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Subject: Comment on FDA Draft Proposal to Codex CCNFSDU on Dietary Supplements

Dear Dr. Yetley:

The FDA proposed language, item 5.9, is an obvious attempt to "medicalize" and restrict safe dietary supplements. By recommending that "All labels should bear a statement that a supplement should be taken on an advice of a nutritionist, a dietician, or a medical doctor," the FDA is setting us up to "harmonize" with restrictive international standards and ignoring the fact that in America, supplements are classified as foods and consumers have the right to be educated on their benefits.

I, therefore, insist that you strike the above proposed revision in item 5.9 and replace it with the following language, "we recommend the following revision" All labels should bear scientific structure function health claims similar to those provided for under the American Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 to directly assist consumers in making positive health decisions for themselves and their families at the point of sale." I demand the discontinuance of all attempts to create an international standard for vitamins and minerals at Coex, so this matter may be left up to national authorities to decide.

I am not at all interested in any medical or governmental authority making decisions for me as I feel more competent to discover useful information and proper food on my own, thank you.

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