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To Whom It May Concern U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition

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Dear Sir:

I had written you a letter dated December 28 2000, asking you for your permission to include in a book we are planning to publish the Japanese translation of the section "Scientific Review of Health Claims" of the Guidance for Industry Significant Scientific Agreement in the Review of Health Claims for Conventional Foods and Dietary Supplement.

We are a publishing company of highly specialized publications on food, Japanese cooking, nutrition, and public health. Our periodical "Japanese Journal of Nutrition" has been on publication for 45 years.

The book we are planning to publish is entitled Health Claims, which will be edited by Emeritus Professor Dr. Norimasa Hosoya, M.D., Ph.D. It is a subject of great concern to not only dietitians and academia in the field of food and nutrition, but also regulatory decision-makers in the government and the food industry as a whole.

Since we have had no reply from you, we would like to proceed with the editing of the publication. I will send you a copy of the book as soon as it is published.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Daiichi-Shuppan Publishing Co., Ltd.

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