New Brunswick/Piscataway, NJ – On September 24th David Steinberg of Steinberg and Associates presented a seminar entitled “Update on US Sunscreen Regulations”

This presentation reviewed the uses of sunscreens and the radiation, sunscreen use and the new sunscreen regulations for labeling. We can no longer use the term “sunblock” since this confuses the public and implies that these products would offer complete protection. The history of regulations of sunscreens was covered including the increasing of permitted SPF and the cancer warning claims though the years. The major emphasis was on the latest and current regulations. This review covered the proper and required labeling of the product with a "how to" create a Drug Facts panel. Also covered were the options what if it doesn't fit the space you have available on your packaging. The tests, which you must run, were addressed along with prohibited claims. There was a review of "unfinished" FDA rule making and how this will affect the future in the marketplace. Complete registrations of drugs were presented and included was who is responsible to file what. Finally the FDA’s issues with “unapproved” types of sunscreens were covered along with industry’s responses on this complex area. The lecture was well received and was followed by an enthusiastic discussion with the presenter. This is a very hot topic these days as the new regulations will affect a large number of companies both large and small that produce sunscreen products.

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