



## 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  - PPWR Draft Guidance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](#)