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# Third Party Verification of Excipients

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# U.S. Pharmacopeia

**protects public health**  
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of medicines and foods.



# USP Verification Programs



USP Dietary Supplement Verification Launched 2002



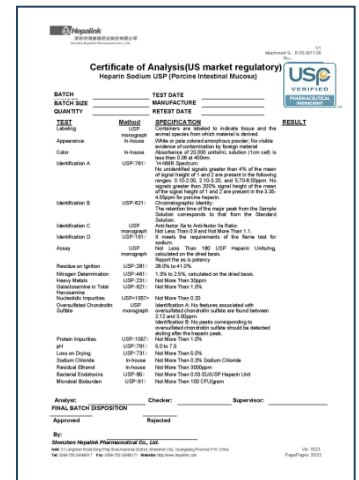
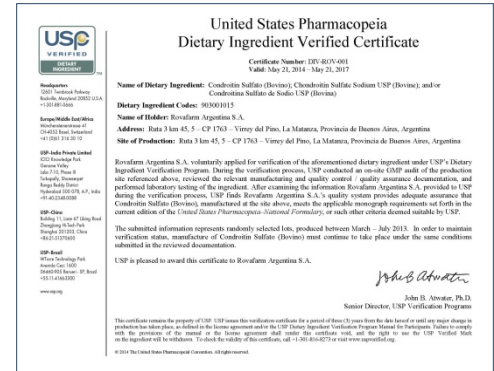
USP Dietary Ingredient Verification Launched 2004  
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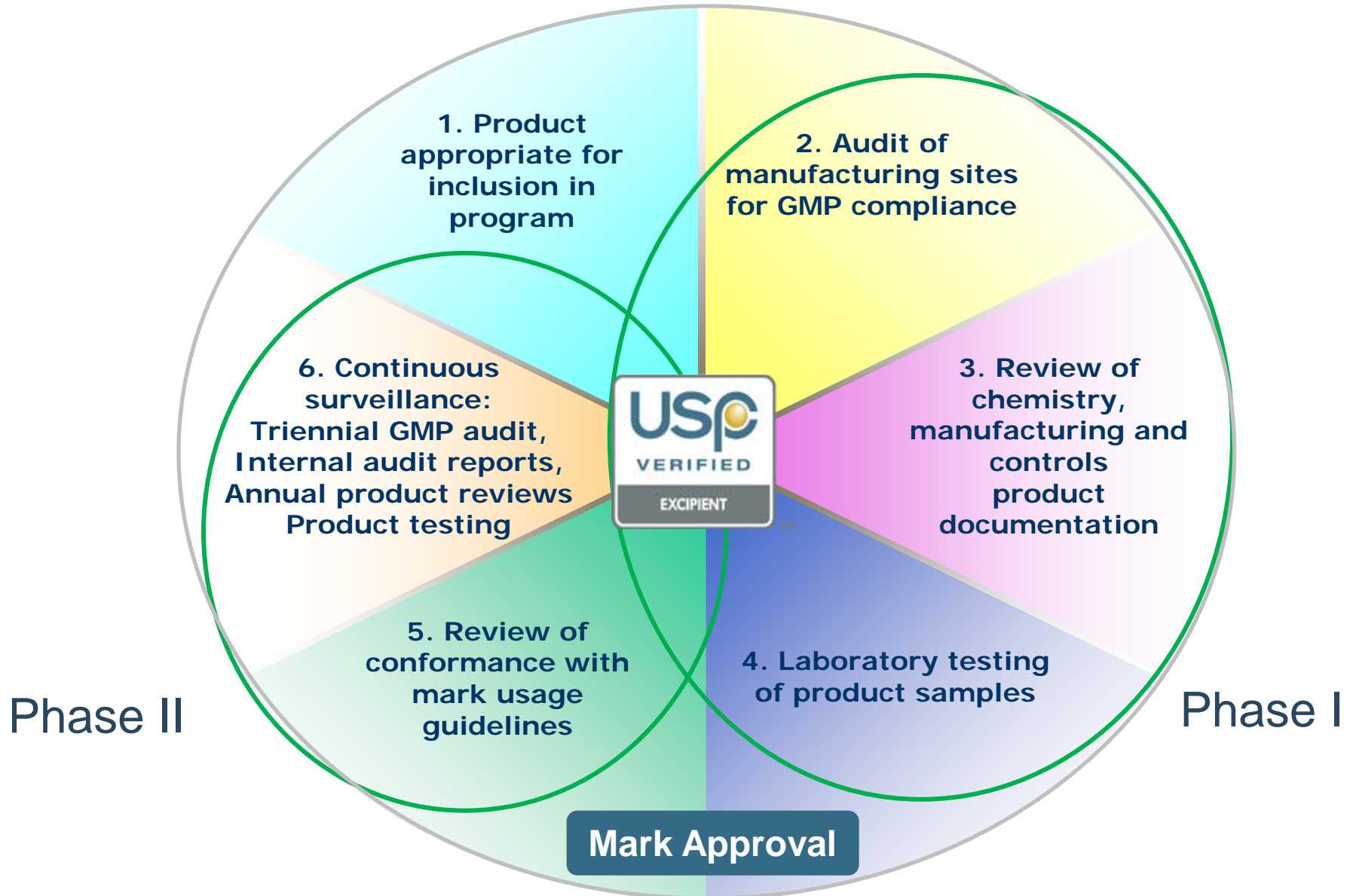
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USP Excipient Verification Launched 2006



# Key Elements of the Excipient Verification Programs



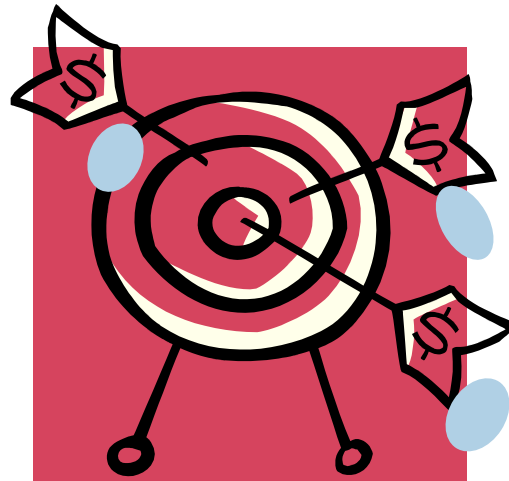
# 1. Excipient Eligible for Inclusion

- Participants provide list of excipients for submission
- Factors to consider:
  - Regulatory and/or patent status
  - Compendial presence and/or scientific feasibility
  - Safety concerns
- USP Staff, in consultation with USP's Expert Committee, review products and ingredients to confirm that they are appropriate for inclusion in the program

# PHASE I: Unique Program with Complimentary Process

Performing just an on-site audit  
does not sufficiently ensure product quality

**GMP  
Quality Systems  
Audit**



**Product  
Documentation  
Review**

**Product  
Testing**

Indivisible Process

Unique in that it is modeled after the  
FDA “ANDA” review and  
pre-inspection approval process



## 2. Audit Criteria

Audit for compliance with:

USP General Chapter <1078>

*Good Manufacturing Practices for Bulk Pharmaceutical **Excipients***

Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP ) Audit focuses on and covers **6 systems**:

1. Quality Management
2. Facilities and Equipment
3. Materials
4. Production
5. Packaging and Labeling
6. Laboratory Controls



## 3. Product Documentation Review Criteria

Chemistry, Manufacturing and Controls (CMC) format:  
ICH M4Q Common Technical Document (CTD) – Quality

ICH and USP guidance referenced includes:

ICH Q1, USP <1150> – Stability

ICH Q2(R1), USP <1225> and <1226> - Analytical Validation

ICH Q3, USP <1086> - Impurities

ICH Q6, USP <1080> - Specifications

Product CMC documentation review uncovers  
quality issues not discovered during GMP site audits



# 3. Product Documentation Review Criteria

1. General Information
  - Nomenclature, structure, and general properties
2. Manufacture
  - Description of manufacturing process and process controls
  - Control of materials
  - Control of critical steps and intermediates
  - Process validation
  - Manufacturing process development
3. Characterization
  - Elucidation of structure
  - Impurities
4. Control of Ingredient
  - Specifications
  - Analytical procedures and validation
  - Batch analysis
5. Reference Standards or Materials
6. Container Closure System and Labeling
7. Stability



## 4. Product Testing

- Testing in accordance with *USP-NF* and/or other compendia (dependent on manufacturer)
- Testing for conformity with manufacturer's specifications, when compendial standards do not exist
  - Test procedures require validation and must control excipient quality
- Test **3 lots** for conformance to specifications:
  - Identification
  - Assay / potency
  - Contaminants
  - Performance



# 5. Label Review

- Manufacturers receive **notification letter** indicating verification of each excipient per manufacturing site
- USP reviews all uses of the USP Verified Mark for proper representation of the Mark



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Our Chondroitin Sulfate Sodium's Quality is Verified by the USP Verification Program

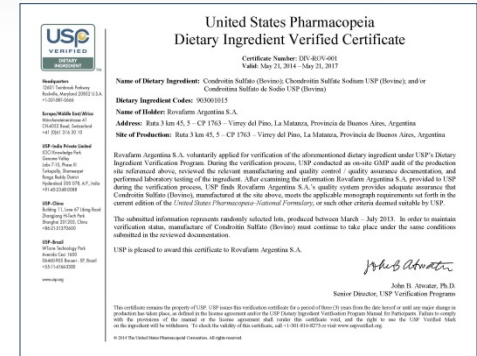


# USP Verified Mark and Certificate

For ingredients meeting program requirements, manufacturers

- may show customers a USP Verified Certificate of Standards Compliance

- may display the **USP Verified Mark** on the ingredient's bulk label, Certificate of Analysis, and the company website



**Certificate of Analysis (US market registry)**  
Heparin Sodium USP (Picose Intestinal Mexico)

| BATCH               | TEST DATE   | TEST METHOD | SPECIFICATION | RESULT     |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| QUANTITY            | MANUFACTURE |             |               |            |
| TEST                | Method      | Method      | SPECIFICATION | RESULT     |
| Appearance          | Appearance  | Appearance  | Appearance    | Appearance |
| Color               | Color       | Color       | Color         | Color      |
| Identification A    | USP-792     | USP-792     | USP-792       | USP-792    |
| Identification B    | USP-821     | USP-821     | USP-821       | USP-821    |
| Identification C    | USP-821     | USP-821     | USP-821       | USP-821    |
| Identification D    | USP-821     | USP-821     | USP-821       | USP-821    |
| Assay               | USP-821     | USP-821     | USP-821       | USP-821    |
| Residue on Ignition | USP-281     | USP-281     | USP-281       | USP-281    |
| Impurity - Chloride | USP-441     | USP-441     | USP-441       | USP-441    |
| Heavy Metals        | USP-291     | USP-291     | USP-291       | USP-291    |
| Chondroitin Sulfate | USP-821     | USP-821     | USP-821       | USP-821    |
| Residue on Ignition | USP-150     | USP-150     | USP-150       | USP-150    |
| pH                  | USP-291     | USP-291     | USP-291       | USP-291    |
| Loss on Drying      | USP-291     | USP-291     | USP-291       | USP-291    |
| Sulfate Chloride    | USP-441     | USP-441     | USP-441       | USP-441    |
| Residual Chloride   | USP-441     | USP-441     | USP-441       | USP-441    |
| Residual Sulfate    | USP-441     | USP-441     | USP-441       | USP-441    |
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Manufacturers and their verified ingredients are posted on [www.usp.org/USPVerified/](http://www.usp.org/USPVerified/)



### USP surveillance audit

- Performed triennially for excipients
- More frequent audits on a for-cause-basis, or in response to major change

### Annual internal audit report

- used to monitor state of operations at excipient manufacturer's site in between audits conducted by USP

### Annual product review (APR) reports

- Lot history
- List of any deviations
- List of customer complaints
- Key program feature: **notification of changes** (major or minor) to USP
  - Type of follow-up action depends on the nature of the change (e.g., audit, documentation review, testing)

### Product testing for conformance to specifications

- Full specification testing on 1 or more lots (typically 3 lots)

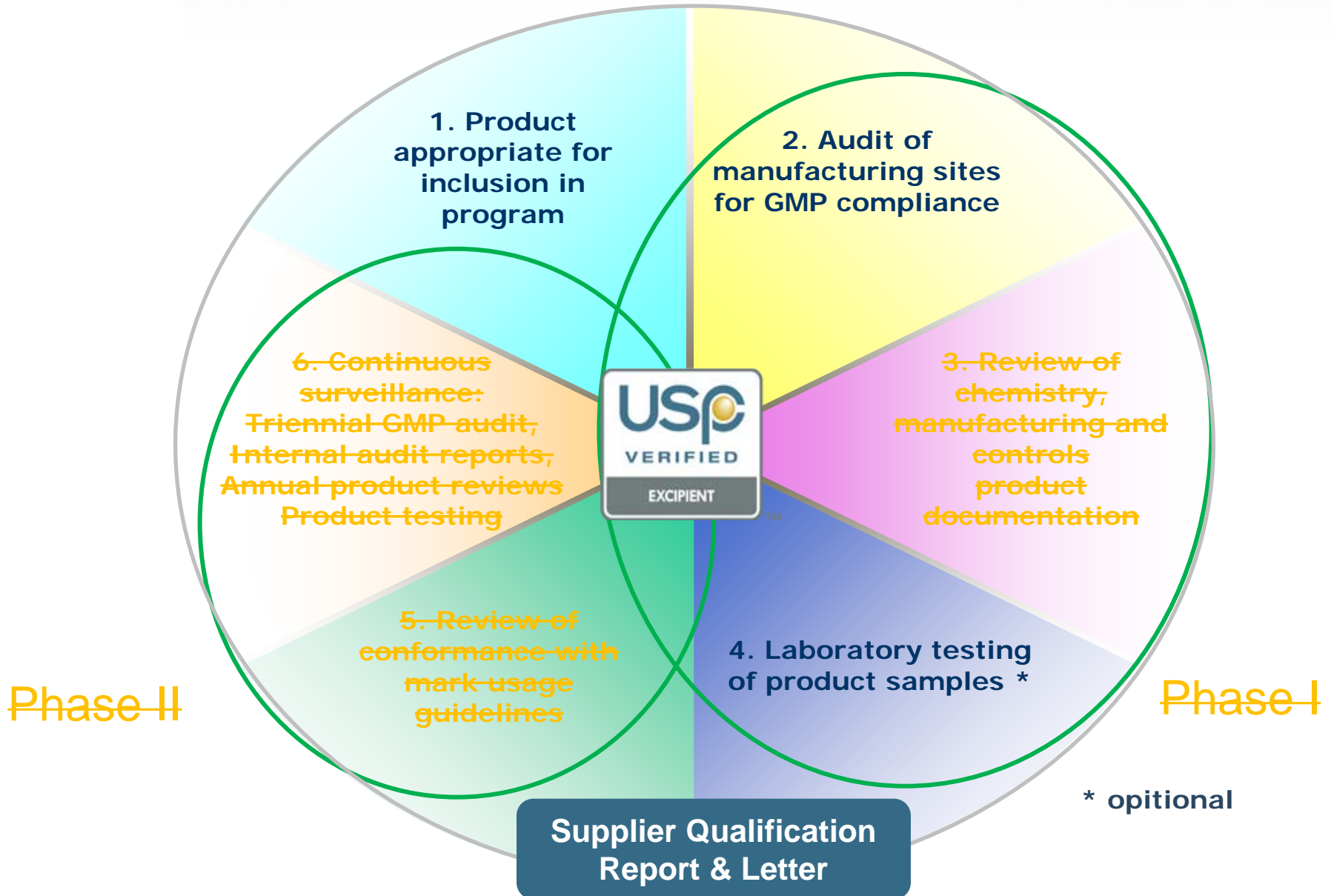


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# USP Supplier Qualification Program (SQP)



# Key Elements of Excipient Supplier Qualification Program





## Truly a unique 3rd party program that you can trust

- USP is private, not-for-profit, and independent from industry
- USP is driven by its public health mission, not by financial incentives
- Manufacturer has to earn the use of the Mark and Certificate
  - The Mark and Certificate cannot be bought
  - USP has the freedom to not grant verification approval
  - USP will not jeopardize its reputation in the public health industry
  - A company may require more than a year to achieve verification, but USP will continue to work with the company to help them pass

## Benefits for users of excipients:

- Not just a US program; also can be used worldwide
- Reduce inspection costs
- Gain assurance that comes from USP, a trusted, independent, science-based, standards setting body
- Reduces the risk of inconsistent and substandard quality ingredients
- Continuous surveillance monitoring

## Benefits for suppliers of ingredients:

- Demonstrate to users the quality of their excipient, using USP's name and reputation for high quality, differentiating it from other products and questionable producers
- Obtain a rigorous and thorough scientific review and evaluation of the firm's quality system and manufacturing operations for continual improvement

## Benefits for regulatory authorities:

- Promote the public health
- Augment the resources of regulatory authorities
- Reduce the regulatory burden by creating a common review and audit function in participating countries

## Items on the USP website:

- Manual for Participants
- List of manufacturing sites
- List of verified products



The screenshot shows the USP website's 'USP Verification Services' page. The header includes the USP logo and navigation links for 'About USP', 'USP-HP', 'Dietary Supplements', 'Food Ingredients', 'Reference Standards', 'Around the World', and 'Meetings & Courses'. A search bar is located in the top right. The main content area features a sidebar with links to 'USP Verification Services', 'USP Verified Dietary Supplements', 'USP Verified Dietary Ingredients', 'USP Verified Pharmaceutical Ingredients', and 'USP Verified Excipients'. The main text describes the verification process, stating that USP offers services for dietary supplements, food ingredients, pharmaceutical ingredients, and excipients. It also mentions that USP's verification services are used by over 100 countries. Below the text are four 'USP Verified' logos: 'USP Verified Dietary Supplements', 'USP Verified Dietary Ingredients', 'USP Verified Pharmaceutical Ingredients', and 'USP Verified Excipients'. On the right side, there are several promotional banners, including one for 'Call for 2015-2016 Candidates' and another for 'The Second Dietary Supplement Manufacturing 101 Course'. The footer contains contact information and social media links.



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# Questions





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