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RE: Docket #01-001N  
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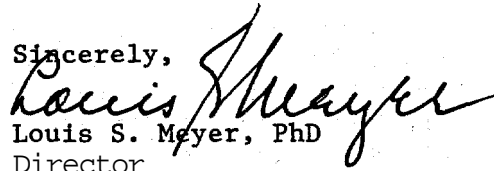
To USDA/FSIS:

Replying to your FAX of February 6, 2001 concerning the public meeting of the Codex Committee on food additives and contaminants, our concern is and has been, that by promoting the adoption and implementation of various practices, standards and guidelines developed by Codex countries means very little if those countries fail to require the correct and proper labeling of food commodities/products.

As we become increasingly technologically oriented and inclined toward genetic manipulation, the pressure of multi-national corporations to deny consumers information about their food supply makes a mockery out of the Codex goal of "correctly labeled" food products. We now know that virtually all the cereals, for example, from Kellogg's and General Mills, have genetically engineered ingredients in them. Yet, the labeling of these products contains no information concerning those ingredients. And we know that genetically engineered crops can produce ingredients which can cause severe allergic reactions. Still, U.S. Government agencies continue to tell the public that such commodities are perfectly safe and no informational labeling is required.

If the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants is serious about its mandate then utilizing the guidelines developed by the United States for implementation in other nations where correct labeling of food products is concerned is grossly irresponsible and makes the so-called correct labeling of food products both deceptive and fraudulent. To implement irresponsibility and, yes, negligence, set forth in this country should not be used as a guide for any other nation's peoples.

Sincerely,

  
Louis S. Meyer, PhD  
Director