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My name is Selina Medina, I am the Director of Research of the Alliance of Professional Tattooists Association. We represent a guild of tattoo artists in unison for safe practices of tattooing. I have drafted a more in-depth response for you in light of recent research. Our organization is committed to fostering good relationships in the community and with public media outlets. In CC is the President of the APT, Shahn Anderson, the Vice President, Mick O'Herien, Director of Public Relations, Ben Shaw and our Executive Director, Julie Schuerman.

I would be happy to elaborate further about the article as it pertains to already happening work in the background and we would like to include you. Should you have any questions beyond what we have listed here, please let us know and email back in this chain so I can address your concerns. We appreciate this opportunity to work with you and elaborate on such an important topic.

In regard to Tattoo Ink Labeling and Regulations

- The Alliance for Professional Tattooing (APT) is advising artists to be aware of the potential mislabeling of their tattoo ink products. Risks associated with improper labeling can result in an allergic reaction, particularly if there are unlisted ingredients.
- The APT recommends that artists review the American Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) Labeling Guide for Tattoo Inks and Permanent Makeups to ensure the products they use are properly labeled in accordance with FDA packaging and labeling laws.
- Artists are also encouraged to stay informed about the new FDA regulations on tattoo inks, which are classified as cosmetics under the Modernizing Cosmetics Regulation Act (MoCRA). MoCRA aims to improve labeling, registration, and safety standards for cosmetics, including tattoo inks.

- The APT suggests that artists familiarize themselves with these changes through resources provided by the APT to stay informed and support their businesses and clients.

APT's Commitment to Public Health and Advocacy

- The APT actively advises federal public health agencies to promote safe tattooing practices, including advisory on pertinent issues around labeling.
- The APT association is restructuring to ensure representation in public health meetings and advocacy with federal agencies on industry-related issues arising from new legislation.
- The APT is committed to building a strong community and fostering ethical practices within the tattoo industry.

APT's Support for Manufacturers

- The APT offers support to tattoo ink manufacturers by providing access to experts who can help them comply with MoCRA regulations.
- APT's Commitment to the Tattooing Community
- The APT, established in 1992, is dedicated to public health and elevating the tattooing profession globally.
- The APT recognizes the growing body of research on tattoo inks and is committed to staying informed and evolving its practices based on scientific evidence.
- The APT looks forward to collaborating with various stakeholders to promote safe and ethical tattoo practices.

