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To: Beth Yetley, FDA
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Dear Dr.Yetley:

Re FDA proposed language: 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'"

I want the FDA to STOP attempting to medicalize safe dietary supplements which are regulated in the USA as foods.

Consumers have a RIGHT to learn about the beneficial health properties of dietary supplements on the label, at the point of sale. By putting on the label that supplements should be taken on the advice of a nutritionist, dietician, or an MD, you are attempting to violate the spirit of DSHEA in an international forum, and you have no legal nor moral right to do that. You are actually sabotaging the obligation of consumers to take responsibility for their health by being well-informed and making choices about what they ingest. Furthermore, the above wording wastes valuable space on the label that can be put to better use directly informing consumers regarding the properties of these food substances.

You must stop trying to medicalize dietary supplements. Please STRIKE the above proposed revision in item 5.9 and replace it with the following language instead: "item 5.9 we recommend the following revision "All labels should bear scientific structure function health claims similar to those provided for under the American Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 to directly assist consumers in making positive health decisions for themselves and their families at the point of sale while reading the label on the product. The USA again reiterates its desire that all attempts to continue creating an international standard for vitamins and minerals cease at Codex and that this matter is best left up to national authorities to decide."

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

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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 want you to replace that language with "All labels should bear scientific structure function health claims similar to those provided for under the American Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 to directly assist consumers in making positive health decisions for themselves and their families at the point of sale while reading the label on the product. The USA again reiterates its desire that all attempts to continue creating an international standard for vitamins and minerals cease at Codex and that this matter is best left up to national authorities to decide."

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,

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