

News Articles Conflicting Reports - International:

The National Association of Health Stores, "Retailers Take Government Agencies to Court Over KavaKava Ban," April 4, 2003, 0114-235-3478, web site: info@nahs.co.uk. The British Association of Health Stores (HAHS), initiated legal proceedings against the Medicines Control Agency (MCA) over the prohibition of the sale of Kava Kava products in the United Kingdom. Why has Kava Kava been banned when it 's used by millions of people safely while licensed drugs made by pharmaceutical companies kill thousands each year?

"Warning Over Vitamin Doses," BBC News, May 7, 2003, web site: news.bbc.uk/1/hi/health/3007937.stm, This very negative, flawed report on vitamin and mineral supplements by the Food Standards Agency (FSA) of the United Kingdom (UK) on 31 vitamins and minerals(by their "experts scientific studies") urged manufactures to reduce the dose of "potentially" harmful vitamins and mineral supplements or place warnings on labels. Sir John Krebs, chair of the FSA said, "While in most cases you can get all the nutrients you need from a balanced diet, many people choose to take supplements. But taking some high doses over time can be harmful?" What does the FSA considered a "healthy diet"? Chemically altered foods and genetically modified foods that now dominates what is available in the grocery stores grown on soil depleted of essential nutrients?

Joe Vials, "Massive Multinational Assault on Alternative Medicines -Australians deliberately denied access to more than one thousand products ranging from vitamin pills to multi-mineral supplements, May 2003, web page: homepage.ntlworld.com/ (The recall included 219 herbal remedies, web site: cbc.ca/stories/2003/04/29/cConsumer/Australiababn_030429).

"Euro MPs Back Herbal Crackdown," November, 22,2002, web site: news.bbc.com.hk/1/hi/health/2499259.stm. This article states, "European Parliament has backed proposals by the European Union (EU)Vitamin Directive for over restrictive, unscientific "Upper Safe Levels" for dietary supplements and herbal medicines. The EU will require a full list of ingredients including proof they are not a threat to public health. About 300 over-the-counter remedies will need to be tested by EU scientists to make sure they meet the new safety and health standards before they can be made available. The Proposals will have to be backed by EU Health ministers before they become law. . .Dr. Rob Verkerk of the Alliance for Natural Health, which represents herbal medicine practitioners, claimed many herbal medicines with a proven safety record would disappear. He said," "Thousands of people across Europe suffering from diseases as serious as cancer and HIV rely on herbal medicines to improve their quality of life. If these medicines are removed, patients will have no alternative but to use conventional medicines that are many times more dangerous."

"Industry Calls On Minister To Apologize For Misinformation," May 2, 2003. Josef Hasslberger, web site: hasslberger.com said, "This was a Press release from New Zealand's supplements industry (Ron Law quoted in article) over the Australian case where Pan Pharmaceuticals saw its complete line of supplements production recalled, practically ruining the natural products industry in Australia. The Australian Therapeutic Goods Agency (TGA) is supposed to be the "model" for trans-tasman harmonization of laws and controls on supplements (Good Manufacturing Practice), which would extend TGA rule over both Australia AND New Zealand (Ron Law, 64-9-832-4773, is the former Executive Director of the National Nutrition Foods Association (NNFA) and is working with regulatory bodies on both of the Tasman since 1998)

John Hammell, "Whose Interesting are IADSA Protecting? Ours or Pfizers?," October 2, 2002, web site: iahf.com, This article documents from original letters between NNFA, New Zealand and IADSA. IADSA favors Australia's Pharma-Centric Regulatory System over New Zealand's Food Based Very Liberal Regulatory System.