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RE: Request for Extension of Comment Period, Docket No. 2004Q-0097: Qualified Health Claim (QHC): Calcium and Various Cancers

Dear Ms. Vicinanzo:

This letter is in response to your letter dated April 30, 2004, requesting that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) extend the comment period, for 30 days, for the qualified health claim petition entitled, Calcium and Various Cancers (Docket No. 2004Q-0097). Due to the limited time for responding to qualified health claim petitions, which is 270 days (Task Force Report "Consumer Health Information for Better Nutrition Initiative (http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/nuttftoc.html)), we are unable to extend the comment period. However, you are welcome to submit your comments to the Division of Dockets Management regarding this petition (Docket No. 2004Q-0097). We anticipate a response to this qualified health claim petition on or before October 27, 2004.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Dr. Jillonne Kevala at 301-436-1450.

Sincerely yours,

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