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# SSCI Seeks Experts to Fulfill Consumer Focused Initiative For Dietary Supplement Industry

*Pioneering Initiative Gives Consumers Confidence in the Safety and Compliance of  
Dietary Supplements*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The Natural Products Association (NPA) today announced the Supplement Safety and Compliance Initiative (SSCI) is [accepting nominations](#) for the Benchmark Committee, Technical and General Working Groups.

“This pioneering initiative sends a clear message to millions of consumers that they can have confidence in the safety of dietary supplements they use each and every day,” said Dan Fabricant, Ph.D., CEO and Executive Director of NPA. “NPA and SSCI are seeking out experts who will help us achieve the goals of promoting safety, compliance and consumer confidence in each step of the supply chain from farm to store shelf.”

Additional information about SSCI nominations can be found [here](#).

### BENCHMARK COMMITTEE

Purpose is to ensure an application scheme's supplement safety system, standards and supporting procedures are objectively compared to the requirements laid down in the SSCI Guidance document in accordance with the procedures as defined in the SSCI Guidance document. The Benchmark Committee will submit recommendations to the Board for recognition or non-recognition of a scheme by SSCI.

Requirements include:

- Degree in a food or nutrition related or bioscience discipline
- Detailed knowledge of SSCI Guidance document once draft guidance becomes finalized
- Detailed knowledge of supplement safety management systems, applicable procedures or other management systems and documents used as audit criteria
- Detailed knowledge of audit principles, procedures and techniques in relation to supplement safety & compliance auditing
- Knowledge of accreditation and certification processes and procedures



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- Knowledge of applicable legislative and regulatory requirements

#### TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS

SSCI Technical Working Groups are composed of technical experts from retailers, manufacturers, food service operators, service providers, standard owners, certification bodies, accreditation bodies, industry associations.

Current Technical Working Groups Being Formed:

- SSCI Guidance document maintenance
- Auditor competence
- Raw material cultivation/production (Authenticity & Traceability)
- Strategic Project (Regulatory Affairs)
- More to be added

#### GENERAL WORKING GROUPS

Current General Working Groups Being Formed (Charter):

- Communications/Media
- Implementation of SSCI priorities/goals (education, outreach, etc...)
- Ensuring that the set requirements and standards are being met at a local level
- More to be added

#### **Natural Products Association**

The **Natural Products Association (NPA)** is *the* trade association representing the entire natural products industry. We advocate for our members who supply, manufacture and sell natural ingredients or products for consumers. The Natural Products Association promotes good manufacturing practices as part of the growth and success of the industry. Founded in 1936, NPA represents over 1,400 members accounting for more than 10,000 locations of retailers, manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors of natural products, including foods, dietary supplements, and health/beauty aids. Visit [www.NPAinfo.org](http://www.NPAinfo.org). Follow NPA on social media:

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