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World Standards Week Cause for Celebration, Continuing Efforts

USP Applauds the World's Standards-Setting Bodies

Rockville, Md., October 6, 2009 — In recognition of World Standards Week, the U.S. Pharmacopeial (USP) Convention salutes organizations in the United States and around the globe dedicated to the development and promulgation of science-based standards in many fields. Standards have a large impact on everyone's daily life—much greater than is generally recognized. For medicines and foods, patients and consumers have the right to expect ingredients and products that are consistent in their quality and performance, day after day, year after year. This is USP's work as a scientific nonprofit organization that has been setting standards for the quality of medications since 1820.

USP's drug standards are legally enforceable by the Food and Drug Administration in the United States, and its standards for drugs, food ingredients and dietary supplements are used and relied upon in more than 130 countries. As part of its ongoing mission, USP works with a broad range of standards-setting bodies toward the common goals of inter-organizational cooperation and the widespread dissemination of standards. These bodies include the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the International Standards Organization (ISO), International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM), the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines (EDQM), the Chinese National Institute for the Control of Pharmaceutical and Biological Products (NICPBP), the Japanese Pharmacopeia (JP), the British National Institute for Biological Standards and Control (NIBSC), and many others in all parts of the world.

According to Roger L. Williams, M.D., chief executive officer of USP, "Public standards are a vital element of the safety nets that help protect us all from counterfeit, adulterated or substandard medicines, dietary supplements and food ingredients. In fact, standards permeate all that we do as individuals, as well as the processes and products we create through human ingenuity and industry. Standards offer hope for our future as a species and for the welfare of all species. USP is proud to be a member of the many standards-setting organizations around the world that offer a better life for everybody."

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The United States Pharmacopeial (USP) Convention is a scientific, nonprofit, standards-setting organization that advances public health through public standards and related programs that help ensure the quality, safety, and benefit of medicines and foods. USP's standards are recognized and used worldwide. For more information about USP visit <http://www.usp.org>. **FY1011**

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