



**SNACK FOOD
ASSOCIATION**

An International Trade Association

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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane
Room 1061
Rockville, Maryland 20852

**Re: Docket No. 00D-1277; Guidance for Industry: Fumonisin Levels in Human
Foods and Animal Feeds (June 6, 2000).**

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the Snack Food Association, we wish to commend the Food and Drug Administration on its proposed guidance document, subject as above.

The Snack Food Association (SFA) is an international trade association representing more than 800 snack manufacturers and suppliers to the snack industry. Snacks produced and sold by SFA members include potato chips, tortilla chips, corn chips, crackers, pretzels, popcorn, extruded snacks, meat snacks, pork rinds, snack nuts, party mix, and other savory snacks.

After consulting with our members, we wish to express our support for the substantive policy position reflected in the guidance document. SFA believes the maximum fumonisin levels established by the FDA to protect human and animal health are achievable through the use of good agricultural and good manufacturing practices. SFA considers the guidance to be a prudent public health measure in the control of fumonisin in human foods and animal feeds.

We look forward to continuing to work with the agency on this important topic.

Sincerely,

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