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To: Beth Yetley, FDA c/o Nancy Crane, FDA
Re: Comment on FDA Draft Proposal to Codex CCNFSDU on Dietary Supplements

Dear Dr.Yetley:

When is the FDA going to STOP attempting to medicalize safe dietary supplements which are regulated in the USA as FOODS?

You have no legal mandate to attempt to go beyond the firm dictates of US law when you are at Codex meetings in Germany. FDA has lost on first amendment grounds in the 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 folic 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.

Dr.Yetley: I remind you, and Congress, that you lost the Pearson court decision, and when you attempted to ignore the Judge, you were sued and lost again on this issue. Do not attempt to get around US law when you are in Germany representing the USA at Codex meetings. You have no legal right to make the statement in item 5.9 "All labels should bear a statement that a supplement should be taken on an advice of a nutritionist, a dietician, or a medical doctor"

I am copying this letter to you to my Senators and Congressmen and am asking them to oppose all efforts to erode US sovereignty via FTAA. The last thing we need in this hemisphere is a version of the EU dictatorship given the way the EU is attempting to ban consumer access to dietary supplements. See Pearson v Thomson <http://www.emord.com>.

Sincerely,
 Karl King