Food and Drug Act 1906
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The Pure Food and Drug act is a movement that improved the way food and medications are processed and labeled, giving customers comfort and confidence in the product they’ve purchased. In 1906, the United State Government made the first federal law about manufacturing, sale and even transportation of certain foods and drug products. “Muckraking journalist had been reporting on these unsanitary conditions of the country’s manufacturing plants, especially those in Chicago’s meat-packing industry.” The Pure Food and Drug Act was passed in 1906 to make sure there was clean and hygienic food for America. Many people died before these laws were made, then the FDA stepped in to help make food sanitary and make certain laws against drugs.

It wasn’t till the 1906 law for the Food and Drug act that the first official beginning of the FDA started. The United States also does not stand for false or misleading labeling on products during the time of this act. As a result of the making of these laws we now have the Food and Drug Administration, FDA, that enforces the federal food, drug and cosmetic act. Their job is to check food, drugs and cosmetics to make sure they meet federal standards. After inspection, if the FDA finds a violation they will give it to the federal court to look over. From there the federal court will than make the overall decision if it violates laws or not.

You may ask what the FDA defines as impure foods. The FDA defines what ingredients a food must contain and how food should be labeled. According to the FDA impure food is something that does not meet standards. It’s considered any dirty or rotten contents or things that have been prepared or packaged in a unsanitary place.
Also these foods may not have any harmful chemicals. If there is the FDA has the right to flag it or have it remade. This act requires food, drugs and cosmetics to be approved by different scientific testing. Also the FDA must okay every batch of artificial coloring used in or to prepare for the food, drugs and cosmetic before they are sold in stores or online. The Food Act requires certain information on labels of products before they can be put out on the market. As for food laws I talked to our school cook as for what she must follow. As for laws she must wear a hair restraint such as a hat, ponytail, or a hairnet.\(^1\) She must be ServSafe certified as well as, abiding civil laws.\(^2\) All school kitchens must be regulated by the Public Health Department, have annual inspections, have a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point plan and must follow the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.\(^3\) At the time of this act trucks, like the one pictured in my appendix, carried the canned meats of the Armour meatpacking. As shown in the photo, the products were said to be "quality" but not everyone thought that. Chicago Meat packing was very involved in this act.

What does the FDA define as drugs? They define drugs as things intended for medical use in this case. This Food, Drug and Cosmetic act deals with many drug including prescription drugs, over the counter drugs, biological and a variety of medical devices. Before doctors can be prescribed a new drug, the drug must be tested to make sure it is effective and safely used as directed. After the FDA approves a new drug, they

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have to keep an eye on how it affects people as it is being prescribed. You should never use prescription drugs unless they are prescribed to you or you are currently under medical supervision. This act helps state that these drugs are unable for sale unless prescribed by a physician, dentist or doctor has prescribed them. As for over the counter drugs, you can buy them anywhere without medical supervision. Some requirements for over the counter are, the warning signs and label directions must be clearly visible so that customers can use things like tylenol, ibuprofen and advil so it’s most effective to them as well as safe. The information that must be on a prescription label is Pharmacy Name, Birth Date, Phone, Purpose, Patient Name, Prescriber, Directions for use, Drug Name and Strength, px NO. and the date to be used by.

You may ask what exactly are biological drugs? Biological drugs are made from human and/or animal substance. These drugs include types of vaccines, serums and even human blood in them. The FDA does not let many biological drugs pass to have a licence to sell these types of drugs. What they check for with these type of drugs are, the purity of it, it’s safety and strength of the item, meaning the dosage of the product. The Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act requires medical devices to be safe, plus effective. They are to be used in control or even to help the condition. A few examples would be a fever thermometers, artificial body parts and sun lamps. The FDA has already okayed these items. The FDA does lots of testing to ensure our health and safety with things like microwaves, x-ray machines, and televisions. Biological drugs are used to help with treatment of chronic illnesses. Such as rheumatoid, arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, Crohn's disease, and are used in treating a variety of cancers. How are biological drugs made?
What does the FDA consider as Cosmetics? What the FDA considers as Cosmetics is items such as deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lipsticks and even toothpaste. With these types of items the FDA’s job is to make sure that the cosmetics are safe for usage and has proper labelings, that includes what it is made up of. You may be asking, well how does what the FDA does affect the world? Without the FDA companies could be packaging your items unsanitarily, or they make have forgotten to include an ingredient that you could possibly be allergic to. Therefore, you would have a higher chance of being ill from these products. Another way it has affected society was places had to stop or withhold the production of certain food because it got processed incorrectly. The biggest way the FDA affected Americans was through the laws that were made from it.

Today meat industries employ a total of about 506,000 people. An average worker makes about $11-13 dollars an hour, that’s around 25-30% less then most meat industries in places other than America. issues still remain today but thanks to new laws they aren’t as bad anymore.

The tragedy of this topic is that people continued to misuse drugs and they continued to sell drugs even though it would not follow the laws the government made. A main problem as to why these laws were put in place is because people misused and even in some cases died from using these drugs wrongly. As for food companies they were providing people with food containing bad chemicals for your body. Another issue was the company wrongly processed these foods making people ill. The triumph to this is that laws were put into place to help stop companies from harming people health and,
the government made laws stricter in hope to stop communities from using it.