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Subject:

Do NOT "harmonize" away American's right to health!

Importance:

High

o: Beth Yetley, FDA c/o Nancy Crane, FDA

Re: Comment on FDA Draft Proposal to Codex

CCNFSDU on Dietary

Supplements

Dear Dr. Yetley:

states: "We recommend

Re FDA proposed language: item 5.9, which

bear a statement that a

the following revision: 'All labels should

a nutritionist, a dietician,

supplement should be taken on an advice of

Dr. Yetley: When is the FDA going to STOP

or a medical doctor"

attempting to medicalize

safe dietary supplements which are

regulated in the USA as FOODS?

You have no legal mandate to attempt to go beyond the firm dictates of US law when you are at Codex meetings in Germany. FDA has lost on first amendment grounds in the Pearson decision, and when FDA refused to obey the court's decision, FDA was sued again and lost. FDA has no choice but to allow health claims to be put on labels pertaining to folic acid and the

prevention of neural tube defects and

other similar matters.

USA, but throughout the world.

beneficial health

Consumers have a RIGHT to learn about the

This is as it should be, not only in the

label, at the point of sale. By

properties of dietary supplements on the

putting the above language on the label

(that supplements should be

taken on the advice of a nutritionist,

dietician, or an MD) you are

in an international forum,

attempting to violate the spirit of DSHEA

You are attempting to waste

and you have no legal right to do that.

put to better use directly

valuable space on the label that can be

beneficial properties of these safe food substances, you are attempting to

informing consumers regarding the

medicalize dietary

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through CODEX to make attempting to set us up for standards.

supplements, and you are attempting to go an end run around US domestic laws by harmonization to restrictive international

I therefor INSIST that you STRIKE the above proposed revision in item 5.9 and replace it with the following language instead: "item 5.9 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 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."

Dr.Yetley: I remind you, and Congress,
that you lost the Pearson

court decision, and when you attempted to
ignore the Judge, you

were sued and lost again on this issue. Do
not attempt to get around

US law when you are in Germany

representing the USA at Codex

meetings. You have no legal right to make
the statement in item 5.9

'All labels should bear a statement that a
supplement should be taken

on an advice of a nutritionist, a
dietician, or a medical doctor"

I 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."

Senators and Congressmen and am asking them to oppose all efforts to erode US sovereignty via

FTAA. The last thing we need in this

hemisphere is a version of the EU
dictatorship given the way the EU is
attempting to ban consumer
access to dietary supplements. See Pearson
v Thomson
http://www.emord.com.

Sincerely,