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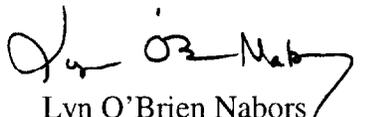
Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
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RE: Docket No. 95P-0044 – Citizen Petition requesting that the FDA amend certain sections of 21 CFR and establish specific regulatory guidelines to improve (1) the food additive approval process and (2) to expedite and give greater certainty to the GRAS affirmation process

In 1995, the Calorie Control Council (the "Council") submitted the above mentioned petition requesting that certain sections of 21 CFR be amended to improve the food additive approval and GRAS affirmation processes. The Council's petition also supports and reiterates a number of requests made in a June 1992 citizen petition submitted by Covington & Burling on behalf of McNeil Specialty Products Company (Docket No. 92P-0268). The McNeil petition requests that FDA clarify the schedule for submission of, and for the agency's response to, comments submitted after the publication of a notice of filing of a food additive petition. The Council continues to believe that requests and comments in its petition are valid and continues to support the McNeil petition.

Nonetheless, the agency has made a number of changes that address some of the Council's concerns. In light of this, the Council would like to withdraw without prejudice its petition (Docket No. 95P-0044). The Council does not, however, withdraw its support for the 1992 McNeil petition and urges the agency to take appropriate action to implement requests therein.

Respectfully submitted,


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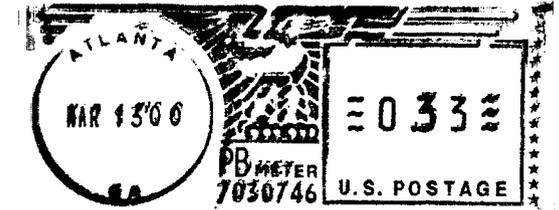
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