

## DSHEA vs Codex: Supplement Access Under Attack

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U.S. Membership in the World Trade Organization (WTO) commits the U.S. to comply with Codex supplement standards once they become international law—as early as June, 2005. The U.S. Senate and President agreed to this by ratifying and signing the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), establishing what is now the WTO. For examples of supplement access in countries—such as Germany and Norway—where Codex is already in effect, see table, below.

The Codex Commission met secretly in November, 2004 and finalized step 8, to begin implementation in June, 2005 unless the Alliance for Natural Health Campaign is successful. Also, it's important to contact your Senators and Representative because DSHEA is now under attack with bills to dismantle it.

Codex guidelines include:

- (1) No supplement can be sold for preventive or therapeutic use.
- (2) Any potency higher than RDA (minimal strength) is a prescription drug by CODEX definition. CODEX authorizes

only drug companies to produce drugs. Over 5000 safe items now in health stores will be banned, eliminating health stores as we now know them.

- (3) CODEX regulations become binding internationally.
- (4) New supplements are banned unless given very expensive CODEX testing and approval.

**CODEX rules not based on real science.**

They are made by a few people, meeting in secret (see web sites below), not necessarily scientists. In 1993, the FDA and drug corporations tried to put all supplements under restriction and prescription. But over 4 million Americans told Congress and the President to protect their freedom of choice on health supplements. The DSHEA Law was passed in 1994 to do just that. It is now being attacked again requiring your call. This law would be overruled by CODEX and the WTO if they succeed with their goal of harmonizing USA laws to international laws.

**What you can do:**

Contact your senators and representative ask them to oppose legislation such as SB 722 to repeal the DSHEA law. (The Capitol Switchboard is (202) 224-3121, and you can send letters to Senator (Your Senator's Name), U.S. Senate, Washington DC 20510. Also, support the ANH campaign to allow individual countries to regulate supplement access independently within their borders.

Product	CODEX price(by prescription)	CODEX maximum over-the-counter dose
Zinc	\$52 per bottle	
Echinacea	\$153 per bottle	
Vitamin C		200 mg
Niacin		32 mg
Vitamin B6		4 mg
Amino acids		BANNED
Essential fatty acids		BANNED
DMEA		BANNED
DHEA		BANNED
CoQ10		BANNED
MSM		BANNED
Beta-carotene		BANNED
Many others		BANNED