



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration  
Rockville MD 20857

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The Honorable David R. Obey  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-4907

Dear Mr. Obey:

This is in response to your letter of May 1, 1996, commenting on the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) advanced notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) regarding the elimination of Standards of Identity. You comment that representatives of the cheese industry in Wisconsin say that this proposal has the potential to create serious problems for consumers, dairy farmers, and cheese processors and to undermine the benefits of the current standards. You urge FDA to move cautiously on revising the standards of identity since current standards safeguard the interests of American consumers, farmers and processors.

We are forwarding your letter to the docket for this matter. Your comment will be considered in the Agency's deliberations on how to proceed.

Thank you again for sharing your views with us. If we may be of further assistance, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

Melinda K. Plaisier  
Acting Associate Commissioner  
for Legislative Affairs

cc: Dockets Management Branch  
(Docket 95N-0294)

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