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PRODUCT TRACEABILITY

Definition

- TRACKING PRODUCT QUALITY FROM PRODUCTION UNTIL IT IS CONSUMED TO ENSURE CONSUMER SAFETY.



PRODUCT TRACEABILITY

- FINISHED PRODUCT COMPRISES OF:
 - a) Ingredients
 - b) Process to convert ingredients
 - c) Packaging Bottles/Cans/Pouches.
 - d) Warehousing
 - e) Distribution
 - f) Point of Sale
 - g) Consumption



PRODUCT TRACEABILITY

- Product Tracing
 - Specification/Production Date/Quality Check /Formula Usage-Documentation
 - Batching Procedures/Processing Specifications-Documentation
 - Packaging Container Specifications Filling Procedures/Labeling Laws adherence-Documentation



PRODUCT TRACEABILITY

- Warehousing:
Storage Conditions/GMP/Cross Contamination-Documentation
- Point Of Sale:
Storage Conditions/Inventory Management-Documentation
- Consumption/Consumer:
Recommended Storage and Consumption Techniques-Documentation



CONCLUSION

- In these times where bioterrorism is a real threat. A well designed Operating Manual with defined product/ process/ packaging/warehousing/distribution specifications and adherence to these specifications is the key to tracing of products delivered to consumers worldwide.

