

# **APSMI NEWSLETTER**

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## World Topics

### **US: USTR published 2024 Special 301 Report**

On 25 April, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) published the 2024 Special 301 Report on intellectual property protection.

a. Seven countries are listed in the “Priority Watch List”:

• Argentina • Chile • China • India • Indonesia • Russia • Venezuela

b. Twenty countries are listed in the “Watch List”:

• Algeria • Barbados • Belarus • Bolivia • Brazil • Bulgaria • Canada • Colombia •

Ecuador

• Egypt • Guatemala • Mexico • Pakistan • Paraguay • Peru • Thailand • Trinidad and

Tobago

• Türkiye • Turkmenistan • Vietnam

The Special 301 review of Ukraine has been suspended due to Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

The report is available below (93 pages in total):

<https://ustr.gov/sites/default/files/2024%20Special%20301%20Report.pdf>

### **US: DEA announced the classification of marijuana is to be changed from Schedule 1 to 3**

On 16 May, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) announced that they will revise the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) and cannabis will be changed from Schedule 1 to Schedule 3, the same as Tylenol with codeine and steroids. The final decision will be made after going through a process of accepting objections, etc.

The original text of the notice issued by the DEA is available below (92 pages in total).

<https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2024-05/Scheduling%20NPRM%20508.pdf>

### **EU: FIP held Webinar “Safe disposal of medicines: A helpful solution for our planet”**

On 22 April, FIP (International Pharmaceutical Federation) held Webinar “Safe disposal of medicines: A helpful solution for our planet” (90 minutes).

This seminar highlighted the importance of proper disposal of medicines, including through drug take-back programs.

On-demand viewing is available at the following URL:



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<https://events.fip.org/previous-fip-digital-events/?event=1210>

**EU: AESGP held Webinar “From Paper to Digital Leaflet: Making Patient**

**Information More Inclusive”**

On 14 May, the Association of the European Self-Care Industry (AESGP) held Webinar “From Paper to Digital Leaflet: Making Patient Information More Inclusive”.

In 2023, AESGP commissioned Ipsos European Public Affairs to run a consumer survey in six EU Member States as a first step towards building a better understanding of EU consumers’ perceptions and expectations with regard to product information for non-prescription medicines and their readiness to use digital formats.

This event introduced the main findings of the survey and discuss how best to implement the transition from paper to digital leaflets.

On-demand viewing is available at the following URL:

<https://vimeo.com/946174116/b4718d8330?share=copy>

In addition, related materials are available below.

a. Slides used at the Webinar:

[https://mcusercontent.com/cb67e176a005eff58acf6efbf/files/f0c15651-d0ae-bd90-9541-e0d120135b09/AESGP\\_Slide\\_deck\\_WEBINAR\\_2024v1.01.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/cb67e176a005eff58acf6efbf/files/f0c15651-d0ae-bd90-9541-e0d120135b09/AESGP_Slide_deck_WEBINAR_2024v1.01.pdf)

b. Consumer research report:

[https://aesgp.eu/content/uploads/2024/03/Annex-1-AESGP\\_report\\_v1\\_client-version.pdf](https://aesgp.eu/content/uploads/2024/03/Annex-1-AESGP_report_v1_client-version.pdf)

c. AESGP position paper

[https://aesgp.eu/content/uploads/2024/03/AESGP\\_PP\\_Transition-to-digital-leaflets\\_2024-FINAL-FULL.pdf](https://aesgp.eu/content/uploads/2024/03/AESGP_PP_Transition-to-digital-leaflets_2024-FINAL-FULL.pdf)

**EU: GSCF held “The 1<sup>st</sup> Global Self-Care Summit”**

The 1st Global Self-Care Summit was held 18:00-21:00 on 28 May (CET) in Geneva, Switzerland (Hybrid) as a satellite event of the 77<sup>th</sup> WHA.



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## Events

### a. GSCF/APSMI/TSMIA Joint Congress

The 2nd Announcement of the GSCF/APSMI/TSMIA Joint Congress is available at the APSMI website: <http://www.apsmi.org/announcement/>

## Self Care in Health Care: a Vision for Asia Pacific

Date: 13 – 15 November 2024

Venue: The Athenee Hotel, Bangkok

61 Wireless road (Witthayu)Lumpini, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330  
Thailand

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**Please save the date!**  
**Registration is scheduled to start**  
**early July 2024.**

Itinerary			
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
	13 Nov. 2024 (WED)	14 Nov. 2024 (THU)	15 Nov. 2024 (FRI)
AM	Free	09:00~12:30 Conference	08:00 ~13:30 Conference
Lunch	Free	Lunch	Lunch(~14:30)
PM	15:00~17:00 Digital Health Workshop	14:00~18:00 Conference	14:30~17:00 (Invited Only) Regulators meeting
Dinner	18:00 ~ Welcome Reception	18:30~ Gala Dinner	

Board Meetings are to be held on 13 November 2024.  
 APSMI BM: 09:00 – 12:00 GSCF BM: 13:30 – 17:30

Session	Topic
Session 1	The Evolution of Self Care in the Asia Pacific Region
Session 2	United for Self Care - Global perspective
Session 3	United for Self Care - Regional perspective
Session 4	Self Care action in the region
Session 5	Digital Health and Self Care – The Evolving Frontier
Session 6	Environment and Sustainability (Packaging & Plastic, API in environment, CO2 Neutral)
Session 7	Better Regulatory environment for Self Care
Session 8	Journey Ahead - Asia Pacific Self Care Declaration



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## **APSMI MEMBERSHIP**

### **a. TSCIA (Taiwan Self-Care Industry Association)**

As of 1 May 2024, APSMI Member Association in Chinese Taipei was changed from TPMMA (Taiwan Pharmaceutical Marketing & Management Association) to TSCIA (Taiwan Self-Care Industry Association).