

USP's Compendium for Food and Dietary Supplements
- Quality Standards to Aid in the Protection of Consumers and Brands

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Economically motivated adulteration has been and continues to be a threat to the consumer and the honest manufacturer. There is no distinction between quality and safety, if the first is compromised the second one is too. As the adulteration of pet food and baby food by melamine and cyanuric acid evidenced, adulteration poses a great risk to the health of the consumers. But also industry is affected, the recalls in this scandal cost the industry hundreds of millions of dollars, not including the damage to brands. It is obvious that adulteration for economic reasons puts everyone involved at risk and hence poses a significant safety and financial risk. Compendia quality standards offer one efficient source of information for the quality, purity and authenticity of food ingredients and dietary supplements. The United States Pharmacopeia published quality standards for dietary supplements in its *Dietary Supplement Compendium* and for food ingredients in its *Food Chemicals Codex*.