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Subject: Item 5.9 of agenda item number 6 of the LABELING PROPOSAL deleted.

**Please stop the FDA from making more laws against NUTRITIONAL PRODUCTS!!!**

**Item 5.9 of agenda item number 6 of the LABELING PROPOSAL should be deleted. In the U.S. Draft Positions for the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses, 24<sup>th</sup> Session, As of July 2002, the preparatory document for the Codex meeting in Bonn, Germany on November 4-8, 2002, there is a very troublesome item in the agenda, Item No. 6, Proposed Draft Guidelines for Vitamin and Mineral Supplements (at step 4). It is a U.S. proposed draft position on labeling, item 5.9, which states: "We recommend the following revision: 'All labels should bear a statement that a supplement should be taken on an advice of a nutritionist, a dietician, or a medical doctor'"**

**To label food supplements in a manner to lead the consumer to believe that one should only depend on the advice of a medical doctor, dietician, or nutritionist to be able to make a choice of nutritional supplementation is a misleading statement. This labeling proposal should be eliminated because it is in violation of U.S. law, the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994, DSHEA, Public Law 103-417, and is in violation of national U.S. appeals court case law, Pearson v. Shalala, which provide for truthful and non-misleading third party literature and labeled health statements for food supplements. These are the legally provided compensation for the lack of formal education training in nutrition of medical doctors and other healthcare providers.**

**This is also the FDA inching toward placing ALL nutritional supplements, vitamins and minerals under the control of licensed professionals who are trained, lobbied one on one by drug reps, and rewarded for prescribing expensive drugs rather than health supporting supplemental products. Please support our *choice and access to dietary supplements that are safe and are labeled in a truthful and non-misleading manner*".**

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