



FDA Threatens Dr. Weil in Flu Scam Warning

Days after President Obama declared the swine flu a national emergency, his Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Federal Trade Commission issued a joint consumer warning on products claiming swine flu prevention or cures. Another was sent to websites and companies demanding they stop selling or stop making false claims about their products or they will face criminal and civil charges.

The dragnet of swine flu scams was so broad that it caught up Dr. Andrew Weil, one of the best-known and most trusted alternative medicine doctors in America. He was forced to remove information from his site about his Immune Support Formula, which contains astragalus, “traditionally used to ward off colds and flu and has demonstrated both antiviral and immune-boosting effects in scientific investigation.”

The irony is that the declaration of a national swine flu emergency allows the FDA to authorize “the emergency use of certain unapproved and uncleared products.” The FDA has already authorized the emergency use of the “investigational antiviral drug” peramivir and will likely rush other untested drugs to market. The FDA admits there is limited safety data on peramivir, and has mandated that healthcare providers report all adverse events and all medication errors associated with peramivir to FDA’s Med-Watch program within seven days. In effect, all swine flu patients administered peramivir are participating in human trials of an experimental drug. So far, adverse events in patients given peramivir have included diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, and neutropenia.

Astragalus bad, peramivir good? It’s hard to trust an FDA that “protects” the public from time-tested natural herbal supplements while rushing untested pharmaceutical drugs and vaccines to market! www.is.gd/4lbrd

Obama, Which Side Are You On?

Organic agriculture can feed the world, turn back climate change and make food production more resilient to droughts and floods. Organic agriculture can do it with biodiversity instead of biotech, greenhouse gas sequestration, natural pest management, humus-rich compost, more family farmers and better conditions for farm workers.

The question of which agriculture model will dominate food production is a question we only have one opportunity to answer. Once a seed or animal variety is extinct or contaminated with foreign genes, we will never get it back. In an age when a billion people are stuffed while a billion people are starved, most people on the planet suffer from either poor nutrition, exposure to toxic ingredients, diet-related diseases, or all three. Agriculture is a life and death issue for all of us. So, which side is the Obama Administration on?

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Food Labeling Helps Swedes Cut Carbon

Cutting-edge research by the Rodale Institute demonstrates that by transitioning all of the world’s farmland to organic, we could sequester 40% of global greenhouse gas emissions. A transition to organic agriculture combined with restorative grazing and forestry, could sequester 100% of global greenhouse gas emissions! It’s great to know we have a time-tested, low-tech, grassroots organic solution for global warming and climate chaos, but how do we launch and supercharge this food, farming, and forestry revolution in time to save the planet?

The Swedes have come up with a simple but revolutionary idea to mobilize consumers to strike a blow against global warming and energy-intensive agriculture, processing, and distribution: new food labels on grocery store and restaurant items listing the specific carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas emissions embedded in each product. www.is.gd/4IaJ3

Alert: Stop Siddiqui!

Islam Siddiqui has been nominated as the Chief Agricultural Negotiator for the Office of the US Trade Representative. If Congress confirms Siddiqui, he will no doubt continue to undermine public health, biodiversity, climate stability and food security as the “inside man” in the Obama Administration for his former clients at CropLife (a front group for genetic engineering and chemical-intensive agribusiness corporations including Monsanto, Syngenta, DuPont and Dow Chemical).

CropLife America’s regional partner, Mid America CropLife Association, notoriously “shuddered” at Michelle Obama’s organic garden and launched a letter writing campaign in protest, saying that Michelle’s rejection of toxic pesticides and chemical fertilizers in the White House Garden was a slap in the face for Food Inc. and America’s chemically-addicted farmers.

Another Washington wheeler-dealer using the revolving door between government and big business, Siddiqui formerly worked for Clinton’s probio-tech USDA. Siddiqui gained notoriety in 1997-98 as an insider pushing for the infamous proposed USDA regulations for national organic standards that would have allowed toxic sewage sludge, irradiated foods, and GMOs to be labeled “organic.” After a nationwide SOS (Save Organic Standards) campaign, led by the OCA and our allies, which generated an unprecedented backlash, Siddiqui and his cohorts backed down and withdrew their proposals. It’s time to take down Siddiqui and his cohorts once again. We must tell the Senate to reject President Obama’s nomination of Siddiqui as the Agricultural Trade Representative. www.is.gd/4IaFx

Videos of the Week

Hungry in America



A feature-length documentary that reveals the depth of the food crisis and the courageous efforts of those fighting hunger on the front lines. The new film looks at the root causes of this growing problem, and asks the tough questions about how a rich nation that could feed all its people has failed to do so. www.is.gd/4Ib3f

Everything You Have to Know About Dangerous GM Foods

Jeffrey M. Smith, author of the *Seeds of Deception* and *Genetic Roulette*, lays out the shocking facts about GMOs. Smith links GMO to food toxicity, allergies, infertility, infant mortality, immune dysfunction, stunted growth, and death. As Smith documents, whistleblowers have been fired, threatened and gagged, and warnings by FDA scientists have been ignored. Protect yourself from GMOs by joining the Campaign for Healthier Eating in America—a plan that gives the consumer the power to end the genetic engineering of our food supply.

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Help the OCA Win \$50,000!

OCA’s Facebook cause, **Protect and Expand Organic Agriculture**, was just entered in America’s Giving Challenge, which gives us a chance to win \$50,000! If you are on Facebook, please join our cause and donate today! To win, we have to get the most donations to our cause before November 7 (you can donate once per day). We can also win daily awards of \$1,000 and \$500 if we have the most donations in any 24-hour period.

Can you put our cause in your email signature, can you throw a party and get people to donate through the cause when they enter, can you organize other people to go out and fundraise from all of their friends? The possibilities are endless so let’s talk about what we can do to win on the wall of the cause or by replying to this bulletin.

Donate Now: www.is.gd/4Ibuu