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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Request for Extension of Time to Comment
Docket No. 96N-0417, Good Manufacturing Practices for Dietary Supplements

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Utah Natural Products Alliance (UNPA) respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time in which to file comments with respect to the above-noted rule. UNPA will file a series of comments on or before August 11, 2003, but wishes to file additional comments after this period of time with respect to the economic impact of this proposed rule on industry and especially small businesses.

We have become aware that there is underlying FDA data that was not included in the administrative record that we believe is essential to file accurate and comprehensive comments on both economic impact and other related issues.

We recognize the desire of the agency to proceed with rule-making as quickly as possible; however, in view of the significance of economic impact of this proposed regulation, we believe it is in the best interest of both the agency and regulated industry to assure that information is included in the docket which will form the basis for any final regulation.

Sincerely,

UTAH NATURAL PRODUCTS ALLIANCE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Loren Israelsen".

Loren Israelsen
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