



Blue Diamond Growers

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Re: Docket #02P-0292

Dear Mr. Adams:

As the world's largest almond marketing and processing company, Blue Diamond Growers supports the International Tree Nut Council Nutrition Research and Education Foundation (INCNREF) for approval of a health claim on the ability of all common nuts to reduce the risk of CHD as outlined in the attached document. Blue Diamond Growers is an executive member of the International Nut Council.

We also believe that the walnut petition referenced above would confuse consumers if it were considered in isolation of a health claim for all nuts due to the lack of insufficient data that walnuts have a unique mechanism to reduce the risk of CHD.

Thank you for considering the best interest of all consumers as you weigh the strengths of the walnut petition versus the all nut petition.

Sincerely,

Susan Brauner
Director, Public Affairs

Attachment

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