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Leanne Wylet

Beth Yetley, FDA, c/o Nancy Crane, FDA
Re: Comment on FDA Draft Proposal to Codex CCFSU on dietary Supplements

Dear Dr. Yetley:

Re: FDA proposed language: Intem 5:9, which states; "We recommend 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."

Dr. Yetley: When is the FDA going to STOP attempting to medicalize dietary supplements which are regulated in the USA as FOODS?

You have no legal mandate to attempt to go beyond the firm dictates US law when you are at Codex meetings in Germany, FDA has lost on first amendment grounds in Pearson decision, and when FDA refused to obey the court's decision, FDA was sued again and lost. FDA has no choice but to allow health claims to be put on labels pertaining to filic acid and the prevention of neural tube defects and other similar matters.

This is as it should be, not only in the USA, but throughout the world Consumers have a RIGHT to learn about the beneficial health properties of dietary supplements on the label, at the point of sale. By putting the above language on the label (supplements should be taken on the advice of a nutritionist, dietician, or an MD, MND or ND) you are attempting to not follow the spirit of DSHEA in an international forum, and you have no legal right to do that. You are attempting to waste valuable space on the label to informating consumers regarding the beneficial properties of these safe foods.

I will be sending the full letter to my Senators and Congressmen & asking them to oppose all efforts to erode US sovereignty via FTAA, last thing we need in this hemisphere is a version of the EU dictators given the way the EU's is attempting to ban consumer access to dietary supplements. See Pearson V. Thompson <http://www.emord.com>

Latter today I will also send you a copy of an article written by my organization Patients for Alternative Medicine that will be distributed widely about you working with the Institute of Medicine by setting up a totally "riged" biased pharmacudical driven evaluation of dietary supplements! Only allowing to be able to read the first page of each section of an over 100 page document is very disconcerting!

Sincerely,

Leanne Wylet,

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