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PETITIONERS: California Walnut Commission
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SUBJECT: Health Claim Petition: Diets Including Walnuts Can Reduce The Risk Of
Heart Disease [Docket 02P-0292].

By Facsimile and Mail

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Re: Extension of FDA Review Period

This is submitted on behalf of the California Walnut Commission ("the Commission") to
confirm that the Commission has agreed to an extension of the period for FDA review of the

02P-0292

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above-captioned health claim petition in accordance with FDA regulations at 21 C.F.R.

§ 101.70(j)(3)(iii) until July 14, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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