

Elemental Impurities

in Food Ingredients: Pathways to Reducing Levels

October 24-25, 2022 9:00 AM-2:00 PM EDT | Virtual







Final Agenda

All times are in Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

DAY ONE: Monday, October 24, 2022

Moderator: Robin Churchill, Ph.D., Food Ingredients Expert Committee, Member

9:00 a.m. Rules of Engagement

Speaker: Jacqueline D. Starkes, Senior Compendial Affairs Coordinator | USP

9:05 a.m. **Opening Remarks**

Speakers: Jonathan W DeVries, Ph.D., Food Ingredients Expert Committee, Chair, and Kristie Laurvick,

M. S., Senior Manager, Food Standards | USP

9:15 a.m. FDA's Closer to Zero Action Plan

Speaker: Conrad Choiniere, Ph.D., Director of the Office of Analytics and Outreach | U.S. Food and Drug

Administration

9:50 a.m. FDA's Food Ingredient Regulatory Programs

Speaker: Katie Overbey, Ph.D., MS, Regulatory Review Scientist | U.S. Food and Drug Administration

10:25 a.m. Chemical Contaminants in Food, Canadian Perspective

Speaker: John Field, Ph.D., Chief, Chemical Health Hazard Assessment Division – Packaging and

Contaminants | Health Canada

11:00 a.m. Morning Break

11:30 a.m. Chemical Contaminants in Food, European Perspective

Speaker: Stephan Walch, Ph.D., Executive Director | Chemisches und Veterinaeruntersuchungsamt,

Food Ingredients Expert Committee, Member

Public Standards: Presentations

12:00 p.m. The Importance and Key Role Standards Play in Setting Limits

Speaker: Jonathan W. DeVries, Ph.D., Food Ingredients Expert Committee, Chair

12:20 p.m. Historical Perspective on Elemental Impurity Limits in the Food Chemicals Codex

Speaker: Lori Klopf, Ph.D., Food Ingredient Regulations and Labeling Advisor | Consultant

12:40 p.m. FCC Standards Related to Elemental Impurities – Plans and Opportunities

Speaker: Eric Schwartz, Ph.D., Senior Scientist I | USP



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1:00 p.m. **Q&A Discussion**

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- Conrad Choiniere, Ph.D.
- Katie Overbey, Ph.D.
- John Field, Ph.D.
- Stephan Walch, Ph.D.
- Lori Klopf, Ph.D.
- Markus Lipp, Ph.D.
- Eric Schwartz, Ph.D.

1:50 p.m. Final remarks and Next steps

Speakers: Robin Churchill, Ph.D., and Jonathan W. DeVries, Ph.D.

2:00 p.m. Adjourn

DAY TWO: Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Moderator: Robin Churchill, Ph.D., Food Ingredients Expert Committee, Member | USP

9:00 a.m. Rules of Engagement

Speaker: Jacqueline D. Starkes, Senior Compendial Affairs Coordinator | USP

9:05 a.m. **Opening Remarks**

Speaker: Kristie Laurvick, M. S., Senior Manager, Food Standards | USP

9:10 a.m. Summary of Day One "What We Heard"

Speaker: Robin Churchill, Ph.D., Food Ingredients Expert Committee Member | USP

State of the Industry: Presentations

9:20 a.m. Industry Perspectives on the Role of Global Harmonization on Food Specifications

Speaker: Paul Hanlon, Ph.D., DABT, Director of Regulatory Affairs | Abbott Nutrition

9:50 a.m. Mitigating Heavy Metals in Spices: A Case Study of Food Ingredient Challenges and Solutions

Speaker: Laura Shumow, M.S., Executive Director | American Spice Trade Association

10:20 a.m. Managing Chemical Hazards in a Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) World

Speaker: Brent Kobielush, Ph.D., Director, Food Safety | The Acheson Group



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10:50 a.m. Current Approaches to Quantify Ultra-low (part per billion) Levels of Elements in Foods

Speaker: Patrick Gray, Ph.D., M.S., Research Chemist | U.S. Food and Drug Administration

11:15 a.m. Morning Break

11:30 a.m. **Q&A Discussion**

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Patrick Gray, Ph.D., M.S.

12:20 p.m. Final Remarks and Next steps

Speaker: Robin Churchill, Ph.D., Food Ingredients Expert Committee Member | USP

12:30 p.m. Adjourn