



# SCIENTIFIC & REGULATORY AFFAIRS COUNCIL 2018

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## **Science and Regulatory Affairs Council Executive Committee**

SRAC Executive Committee (SRAC EC) provides strategic direction and priorities for the SRAC in accordance with the strategic priorities established by the GMA Board of Directors and needs of industry in providing high quality, healthful and safe products to the public.

## **Science and Regulatory Affairs Council**

The Science and Regulatory Affairs Council (SRAC) of the Grocery Manufacturers Association (GMA) is the strategic team responsible for driving the advancement of scientific, technical and regulatory compliance capabilities of the consumer products industry. The SRAC is also responsible for playing an active leadership role in the development of public policy in collaboration with GAC, IAC, LC and in particular, for ensuring that public policies are based on sound scientific principles. In order to carry out this work the SRAC will identify and prioritize emerging issues and develop scientifically sound strategies to quickly and effectively manage them through the action of the GMA Science and Regulatory Affairs organization and in collaboration with other key functions within the GMA. Through these actions the SRAC will enhance the capacity of the consumer products industry to provide high quality, effective, healthful and safe products that continually earn the confidence and trust of the world's consumers.



# SCIENTIFIC & REGULATORY AFFAIRS COMMITTEES 2017

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## **Committee Functions:**

- Develop research proposals and other projects to accomplish the objectives and priorities identified by the SRAC.
- Identify, monitor, evaluate and prioritize issues related to the SRAC identified objectives and priorities and the specific issue scope of the committee.
- Provide a forum for discussion of issues as they related to the industry's ability to provide high quality, healthful and safe products to the public.
- Use sound scientific principles, actively review, interpret, and comment on regulatory, legislative, and communication issues.
- Define issues and develop and recommend positions on technical and scientific issues affecting the industry.
- Make policy recommendations to the SRAC, as requested, to advance GMA strategic goals and priorities.
- Work collaboratively with industry coalitions and partners on issues of interest and concern.

## **Allergen Committee**

**Mission:** GMA's Allergen Committee promotes – through research, education, and technology transfer – an increased understanding of food allergens by all segments of the food industry, the government, consumers, and health and communication professionals. The Committee encourages a prevention approach in reducing the risk of food allergens.

## **Biotechnology Committee**

**Mission:** Actively review, interpret, and comment on regulatory, legislative, and communication issues related to biotechnology, and use sound scientific principles as a basis for effective advocacy.

## **Chemicals Management Committee – Foods & Personal Care and Household Products**

**Mission:** Provides strategic leadership on federal, state and international science and policy issues relating to chemicals management, including chemical ingredients, processing aids, chemicals in the environment and contaminants affecting food, beverage and consumer products. Under the CMC, there are two additional Sub-Committees.

### **Organic Sub-Committee**

### **Pesticide Residues Sub-Committee**

## **Microbiological Safety Committee**

**Mission:** Identifies and discusses microbiological safety issues of importance to the industry and recommends strategic and tactical actions to address these issues. Its areas of focus include, but are not limited to, persistent and emerging microbial hazards, microbiological criteria and other food safety metrics, microbial risk assessment, and application of risk management systems.

## **Packaging Committee**

**Mission:** Provide strategic leadership on issues related to the safety and regulatory compliance of packaging materials and related chemical substances being used or proposed for use in packaging food products.

### **Nutrition, Health & Labeling Committee**

**Mission:** Advances industry views on nutrition, health, and labeling issues to achieve public policy outcomes based on sound scientific principles. Under the NHLCo, there are three additional Sub-Committees.

#### **Sodium Sub-Committee**

#### **Sweeteners Sub-Committee**

#### **Food Fortification Sub-Committee**

### **Processing Technologies Committee**

**Mission:** Discuss and define processing and manufacturing issues of importance to the industry and recommend strategic and tactical actions to address these issues.

### **Regulatory Inspections & Compliance Committee**

**Mission:** Define issues of importance to the membership and develop and recommend positions on technical, scientific, regulatory and legislative issues with a focus on inspection and compliance that advance GMA's strategic focus areas and that could impact the food products industry's ability to provide safe, healthful and high quality products to the public.



# SCIENTIFIC & REGULATORY AFFAIRS SHARE GROUPS 2017

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## **Share Group Functions:**

- Provide a forum for discussion of issues as they related to the industry's ability to provide high quality, healthful and safe products to the public.
- Provide a forum to exchange knowledge and information on a particular food, beverage or CPG industry subject
- Define issues and develop and recommend positions on technical and scientific issues affecting the industry.
- Form temporary working groups to address a certain tasks and report their activities back to the Share Group
- Work collaboratively with industry coalitions and partners on issues of interest and concern.

**Codex Contaminants in Food Share Group**

**Codex Food Additives Share Group**

**Codex Pesticides Residue Share Group**

**Codex Nutrition Labeling Share Group**

**FSMA Preventive Controls Share Group**

**Leading Supplier Food Safety Share Group**

**Sanitation Share Group**

**Food Defense Consortium**