

From: [Chassy, Bruce M](#)
To: [SACHS, ERIC S \(AG/1000\)](#)
Subject: Re: A little more blog help
Date: Monday, April 30, 2012 3:32:26 PM

Eric

Thanks. You would get a chuckle out of the people this guy said were part of the revolving door: Donald Rumsfeld, Val Giddings, Tommy Thompson, Clint Yuetter, etc I could go on....

Bruce

On Apr 30, 2012, at 3:06 PM, SACHS, ERIC S (AG/1000) wrote:

Bruce – perhaps this helps. Tom sent the actual 1994 guidelines and they differ in important ways from what your “nemesis” has stated. Take a look at the link below.

Eric

From: HELSCHER, THOMAS M [AG/1000]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 2:46 PM
To: SACHS, ERIC S [AG/1000]
Subject: RE: A little more blog help

Taylor was the Deputy Commissioner for Policy in 1994 and his name was on the guidelines published in the Federal Register. See <http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/GuidanceDocuments/FoodLabelingNutrition/ucm059036.htm>

From: SACHS, ERIC S [AG/1000]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 2:26 PM
To: HELSCHER, THOMAS M [AG/1000]
Subject: FW: A little more blog help

Tom – please see Bruce Chassy’s comments below. He engaged on the Huffington Post blog at my request and has been battling statements from an opponent about “revolving door” concerns. Can you provide information to help Bruce respond to the latest allegation involving Michael Taylor?

Eric

From: Chassy, Bruce M [mailto:bchassy@illinois.edu]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 2:23 PM
To: SACHS, ERIC S [AG/1000]
Subject: A little more blog help

Hi Eric

I am continuing to have comments made to the Huffington article blog. There is some guy sitting on the posts to that article reacting to every comment I make. Both of us have too much to do to respond to every post

but I want to make a couple of more comments.

I seem to recall that you have an assistant who was recently added. If they are still around maybe I could take this sort of stuff directly to them unless you want to see it. Let me know.

Anyway, the comment in question involves Michael Taylor's role at FDA. Here's the posting in question. And my question is, did Michael Taylor write the FDA rBST labeling policy?

"And the record clearly shows that Taylor has recused himself from every discussion or decision that even remotely relates to Monsanto products."

Wrong.

He wrote the FDA's rBGH labelling guidelines. The guidelines, announced in February 1994, virtually prohibited dairy corporations from making any real distinction between products produced with and without rBGH. To keep rBGH-milk from being "stigmatized" in the marketplace, the FDA announced that labels on non-rBGH products must state that there is no difference between rBGH and the naturally occurring hormone. In 1994, Taylor was publicly exposed as a former lawyer for the Monsanto corporation for seven years. While working for Monsanto, Taylor had prepared a memo for the company as to whether or not it would be constitutional for states to erect labelling laws concerning rBGH dairy products. In other words, Taylor helped Monsanto figure out whether or not the corporation could sue states or companies that wanted to tell the public that their products were free of Monsanto's drug.

This would be fun if I had nothing better to do...

Thanks

Bruce

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From: [Chassy, Bruce](#)
To: [RUBINSTEIN, CLARA P \(AG/5000\)](#)
Subject: Re: Additional Question about Carrasco
Date: Sunday, August 21, 2011 5:59:15 PM

Clara

thanks.

Bruce

On Aug 21, 2011, at 5:54 PM, RUBINSTEIN, CLARA P (AG/5000) wrote:

Dear Bruce,

Yes , I think this is accurate. The additional gov position he had , was at the Defense Dpt , and as far as I know, he resigned to that one in 2009..

He has a stable research council position and tenure at the Univ of Buenos Aires .

Saludos,
Clara

From: Chassy, Bruce [mailto:bchassy@uiuc.edu]
Sent: Sábado, 20 de Agosto de 2011 03:06 p.m.
To: RUBINSTEIN, CLARA P [AG/5000]; moises burachik
Subject: Additional Question about Carrasco

Dear Clara and Moisés,

In the September 2010 publication "GM Soy: Sustainable? Responsible? Andrés Carrasco is described as follows below:

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I am curious given the fact that he has resigned from his government position if at the time of this publication he was still holding these positions. Was the above an accurate statement in September 2010?

Best regards

Bruce

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