



Year in Review: Fare Thee Well 2025

Intro (0:00 – 1:56 min)

Main Content (1:56 min – 24:57 min)

- Structural changes at FDA and the impacts on industry (1:56 min – 10:35 min)
 - Organization and leadership restructure
 - [Jim Jones Resigns as FDA Deputy Commissioner for Human Foods](#)
 - Food Contact Notifications (FCNs)
 - RFK Jr. MAHA (food, vaccines, dietary supplements, etc.)
 - State pressure to ban color additives
 - Microplastics
 - Ultra-processed foods – establishing a definition
 - [Proposed System to Define Ultra-Processed Foods | The Daily Intake](#)
 - [Governor Newsom Signs California Bill Defining Ultraprocessed Food | The Daily Intake](#)
 - Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) Rule
 - [HHS Secretary Kennedy Directs FDA to Explore Rulemaking to Eliminate Self-Affirmed GRAS Pathway | The Daily Intake](#)
 - Post-Market Assessment
 - [FDA's Proposed Post-Market Assessment of Food Additives and Chemicals in Food](#)
- State Developments (10:36 min – 16:36 min)
 - New EPR Programs – 7 states in total
 - Food additive bans, require labeling, targeting school lunch programs
 - [New State Legislative Efforts to Regulate Color Additives in Food | The Daily Intake](#)
 - [Multiple States Propose Bans on Food Additives and "Ultra-Processed Foods" | The Daily Intake](#)

- [Utah Introduces New Bill With “Unique” Definition for Ultra-Processed Foods in Schools | The Daily Intake](#)
 - [Ultraprocessed Foods: Defining the Debate | Keller and Heckman](#)
- PFAS laws
- DTSC identifying chemicals of concern (i.e. “microplastics”)
- Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) in the EU (16:36 min – 21:33 min)
 - New requirements on plastic packaging and other materials
 - [The New EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation – Highlights and Challenges Ahead](#)
 - PPWR Draft Guidance
 - Recycled Plastics Regulation
 - Omnibus Package
 - [Publication of an EU Action Plan for Chemicals and a Simplification Package](#)
 - [Publication of the Environmental Omnibus by the European Commission](#)
- China standard revisions (21:33min – 24:17 min)
 - [China Publishes Draft Amendment to Standard on Additives for Food-Contact Materials](#)
 - [China Announces Draft Amendment to GB 4806.1 General Safety Standard for Food-Contact Materials](#)
 - [China Publishes Food-Contact Coatings and Silicon Rubber Standards](#)
 - [China Announces the Standard for Food Packaging Adhesives](#)

Grateful Dead References!

- [Hear Bob Weir's Final Rolling Stone Interview](#)
- [Grateful Dead Singer Donna Jean Godchaux Dead at 78](#)