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**Subject:** FDA Proposal in regard to dietary supplements

**To:** Beth Yetley, FDA c/o Nancy Crane, FDA  
**Re:** Comment on FDA Draft Proposal to Codex CCNFSDU on Dietary Supplements

Dear Dr. Yetley: Re FDA proposed language: item 5.9, which states: "We recommend the following revision: 'All labels should bear a statement that a supplement should be taken on an advice of a nutritionist, a dietician, or a medical doctor'" Dr. Yetley: When is the FDA going to STOP attempting to medicalize safe dietary supplements which are regulated in the USA as FOODS?

We consumers DO NOT want the FDA involved in controlling how dietary supplements are used and prescribed. Dietary Supplements should be suggested and used by those in the alternative medical fields who are educated in how they work in the body. The mainstream physicians have NO training in this area when they go to medical school so how can they be expected to know how to use them properly in a way that will benefit their patients?

Consumers have a RIGHT to learn about the beneficial health properties of dietary supplements on the label, at the point of sale. By putting the above language on the label (that supplements should be taken on the advice of a nutritionist, dietician, or an MD) you are attempting to violate the spirit of DSHEA in an international forum, and you have no legal right to do that. You are attempting to waste valuable space on the label that can be put to better use directly informing consumers regarding the beneficial properties of these safe food substances, you are attempting to medicalize dietary supplements, and you are attempting to go through CODEX to make an end run around US domestic laws by attempting to set us up for harmonization to restrictive international standards

We INSIST that you replace that language with "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 while reading the label on the product. The USA again reiterates its desire that all attempts to continue creating an international standard for vitamins and minerals cease at Codex and that this matter is best left up to national authorities to decide."

We are copying this letter to you, to my Senators and Congressmen and am asking them to oppose all efforts to erode US sovereignty via FTAA.

We want the right to find information pertaining to dietary supplements that will aid us in our quest for good health, not having the FDA try to take control of an area it has no knowledge of in the first place.

Leave dietary supplement education to those who are themselves, educated in the research and treatment of them!

The Neuberg Family

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