



# Global Retailer and Manufacturer Alliance

## ANSI Supplement Standardization

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# Commitment to Quality

## Goals were set by GRMA membership to create an architecture for success

- Single audit scheme developed as an unimpeachable industry standard for OTC's, Dietary Supplements, and Cosmetics
- Public Standard and accompanying audit(s) would be a living document encompassing all regulatory requirements, cGMP guidelines and industry best practices
- Eliminate redundant audits and related issues
- Create consistency with auditor qualification, training and calibration



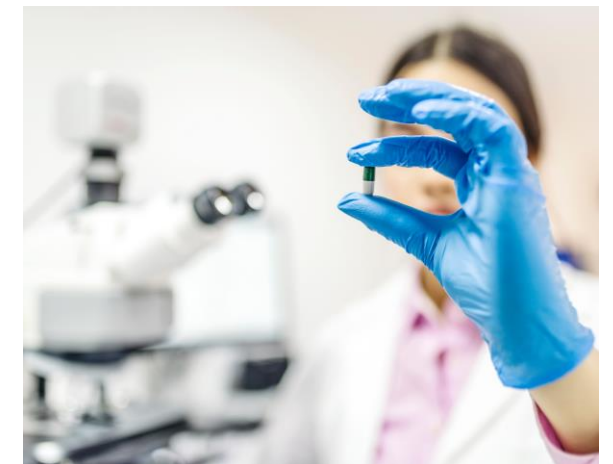
# Creation of Standard

## Stakeholder Solution was to Create an ANSI Public Standard

- Engage with NSF - recognized standards development organization
- Consensus driven process in a representative joint committee format involving Industry Stakeholders (manufacturers and retailers), Public Health Representative, and Users
- Due Process – required transparency, public comments and appeals

## Dietary Supplements – Awarded Designation NSF/ANSI Standard 455-2

- Publication of DS Standard in December 2018 → 36 months in the making
- OTC Drug (NSF/ANSI 455-4) and Cosmetic (NSF/ANSI 455-3) published
- ReposiTrak / GRMAuditsphere architecture built for management of audit process and results
- Initial auditor training completed on scheme and process, ongoing auditor training/capacity building continues



# Public vs. Private Standards

## **Public (ANSI Standards)**

Consumer Trust because they are public – not created or developed by special interest or private group

ANSI Standards are recognized by industry and regulators alike - requirement

Third Party Certifiers (CB's) must certify to ANSI Standards

## **Private Standards**

Consumers don't know what criteria are used to create them

May not hold up to scrutiny of state or federal regulators / regulations

Certification Bodies may not be able to certify to a private standard

# Benefits to all Stakeholders

## Retailers

Employ single audit standard across category with objective grade

Reduced regulatory burden – confidence in results and ongoing integrity

Transparency into audit results and metadata

Sourcing and bid process simplified – know who makes the cut beforehand

Ultimately easier enforcement of quality standards of brands in their stores

## Manufacturers

Single audit visit to address entire class of trade – and beyond

Focus quality on products and improvements – not the next audit

Metadata – a gold mine of information and constant analysis for fairness

Eliminate operational interruptions

Opportunities through ResposiTrak / GRMAuditsphere contact base

Rising Tide...

# What's Next?

- Key retailers have mandated the GRMA audit scheme for OTC Drugs and Cosmetics for this year and beyond
- Dietary Supplements next on horizon....
- Expansion of Scope into areas of GRMA's community (i.e medical devices, international sourcing)
- Membership Programs Set – [www.GRMAlliance.org/membership](http://www.GRMAlliance.org/membership)
- Retailers will require GMP audits to 455 for all imported items
- CB's, Consultants, and other Stakeholders can learn about 455 through training

## GRMA Annual Summit - 2019

- August 5-7
- Chicago Sheraton O'Hare – Easy travel accommodations
- Retailer 455 expectations panel
- Medical Devices/Consumer Products update
- CBD discussion panel
- Consumer Goods Forum speaker
- Social and Ethical Standard Development Panel
- Expansion of the 455 reach (Warehousing, etc.)



**THANK YOU!**

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