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J. Edward Thompson
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Northfield, Illinois 60093

Re: 21 CFR 130.17(i) – Extension of the Temporary Marketing Test of
“Parmesan Cheese” under Docket No. 98P-1121

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This is to acknowledge your letter of August 28, 2000, requesting an extension of your temporary marketing permit of April 6, 1999. The permit allowed Kraft Foods, Inc., to market test products identified as “100% Grated Parmesan Cheese” that deviate from the United States standards of identity for parmesan cheese (21 CFR 133.165) and grated cheeses (21 CFR 133.146). The products deviate from these standards in that the curing period is six months rather than ten months. Under the permit, the test product will conform to the standards for parmesan cheese and grated cheeses in all other respects. An extension will allow you to continue to collect data on consumer acceptance of the products while the agency takes action on your petition to amend the standard of identity for parmesan cheese.

Relying on the representations made in this application, we are hereby extending the permit for market testing. Under this extension, you may continue to market test grated parmesan cheese in retail containers of various sizes on an annual basis of 86 million pounds. All other conditions of the original permit remain the same. While this permit is in effect, the Food and Drug Administration will refrain from recommending regulatory action against shipments of “100% Grated Parmesan Cheese” for the deviation from the standard of identity authorized by this permit.

Sincerely yours,

for Christine J. Lewis, Ph.D.
Director
Office of Nutritional Products, Labeling
and Dietary Supplements
Center for Food Safety
and Applied Nutrition

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SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY PERMIT DOCKET NO. 98P-1121

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