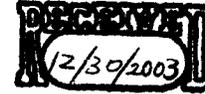


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Subject: Petition for Health Claim – Barley β -glucan Soluble Fiber and Barley Foods
Containing β -glucan Soluble Fiber and Coronary Heart Disease

Dear Dr. Hoadley,

On behalf of The National Barley Foods Council, I am writing to respectfully request that the above mentioned petition which was submitted to the FDA on September 25, 2003 be withdrawn pending the submission of an amended petition. Pursuant to our phone conversation of December 22, 2003, supplemental data and definitions will be obtained as soon as possible to clarify the β -glucan soluble fiber content of barley utilized in clinical trials included as part of the petition. We very much appreciate the FDA's patience in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine E. Fastnaught".

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