# The Cost of Clean Label

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#### Development Across Categories

#### **CATEGORIES**





















**FORMATS** 

**BEVERAGES** 







CONCENTRATES





**BEVERAGES** 





FROZEN DISPENSED **BEVERAGES** 

#### **CHANNELS**



CONVENIENCE STORE



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#### Agenda

#### 1. CLEAN LABEL: AT WHAT COST?

- a. Raw Ingredients
- b. Capacity
- c. New Suppliers & New Ingredients
- d. Unforeseeable Costs: The Hashtag Effect & California

#### 2. INVESTING IN CLEAN LABEL

#### **3. CONCLUSIONS & TAKEAWAYS**



# Clean Label:

At What Cost?



#### Raw Ingredients

Ingredient Category	Artificial Ingredients	Clean Label Alternative	Cost Implications
Sweeteners	Sucralose, Ace-K	Stevia, Monk fruit	• \$18-\$85/kg vs \$132/kg
Preservatives	Sodium Benzoate, Potassium Sorbate	Hot fill or aseptic processing and/or packaging OR Refrigerated supply chain	<ul> <li>Higher MOQs</li> <li>Increased packaging cost</li> <li>Cold Fill PET - \$0.15</li> <li>Hot Fill PET - \$0.20</li> <li>Aseptic HDPE - \$0.25</li> </ul>
Colors	Red 40, Yellow 5, Blue 2	Carotenoids (annatto, beta carotene) Anthocyanins (beet juice, berry extracts) paprika, turmeric, spirulina	<ul> <li>\$5.02/gal vs \$26.40/gal (beet juice)</li> <li>Need to use more "natural" color</li> </ul>



#### Raw Ingredients Case Study: Creative Solutions

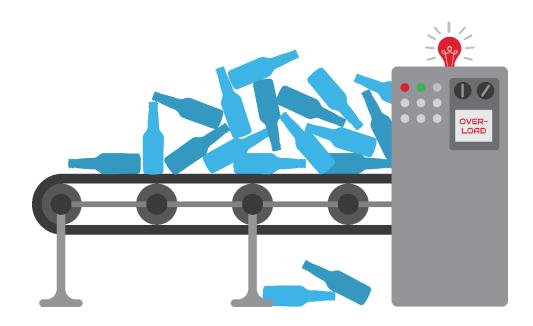


#### **Helpful Hints:**

- Press suppliers to work with you
- Hierarchy of client needs



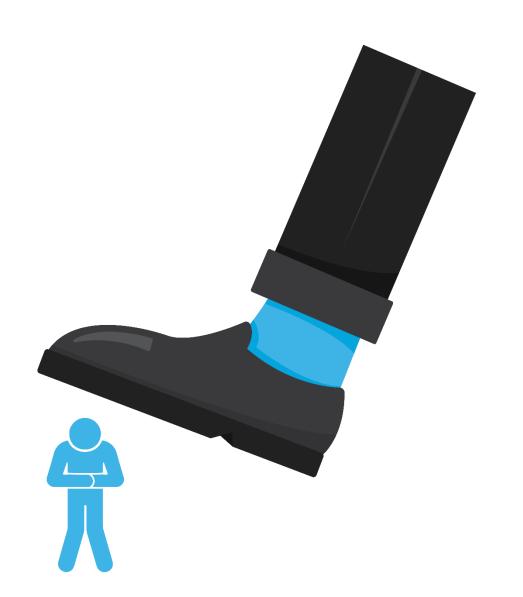
#### Capacity



- Un-forecasted demand
- Building new facilities to accommodate demand



#### Capacity Culprits











#### Capacity Case Study: The Case of the Brown Rice Protein



#### **Helpful Hints:**

 Unquantifiable costs related to capacity: reputation, launching a product

#### New Suppliers & New Ingredients

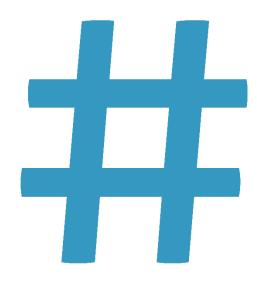


- Less established
- Not as well-versed in documentation
- Learnings: certifications & undeclared ingredients



#### Unforeseeable Costs: The Hashtag Effect & California

## **BUILDING HYPE AWARENESS**#TRENDSETTING



#carrageenan #caramelcolor

#highfructosecornsyrup #cellulosegum #artificial



#### PROP. 65 WARNING

The State of California contains one or more chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.



# Investing in Clean Label



#### Organizational Overhead



Regulatory

**Strategic Sourcing** 

**R&D** 



#### Consumer Testing









- Implications of reformulating
  - shelf studies
  - packaging
- Consumer testing



# Conclusion & Takeaways



#### Recap

#### **THE GOOD**

### More suppliers offering clean label ingredients

Amenable to cumbersome documentation

#### **THE NOT-AS-GOOD**

#### **Challenges remain**

- Burden on suppliers
- Obsolete ingredients
- Ingredients from abroad

#### THE FUTURE

#### **Clean label revolution**

(And evolution)



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