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Dr. Kathleen Ellwood
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Office of Nutritional Products, Labeling and Dietary Supplements
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RE: Docket 02P-0505

Dear Dr. Ellwood:

This letter is to formally agree to a 45-day extension of the deadline for consideration of our petition entitled, "Authorization of a health claim for nuts and coronary heart disease" that was filed with your office on August 28, 2002. The original date stipulated in your letter to the International Tree Nut Council was March 6, 2003. Therefore, the new date will be April 20, 2003.

We appreciate your careful consideration of our petition and look forward to working with the Agency during the next 45 days to move toward authorization of this important new claim.

Sincerely,

Doug Youngdahl (as)
Doug Youngdahl
Chairman

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