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Food and Drug Administration  
Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building  
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Room 4A-026  
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Re: Nutrient Descriptor Claims for the Carbohydrate Content of Food

Dear Ms. Ellwood,

To the above referenced petition, the Grocery Manufacturers of America ("GMA") hereby agrees to an extension of time until the end of the summer 2004 for the issuance of proposed rules for "low," "reduced," "light" and "free" carbohydrates, and by June 25, 2005 for FDA to complete the rulemaking process. GMA also agrees to an extension of time until the end of the summer 2004 for the issuance of an announced notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) for "good source," "excellent source" and "net carbs," and by June 25, 2005 for FDA to issue proposed rules on this matter.

Sincerely,

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