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Dr. Robert C. Post Director, Labeling and Consumer Protection Staff Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA 1400 Independence Ave. SW Suite 602, Annex Washington, DC 20250

RE: Petition for the Issuance of a Rule Regarding Natural Label Claims

Dear Dr. Post:

Thank you for meeting with us regarding the above-referenced matter on Wednesday, October 11, 2006. As a result of that meeting, we have corrected minor typographical errors, provided the complete Exhibit C and added a short section on food safety. An Errata and Added Material page is enclosed.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lori J. Marco Corporate Attorney

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Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Richard Raymond, Under Secretary of Food Safety U.S. Department of Agriculture

Errata and New Material

Ordered by appearance in the petition.

Errata

Page 2, ¶ 1 § II, ln 4

Page 7, ¶ 2, ln 4

Page 8, ¶ 1, ln 2

Page 8, § B

Page 8, § C

Page 9, ¶ 1 after § 1, ln 1

Page 9, ¶ 1, ln 5 and 7; ¶ 3, after § 1, ln 2;

¶ 4 after § 1, ln 1

Page 10

Page 17, ¶ 2, ln 6

Page 19, ¶ 1, ln 1

Page 20, ¶ 1, ln 5

Page 21, \P 1, \ln 2, insert footnote #74 at

end of sentence

Exhibit C

New Material:

Page 11, § III.B.2.c

Insert a comma after however.

Change "natural" to 'natural'.

Change descriptive to deceptive.

Demote § B to § b.

Demote § C to § B.

Insert (NOP) after National Organic

Policy.

Change National Organic Policy to

NOP.

Remove all references to 9 CFR 424.22

Change eating foods to eating natural

foods.

Change and products to and organic

products.

Change encourage more reductions to

encourage reductions.

74 See supra discussion of food safety

issues at p.12.

Complete Exhibit C provided.

Insert Section c) Removal of Lactate Preservatives Need Not Compromise

Food Safety.