

Mandatory Product Listing:

Transparent and accessible quality and safety information for dietary supplements

THE PROBLEM

In the last 25 years, the dietary supplement industry grew from **\$4 billion** with roughly **4,000** products to over **\$50 billion** with more than **50,000 products** – possibly tens of thousands more. The number of adulterated products marketed by bad actors has also increased in this time. Unfortunately, we do not know the scale of the problem. As the size of the industry has grown and consumer approaches to health and wellness have evolved, so too has the rise of ecommerce websites and apps whose sole purpose is to sell dietary supplements, making it harder to keep track of all products on the market.



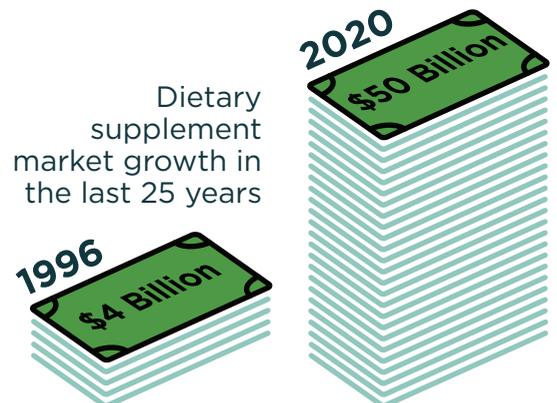
THE SOLUTION



To protect consumers from unsafe products, both government and industry stakeholders support dietary supplements being listed in a national registry accessible to the FDA, regulators and the public. Implementation of the **Mandatory Product Listing (MPL)** is a critical step to increasing transparency and oversight of the growing industry.



Call or email your congressperson and urge them to support MPL.



Dietary supplement market growth in the last 25 years

How does the Mandatory Product Listing work?

Consumers, retailers, healthcare providers, regulators, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or any other interested party can reference the registry to **search for products** based on their **specific ingredients** or other information found on the label.



THE BENEFITS

The Mandatory Product Listing benefits **all responsible stakeholders**, ranging from every-day consumers who use dietary supplements to complement their lifestyle to agencies like the FDA responsible for **safety and enforcement**.

Pharmacists & Healthcare Providers

Inform advice on possible interactions between supplements and medications using information about ingredients.

Consumers

Have the ability to access ingredient information contained on the product label allowing them to make informed decisions.



Regulators

Enable more efficient use of resources to oversee regulated market.

Manufacturers & Distributors

Increase fair competition in marketplace for responsible actors.

Retailers & Grocery Stores

Provide assurance about the products they sell to consumers.

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