

Nola Topolinski
1546 - N.E. 177th St. 103
Shoreline, WA. 98155

4073 '00 APR 26 P2:26

April 17, 2000

Dockets Management Branch
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: FDA Docket No. 99P-5106

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you concerning the petition to amend 21 CFR 101.22 (h), filed by the Vegetarian Legal Action Network on Nov. 17, 1999, which sets the standards for the use of the term "natural flavors". As it now stands, under the term "natural flavors" manufacturers can use derivatives of meat, poultry, seafood, dairy and nuts. Consuming any one of these foods could be potentially fatal to an individual suffering from food allergies.

This issue is also of concern to vegetarians who may unknowingly be consuming animal products hidden under the term "natural flavors". Many religious groups also avoid animal products, and may be violating their moral code by consuming "natural flavors".

I urge you to amend 21 CFR 101.22 (h) to require that manufacturers disclose their source of natural flavorings. Food labels should indicate what the natural flavoring was derived from. Only then can consumers make an informed choice when deciding which foods to eat.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Nola Topolinski

Nola Topolinski

99P-5106

C1



Nola A. Topolinski
1546 NE 177th St Apt 103
Seattle, WA 98155-5244



Dockets Management Branch
Food & Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

20852/0003

