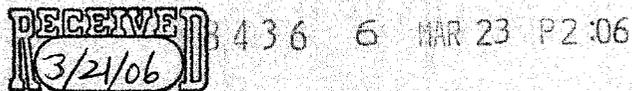


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Re: Extension of Time for Decision on Qualified Health Claim for 100% Whey Protein,
Partially Hydrolyzed, in Infant Formula and Reducing the Risk of Allergy in Infants
2005Q-0298

Dear Ms. Shimakawa:

This letter will confirm that Nestlé consents to your request for a 60-day extension of time, up to May 16, 2006, in which to issue a final decision on our petition for the above named Qualified Health Claim.

Yours truly,

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