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**Subject:** Re: Comment on FDA Draft Proposal to Codex CCNFSDU on Dietary Supplements

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> To: Beth Yetley, FDA c/o Nancy Crane, FDA ncrane@cfsan.fda.gov  
> Re: Comment on FDA Draft Proposal to Codex CCNFSDU on Dietary  
> Supplements  
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> Dear Dr.Yetley:  
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> The FDA proposed language, item 5.9, is an obvious attempt to  
> "medicalize" and restrict safe dietary supplements. By recommending  
> that "All labels should bear a statement that a supplement should be  
> taken on an advice of a nutritionist, a dietician, or a medical  
> doctor," the FDA is setting us up to "harmonize" with restrictive  
> international standards and ignoring the fact that in America,  
> supplements are classified as foods and consumers have the right to  
> be educated on their benefits.  
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> I, therefore, insist that you strike the above proposed revision in  
> item 5.9 and replace it with the following language "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.'" I demand the  
> discontinuance of all attempts to create an international standard  
> for vitamins and minerals at Codex, so that this matter may be left  
> up to national authorities to decide.  
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> Dr.Yetley, the FDA lost the Pearson court decision on First Amendment  
> grounds and was forced to allow health claims on labels pertaining to  
> folic acid and the prevention of neural tube defects. This is as it  
> should be. Americans do not want to be restricted by international  
> standards for vitamins and minerals and we do not want you to  
> continue trying to circumvent US law while you are in Germany  
> representing the USA at Codex meetings. Please do not violate the  
> spirit of DSHEA in an international forum.  
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> I am copying this letter to my Senators and Congressmen and asking  
> them to oppose all efforts to erode US sovereignty via FTAA. We will  
> not tolerate being subjected to anything similar to the EU's attempt

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> to ban consumer access to dietary supplements (Pearson v Thomson,  
> www.emord.com).  
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> Sincerely,  
> Barbara Stone>  
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