

Quality Standards for Medicines, Supplements, and Food Ingredients throughout the World

# Standards for Food Ingredients

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*The Standard of Quality<sup>SM</sup>*

# Food Policy Developments - 2009

## Executive Branch

- President has expressed broad concerns about food safety
- Food Safety Working Group created
- Ag Secretary talking about unified food safety agency
- FDA recently:
  - announced it will begin testing product and plant environment samples during routine inspections of food processors
  - called for access to records during routine plant inspections
  - opened offices in China, India, Europe, and Latin America to assist with food and drug safety efforts



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## Congress

Approaches being considered:

- industry evaluates hazards, implements preventative controls
- mandatory government (or possibly third party) testing/inspection
- new/unified food safety agency

Focus is mostly on surface/microbial contamination



# USP

- USP recently acquired the *Food Chemicals Codex (FCC)*, a compendium of standards for purity and identity of food grade substances, from the Institute of Medicine
- USP continuously updates *FCC* through a public and transparent process, and also makes suitable chemical reference materials available
- USP publishes a new edition of *FCC* every two years with supplements every six months in the interim periods



- Legal status of *FCC*.
- USP seeks an enhanced role for *FCC*
- Value: consistent and high-quality food ingredients

