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# Warnings for Listed Chemicals in Foods

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Public Workshop

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# AGENDA

- Welcome
- Background/Purpose of Potential Regulation
- Elements of Potential Regulation
- Discussion
- Next Steps

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# Background/Purpose

- Two Guiding Principles:
  - Provide Guidance for Food Manufacturers/Retailers
  - Provide Consumers with Clear Warning Information
  
- Workgroup formed
  - 15 Stakeholder groups represented
  - Meetings/E-mails/Conf Calls/Individual Discussion

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# Background/Purpose (Cont.)

- Why?
  - Foods are different
    - Repetitious purchases from limited number of locations
    - Foods provide health benefits
    - Food retailers carry many hundreds of products from multiple manufacturers
    - The statute and regulations already treat foods differently
    - Lawsuits are increasing
    - Clarification needed concerning relative responsibility between manufacturers and retailers

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# Elements of Potential Regulation

- Clarify Food Retailer and Manufacturer Responsibility
- Provide Structure and Process for Warning “Clearinghouse”
- Establish Specific Safe Harbor Warning Methods for Foods
- Establish Content for Warning Messages

# Warning Methods Being Considered

- Pamphlet
- Cash Register Receipt
- Three Part Process
  - General Warning
  - Trigger mechanism
  - Additional Warning Message Content Available in Store
- On Product/Shelf Signs/Other

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# Discussion

- Questions?
- What do you like?
- What do you dislike?
- Did we miss something?

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# Next Steps

- Comment Period Ends January 16, 2009
- OEHHA Reviews Comments
- OEHHA Begins Developing Regulatory Language
- Follow-up Workshop(s) on Draft Language
- Formal Regulatory Proposal in 2009

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# Comments? Questions?

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