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April 16, 2003

Dr. Kathleen Ellwood Director, Division of Nutrition Programs and Labeling FDA, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition Office of Nutritional Products, Labeling and Dietary Supplements HFS-830 5100 Paint Branch Parkway College Park, MD 20740

RE: Docket 02P-0505

Dear Dr. Ellwood:

This letter is to formally agree to a 90-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. This date was extended to April 18, as acknowledged by our letter to you of March 6. We now agree to extend the deadline to July 17, 2003.

We appreciate your careful consideration of our petition and look forward to working with the Agency during the next 90 days to move toward authorization of this important new claim.

Sincerely,

Dovey Youngdoll for Doug Youngdahl

Chairman

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REMARKS:

re: Submission for Docket No. 02P-0505

Please file the attached letter, dated 04/16/2003, in Docket No. 02P-0505 (Labeling nuts & eligible nut containing products reduce risk ...).

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