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Food and Drug Administration Washington DC 20204

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James C. Sartori President Sartori Food Corporation 107 Pleasant View Road Post Office Box 258 Plymouth, Wisconsin 53073

> Re: 21 CFR 130.17(i) - Participation in the Extended Temporary Marketing Test of "Grated Parmesan Cheese" under Docket No. 98P-1121

Dear Mr. Sartori:

This is to acknowledge your letters of December 20, 2000, and January 29, 2001, to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), accepting the agency's invitation to participate in the extended temporary market testing of "Grated Parmesan Cheese" that was granted to Kraft Foods, Incorporation (65 FR 251, December 29, 2000). The test product will bear the name "Parmesan Cheese."

The test product designated as "Parmesan Cheese" will deviate from the United States (U.S.) standards of identity for Parmesan cheese (21 CFR 133.165) and Grated cheeses (21 CFR 133.146) in that the curing period will be six months rather than ten months. In all other respects, the test product will conform to the standards for parmesan cheese and grated cheeses.

Relying on the representations made in the application, we are hereby granting permission to make interstate shipments, for market testing purposes of 28 million pounds (12,698,412 kg) of the new test product. The product will be manufactured at Sartori Foods Corporation, 12 West Main, Plymouth, WI 53073, 2 East Main, Plymouth, WI 53073, and 9001 North Lander Avenue, Hilmar, CA 95324 and will be distributed throughout the U. S.

The draft labels that you submitted for the test food are acceptable for the purpose of this market test. Finished labels must be submitted to the Director, Division of Standards and Labeling Regulations, Office of Nutritional Products, Labeling and Dietary Supplements (HFS-820), <u>before</u> the product is shipped in interstate commerce. Each of the ingredients used in the food must be declared on the label as required by the applicable sections of 21 CFR Part 101.

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While this permit is in effect, FDA will refrain from recommending regulatory action against shipments of "Parmesan Cheese" covered by this permit on the grounds that the food fails to comply with the standards of identity for Parmesan cheese (21 CFR 133.165) and Grated cheeses 21 CFR 133.146.

Sincerely yours,

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