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Challenge to EU Health Claims Review System

Shane Starling, [NutraIngredients.com](#) (Mar. 27, 2009) suggests that a several European industry groups are dissatisfied with the approach being taken by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in it assessment of health claims. A number of claims submitted for assessment under Article 14 have received negative opinions from EFSA.

The European Federation of Associations of Health Product Manufacturers (EHPM), the European Botanical Forum and the European Responsible Nutrition Alliance are considering challenging the controversial legislation in the European Court of Justice on the grounds that it breaches the free trade principles embodied in the European Union Treaty.

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The EHPM is concerned that the EFSA intends assess article 13 claims (claims based on generally accepted scientific evidence) with the same "gold standard" approach used with assessing dossiers submitted under article 14 claims (disease risk reduction claims and children's claims). EFSA has not released any opinions on the 4000 claims submitted under Article 13.1

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