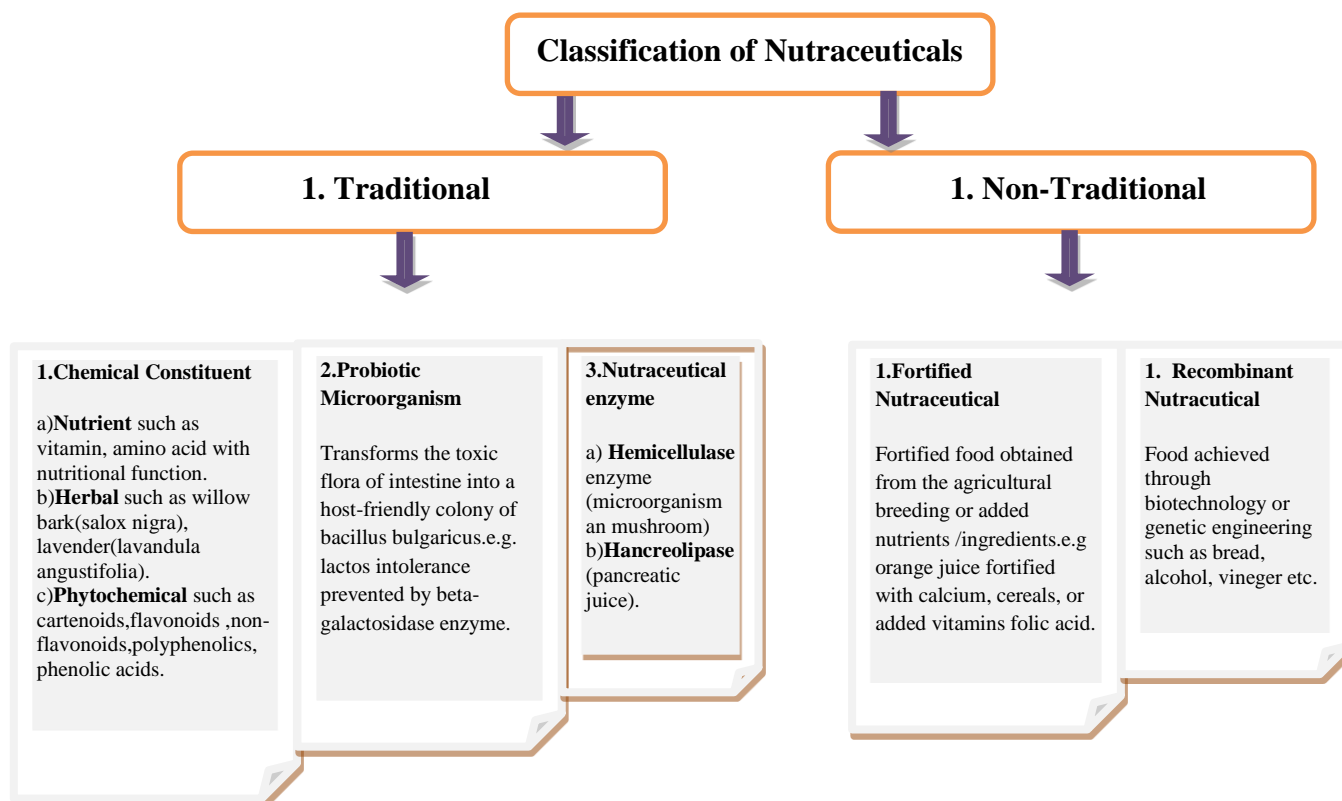


Figure 2. Tabular Representation of classification of Nutraceutical

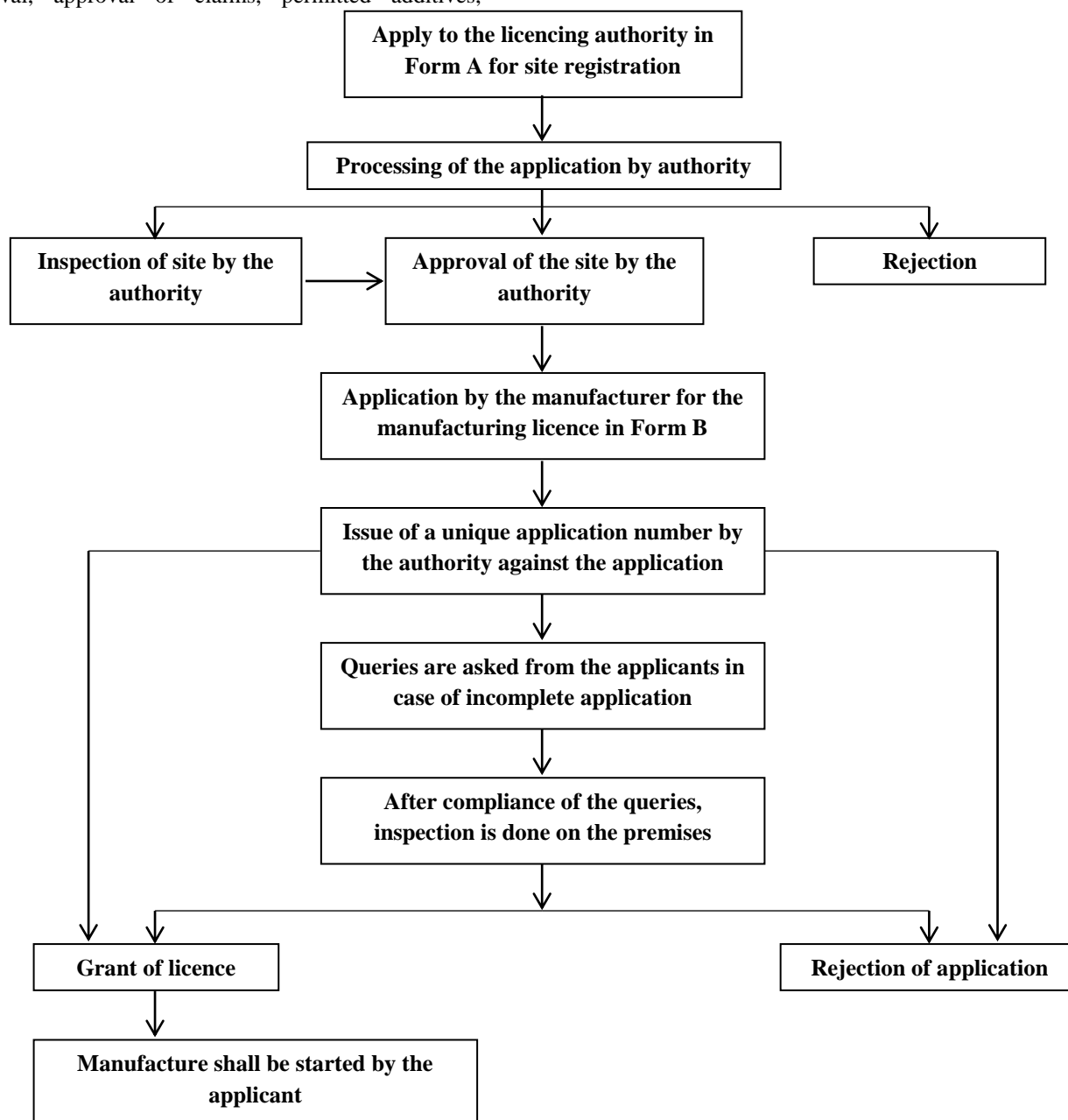
**Current Scenario**

The Food Safety and Standard Rules, 2011 have come into force in India, effective from May 5, 2011. The Food Safety and Standards Authority have also provided regulations about licensing and registration of food businesses, packing and labeling, food products standards and additives, etc. These acts, rules, and regulations have been executed from Aug. 5, 2011.

Hence, there is a single legislation and specified authority to control the manufacture, sale, and distribution of nutraceuticals, functional foods, and dietary supplements in India. Nevertheless, because of the absence of simplicity of certain regulations for registration of nutraceuticals and permitted additives, entrepreneurs purporting to introduce nutraceuticals in India are still experiencing challenges. To surmount these obstacles, it would be essential to amend Schedule

K of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 to offer specific immunity to nutraceuticals, dietary supplements, and health supplements from the scope of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules, 1945. It is also imperative to have specific regulations for brand approval, approval of claims, permitted additives,

amount of vitamins and minerals, etc. for nutraceuticals as it is essential to take care of this section as an independent and unique unit under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. (7)



**Figure 3.** The registration process of nutraceutical process in India.

### Future Prospects

Nutraceuticals have gained significant focus due to their presumed safety and promising nutritional and therapeutic outcomes. Pharmaceutical and nutritional companies are aware of the monetary success availing those providing advantage for the many health-seeking consumers and the altering patterns leading to a propagation of these value-added products purported to address conditions from heart health to cancer. (8) It is apparent that the prospects of nutraceuticals have References 171 already spurred the scientific community into discovering new compounds that guarantee to

lengthen healthy life. (9) Numerous scientists consider that enzymes manifest another fascinating front line in nutraceuticals. Enzymes have been underutilized so far. They are going to be a potential area in the future. Fermentation technology employing microbes generate new food products also appear promising. Nutraceuticals have constituted a sharply growing area of attention for research product development, consumer interest, and regulatory endeavors in recent years. Nutraceuticals offer a unique intersection of the pharmaceutical and food industries with a broad scope. (2)

### 3. Nutraceutical Regulation in India

As with other nations, nutraceuticals are not currently entitled by Indian law to any specific legal status. The Nutraceuticals Regulations of the Government of India include the Food Safety and Standards Act (FSSA), which was enacted in 2006 and is still to be applied. This comprises eight laws enforced by the Food Safety Commissioner According to FSSA, "food for special dietary use" is specially manufactured or designed to meet specific dietary requirements that exist due to a specific physical or physiological condition or specific diseases and disorders.

Nutraceuticals are referred to in India as "Foods for Special Dietary Use." Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) describes nutraceuticals as "foods for specific dietary uses or functional foods or nutraceuticals or supplements for nutrition." Food Safety and Standards Act in India consolidates various acts and orders that existed in various ministries and departments to deal with food. FSSAI was established in related issues like to set science-based standards for food products and to regulate their manufacture, processing, distribution, sale and import in order to ensure the availability of safe and healthy food for human consumption. It therefore also refers to products such as dietary supplements and nutraceuticals. (1)

Various central Acts like Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954, Fruit Products Order, 1955, Meat Food Products Order, 1973, Vegetable Oil Products (Control) Order, 1947, Edible Oils Packaging (Regulation) Order 1988, Solvent Extracted Oil, De-Oiled Meal and Edible Flour (Control) Order, 1967, Milk and Milk Products Order, 1992 etc. have been repealed after commencement of FSSA, 2006. (10)

#### Health Claim and Types of Health Claim in India

"Health claims" refers to a relationship between a food or a part of that food and health. In contrast, health claims can be divided into nutrient content claim, reduction of disease claim and structure/ function claim. (11)

#### Nutrient Content Claim

A dietary statement suggests that a food has desirable nutritional properties such as "low fat," "no added sugar" and "high in fiber." An argument is an assertion that implies a food-health relationship. For example, a food can "help lower cholesterol," "help improve the natural defenses of the body" or "enhance the ability to learn" (12)

#### Reduction of Disease Claim

Both arguments state or suggest that the use of dietary supplements or one of their constituents significantly reduces the risk factor in human disease growth. (12)

#### Structure/ Function Claim

Structure/Function Claim: Structure claim is a statement on a food or dietary supplement label about how it affects the structure of the human body. (12)

### Regulatory Requirement in India

#### Product Evaluation

#### Analysis of Every active Ingredient and Additive

Various steps in product evaluation include

- Developing extracts of documents
- Sample collection (in the presence of witnesses)
- Sample dispatch to the concerned authority (different processes for bulk package and single package)
- Food analysis
  - If analysis is not complete within the stipulated period of time, further action plan by the designated officer,
  - Proceedings for adjudication (holding investigation, appeal, hearing, etc.) (1)

#### Licenses

In order to obtain product licensed in India, a number of licenses (nearly 4-5) may be required, including:

- Import licensing
- Manufacturing licensing
- Marketing licensing and
- Other regulatory-required state and national clearances/ licenses to be taken care of before launching such products in India. (1)

#### Health and Tag Claims

"Health claims" includes any description that says, indicates or implies the existence of a relationship between a food or a portion of that food and health. It includes:

- India specific requirements for labeling and packaging
- Packaging of consignment composition and the same approach to marketing
- Criteria for test content and registration declaration. (1)

### 4. Regulation in USA

The Food and Drug Administration of the United States (FDA) regulates food, additives, drugs and cosmetics. Nutraceuticals do not come within the remit of the FDA, unlike pharmaceutical drugs and foods; they are regulated as "dietary supplements" under the 1994 Dietary Supplement, Health and Education Act (DSHEA). The DSHEA has withdrawn the FDA's authority to regulate so-called "dietary supplements" and considers them a "separate class of food regulations." They do not fall within the definition of food or medication. (1)

DSHEA describes a dietary supplement as' a substance (other than tobacco) intended to complement a diet that carries or includes one or more of following dietary ingredients vitamins, minerals, amino acids,

herbs or other botanical ingredients; a concentrate, metabolite, component, extract or mixture of the above listed ingredients.' It also has to comply with the following criteria:

- To be used in pills, capsules, tablets, powders or liquids
- Not to be used as a conventional food or as a single meal/ diet product
- To be marked as a dietary supplement

Dietary supplement producers and suppliers and dietary ingredients are forbidden from putting adulterated or misbranded products on the market. It ensures that these companies are responsible for evaluating the health and labeling of their products prior to sale to ensure that they fulfill both DSHEA and FDA regulatory requirements.

It is the duty of the FDA to take action against any adulterated or misbranded dietary supplement after it enters the market.

### *Types of Health Claim in USA*

#### *Health Claims*

Health claims have been approved under the 1990 NLEA Health claims identify a relationship between a food product, food ingredient, or dietary supplement and reduce the risk of a disease or health-related condition. (13) Health claims can also be classified into:

- **SSA (Significant Scientific Agreement) claims:** these claims can be used for traditional foods and dietary supplements. The generic Significant Scientific Agreement (SSA) is used to assess the well-established relationship between nutrient and disease.
- **FDAMA (FDA Modernization Act):** Such statements may only be used in conventional food and may not be used in dietary supplements. As a result of a stakeholder notice, the FDA authorizes the use of an FDAMA statement.
- **Qualified claims for health:** these claims may be used for traditional foods and dietary supplements. Any interested party can ask the FDA to issue a health statement regulation (21 CFR 101.70). The application is reviewed by the FDA according to the SSA standard. (13)

#### *Nutrient Content Claims*

These claims include the amount of certain nutrients or substances in a food, such as low in fat or a good calcium source, and are used to define the percentage of a nutrient in a product compared to the daily value. (13)

#### *Structure/ Function Claim*

The Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 approved this claim. These arguments entail a positive contribution to health or the enhancement of a function or the alteration or protection of health. (13)

#### *Dietary Supplement versus Drug in USA*

A medication is an item intended to diagnose, cure, relieve, treat or prevent disease, as described by the FDA. Nevertheless, the aim of both dietary supplements and drugs is to influence the body's structure and function. The manufacturer must perform safety studies and send the findings to the FDA for evaluation and premarket approval in order to use a new food additive or drug. This is not the case for dietary supplements because they are legally in a category that can be put on the market without following the health requirements of the FDA. Consequently, dietary supplements do not require pre-market testing and/ or authorization. (14)

The DSHEA notes that the product safety evaluation is the responsibility of the manufacturer. If the dietary supplement contain a new ingredient, the manufacturer must notify FDA that within 75 days of launch, the new ingredient "can reasonably be expected to be healthy." According to DSHEA, "free" does not mean a significant risk of disease. The notice must provide information that supports the claim of the manufacturer that the product is safe. (14)

This is a less rigorous process than that needed for food additives (articles used to improve a food's scent, colour, structure or taste), for which a standardized health assessment process is being performed. FDA will show that once it is sold, the dietary supplement is unhealthy. FDA has found only one dietary supplement, the weight loss/ energy supplement Ephedra, to be unhealthy. (14)

### **5. European Union Regulations**

In European Union (EU) food law, a regulatory framework for 'functional foods' or 'nutraceuticals' does not exist. The rules are numerous and depend on the nature of the foodstuff. The rules of the General Food Law Regulation, including responsibility for food safety, traceability, recall and notification, are applicable to all foods. If a claim was made that implies a medicinal benefit for a nutraceutical product, the product will need to comply with the regulatory requirements for medicinal products, in respect of safety, efficacy, quality testing and marketing authorisation procedures.

According to EU regulations, claims regarding the beneficial effects of nutraceuticals can only be "health claims" and not "medicinal claims". For instance, claims must not state that by eating/taking the nutraceutical, a disease will be prevented or cured, only that it may help to improve health, possibly assisting in the avoidance of the onset of illness. (15)

There is no regulatory framework in EU food law for "real foods" or "nutraceuticals." There are many rules and they depend on the quality of the meat. All foods are protected by the regulations of the General Food Law Regulation, including food safety accountability, traceability, recall and notification. If a statement includes a medicinal advantage for a nutraceutical drug the product must comply with the regulatory requirements for medicinal products with regard to health, effectiveness, quality testing and authorisation procedures for marketing.

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Many functional foods may be subject to the regulatory frameworks of PARNUTS (foods prepared for particular nutritional purposes) or dietary foods and supplements. The Novel Food Regulation applies to 'fresh' functional foods. More specifically, nutraceuticals are regulated as food supplements' in compliance with Directive 2002/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2002 on the interpretation of Member States' legislation on food supplements. It lays down harmonized guidelines for the labeling of food supplements and provides specific rules for vitamins and minerals in food supplements. The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) controls the legislation.

According to Article 5 of the Regulation, the requirements for a claim are the availability of the active ingredient in sufficient quantities to achieve the reported nutritional or physiological effect; the nutritional information must be given in compliance with Article 8 of Directive 2002/46/EC. (16)

Special conditions laid down in Article 10 prevail; state that a varied and healthy diet is important. Appropriate warnings shall be given for products that, if consumed excessively, are likely to present a health risk.

Article 6 sets out the general statements substantiation criteria. Therefore, health claims would only be accepted for use on food labeling, display and advertisement on the EU market after the highest possible scientific assessment. The law prohibits fresh foods such as fruits, vegetables and bread. (16)

Article 4 provides for the establishment of nutrient profiles, i.e. the total amounts of fat, salt and sugar that products must contain in order to make acceptable nutritional and safety claims. Nutrient profiles must be based on scientific knowledge of diet and nutrition and their relationship to health and must be developed within two years of the entry into force of the Regulation. (16)

#### **Nutrition Claims**

Approved food statements, together with specified quantitative requirements, are set out in the Annex to the Regulation. We are also included on the EC website (DG SANCO) in the list of accepted and denied claims. Nutrition claims are forbidden on alcohol-containing products at more than 1.2 percent v/v, except where such claims relate to ethanol or calorie reduction. (16)

#### **Health Claims**

Based on generally accepted scientific evidence pursuant to Article 13 of the Regulation, health claims applications had to be routed through the Member States needed to prepare EC claims lists within 12 months of the entry into force of the regulation.

#### **Statements**

Subject to an applicant's application for authorisation: medical statements based on newly developed scientific evidence and or involving an application for the protection of proprietary data are subject to a request for authorisation pursuant to Article 18. (16)

Also Reduction of Disease Risk Claims (RDRC) and Children's Development and Health Claims, covered by Article 14, may be approved only after an application for authorisation as specified in Article 1517. Additional labeling is required for RDRC: "The disease alluded to in a statement has several risk factors and may or may not have a beneficial effect to change one of those risk factors."

Before they can be used, all health claims require specific EC authorisation. Any food operator may use all approved claims in accordance with the terms of use, except where proprietary data security is provided. (16)

### **6. Canadian Regulations**

Nutraceuticals are included in Canadian legislation in the class known as "Natural Health Products," as set out in Health Canada's 2004 Natural Health Product Legislation. The legislation is regulated by the Food and Drugs Authority of Canada.

The definition applies to the products like Vitamins and minerals, herbal remedies, homeopathic medicines, Chinese traditional medicines, probiotics and other products such as amino acids and fatty acids etc. (12)

#### **Natural Product Regulation**

Phil Waddington was appointed Director General of Health Canada's Directorate of Natural Health Products (NHPD) in January 2000. The Directorate is responsible for drafting and enforcing legislation and guidelines for natural health goods, based on the Standing Committee on Health's 53 recommendations and following a rigorous consultation process with stakeholder groups. The regulation's purpose was and remains "to ensure that Canadians have ready access to safe, affordable and high-quality natural health products while maintaining freedom of choice and conceptual and cultural diversity." (17)

The legislation of Canada's Natural Health Products (NHP) came into force on January, 2004, covering vitamins and minerals, herbal remedies, homeopathic medicines, traditional medicines (i.e., traditional Chinese medicines), probiotics, and other products such as amino acids and essential fatty acids. (17)

The regulations apply to companies involved in the manufacturing, packaging, labeling or importation of natural health goods. As these regulations were phased in, NHPD established a risk-oriented compliance plan for changing existing products available on the market to change the environment for Natural Health Goods. (17)

#### **Critical Aspects of the Regulations**

The NHP regulations define the principles for Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP), adopted by those involved in the manufacture packaging, labeling or import of goods or ingredients. It allows NHPD to receive a site manufacturing license from the facilities

involved in these operations. As of 1 January 2006, all facilities had to follow this permit and NHPD enforcement action. (18)

### **Requirement for a Claim**

In addition to non-specific claims, applicants must provide evidence to support a claim they wish to make relevant to the drug, with NHPD approving medicinal arguments, claims for risk reduction and claims for structure-function. Arguments are classified into conventional or non-traditional applications. NHPD has developed requirements for the assessment of the evidence in support of the product's conditions of use, including all evidence. (18)

### **Site Licenses Mandatory**

As of 31 December 2005, all companies involved in the manufacture, packaging, labeling and import of Natural Health Products will be required to carry a site permit. A business must have standards and practices for the manufacturing, processing, handling and distribution of products in order to receive a site license, according to the regulations. This process involves an application being self-assessed and submitted by a client. (18)

## **7. Australian Regulation**

In Australia, medicinal products/foods are referred to as 'complementary medicines' and are regulated as medicines under the Therapeutics Goods Act, 1989, which was implemented in 1991. The law is governed by the Department of Health and Ageing and the definition covers herbal medicines, vitamins and minerals, nutritional supplements, homeopathic medicines, aromatherapy products and traditional medicines. (19)

In Australia, medicinal products containing ingredients such as spices, vitamins, minerals, nutritional supplements, homeopathic and certain preparations for aromatherapy are referred to as complementary medicinal products and are classified as medicinal goods under the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 (the Act).

In the Therapeutic Goods Regulations 1990, a complementary medicine is defined as a therapeutic good consisting mainly of one or more prescribed active ingredients referred to in Schedule 14 of the Regulations, each of which has a clear identity and traditional use: (12) The Designated active ingredients (12) are-

- An amino acid
- Charcoal
- A choline salt
- An essential oil
- Plant or herbal material (or a synthetically produced substitute for material of that kind), including plant fibres, enzymes, algae, fungi, cellulose and derivatives of cellulose and chlorophyll
- A homeopathic preparation
- A microorganism, whole or extracted, except a vaccine
- A mineral including a mineral salt and a naturally occurring mineral
- A mucopolysaccharide

- Non-human animal material (or a synthetically produced substitute for material of that kind) including dried material, bone and cartilage, fats and oils and other extracts or concentrates
- A lipid, including an essential fatty acid or phospholipid
- A substance produced by or obtained from bees, including royal jelly, bee pollen and propolis
- A sugar, polysaccharide or carbohydrate
- A vitamin or provitamin

### **Regulation of Complementary Medicine**

Australia has a risk-based approach with a two-tiered system for controlling all drugs, including complementary medicines:

- The Australian Registry of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG) will list lower-risk medicines.
- Drugs of higher risk must be approved with the ARTG.

Many alternative drugs, such as certain formulations of homeopathic medications, are excluded from the obligation to be included in the ARTG.

The Australian Complementary Medicines Regulatory Guidelines (ARGCM) provides guidance on the regulation of complementary medicines and assist sponsors in meeting their legislative obligations. (12)

### **Post Market of Active Complementary Medicine**

Post-market TGA regulatory activities relate to monitoring the continued health, performance and efficacy of listed, licensed and included therapeutic products once they are on the market. Details on the compliance risk management strategy of the TGA can be found at: TGA regulatory framework. The TGA Manufacturing Quality Division regularly inspects suppliers for good manufacturing practice compliance. The TGA also performs complementary medicine studies that have been mentioned. (12)

### **Health Claim and Type of Claim in Australia**

#### **Nutrition Content Claims**

Such statements are the simplest of the different categories and express a relatively simple message about a food product's existence, absence, or amount of a nutrient (or energy). (20)

#### **General Level Health Claims**

These are health statements that do not fall into the category of high-level health claims; that does not apply to a 'serious' disease or a 'serious' disease biomarker. Where such claims are known as health claims that do not fit the definition of a claim for a reduction in the risk of disease. (20)

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farming machine, appropriate remedy is needed to manage cattle populations throughout huge-scale farming. However, disease prevention techniques along with vaccinations and the giant use of medicine are constrained in huge-scale culture because of regulatory constraints. Nutraceuticals can assist right here as they're

now not in reality regulated for use in subculture systems. In addition, the efficacy checking out of nutraceuticals calls for less time for farmed species in comparison with checking out in human beings. (2)

**Table 1** Show the comparative study of regulatory registration of nutraceutical in USA Europe, India, Australia, and Canada (21-25)

COUNTRY	USA	EUROPE	INDIA	AUSTRALIA	CANADA
DEFINITION	DSHEA defines Nutraceuticals as Dietary supplements	Nutraceutical regulated as food supplements	FSSAI define food for special dietary uses.	TGA defines nutraceuticals as a complementary medicine.	NHPD define nutraceutical as a Natural health product
Rules/ Regulations For Licensing and Registration	Dietary supplement Health Education Regulation.	European Food Safety Authority. Law of member states.	Food safety standard Authority of India.	Therapeutic Good Regulations.	Natural health product Regulations.
Regulation came into force in year	1994	2002	2008	1989	2004
Responsible Regulatory Authorities for Registration of Nutraceuticals	DSHEA (Dietary supplement Health Education Act) under 21 CFR 190.	Directive 2002/20/EC, Parliament Member states. Commission's Health and Consumer Protection Directorate	FSSAI	Therapeutic Good Administration	Natural health product directorate, Health Canada
Regulatory Requirement for Registration	A. Two matters have to be noted whether or not it's far active ingredient or inactive ingredient. B. Licensing C. Health and label claim	-novel food -organic food -food stuffs with nutrition	-Product evaluation -Licensing -Health and label claim	Product licensing Evidence requirement for safety and efficacy Labeling Site licensing GMP Adverse reaction reporting Clinical trial	-A GMP -Product Application -PMS
Fee for Registration	\$720	Not defined	Rs.100	\$AUS 720	Currently no fees required
Authorities for approval of claim	USFDA	-Member states - Commission's Health and Consumer Protection Directorate -EFSA	FSSAI	FSANZ	HEALTH CANADA
Health Claim	-Nutrient content claim -Dietary supplement Nutrition labeling content claim	Nutrition and fitness claims will handiest be allowed on food labels if they're covered in one of the EU tremendous lists.	-Nutrient function claim -different nutrient characteristic claim -Reduction of disorder risk claim	General label Health Claim High label	-General health claim -Specific health claim

## 8. Nutraceuticals: Benefits, Issues, Challenges and Opportunities

### Benefits

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### Issues

Spices such as turmeric and garlic, vegetables such as bitter melon, fruits such as grapes and papaya, rice bran, and goseberry are examples of nutraceuticals. These ingredients of food have biologically active molecules also. For example, curcumin from turmeric has antioxidant, anti-inflammatory and cancer-preventive properties when consumed at reasonable levels. Too much could be harmful. Similarly, sulfur compounds in garlic extract have a hypolipidemic property. (2)

Grapes, peanuts, etc. can be considered as nutraceuticals because they contain, among other things, pharmacologically active resveratrol. Lycopene from tomatoes is reported to avert specific kinds of cancer. Herbal moieties which are not edible (not ingredients of a diet) are not nutraceuticals. Many pharma and biotech companies erroneously extended the term nutraceutical even to isolated compounds from wild plants, which are not ingredients of diet. (2)

Manufacturers in general cannot merely incorporate a nutraceutical into a food while preparing functional foods that have adequate sensory appeal and desired health advantages. The adequate use of microencapsulation for stabilizing nutraceuticals facilitates their delivery via food. Careful planning of the delivery system assists to guard susceptible nutraceuticals from the ambience and processing stresses faced during food manufacture, and checks undesirable interactions of the nutraceutical with elements in the food matrix. (26)

### Challenges and Opportunities

Nutraceuticals appear to be discernible in a variety of aspects from functional foods which challenge the regulatory concepts of food and drugs. For nutraceutical industries, two threats are evident: regulatory ambiguity and reliability of labeling claims. Regulatory vagueness occurs both nationally, providing the regulatory swamp in which the nutraceutical industries have survived at present, and in export markets because of the deficiency of international accord on how to label nutraceuticals. There exist numerous plants with widely varying degrees of the same therapeutic action. For example, in India more than 100 plants are reported to possess antidiabetic and/or hypoglycemic properties. When the ethnobotanical approach is utilized for drug discovery, information available from the traditional knowledge holder is shared. It is necessary to honor the intellectual

property rights of a given cultural group or tribes or local people of a country where plants are collected based i on their ethnomedical knowledge. (26)

### Conclusion

Regulation provides huge demanding situations to the globalisation of nutraceuticals in many approaches. Mainly, the regulatory variation between international locations hinders worldwide trade and marketing. For example, maximum of the countries mentioned take a relaxed approach to law, yet China's system for dietary complement approval entails a strict testing protocol, in step with the United States technique for pharmaceutical approval. Unlike DSHEA, the regulations of some international locations don't seem to offer good enough difference among food, drug and nutraceuticals.

Also, unluckily, nutraceuticals now and again locate themselves in the equal regulatory category as commonplace foods: standardisation of dose and method of transport to enhance efficacy and fitness advantages should triumph over this. Thus, there may be an express want to have a look at nutraceutical dose-related issues. It is essential to test and alter using nutraceuticals in a price-effective and efficient manner in regards to livestock. This can provide a higher fitness, now not only to those cultured animals, but to human beings who consume them.

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### Abbreviations

DSHEA- Dietary supplement health and education act  
 EU- European Union  
 EFSA- European Food Safety Authority  
 FSANZ- Food Standard Australia New Zealand  
 FSSAI- Food Safety Standards Authority of India  
 NHPD- Natural Health Products Directorate  
 USFDA- United State Food and Drug Administration

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