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Nancy Schnell
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800 Sylvan Avenue
Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632

Dear Ms. Schnell:

This letter acknowledges receipt on February 1, 2000 of your health claim petition entitled "Petition for Health Claim: Vegetable oil sterol esters (VOSE) and coronary heart disease," submitted pursuant to section 403(r)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

With receipt of this health claim petition, the 100-day period for review in consideration of filing has begun. We will notify you on or before May 11, 2000, of the agency's decision to file the petition for comprehensive review or to deny the petition.

Please contact me at the above address or call me at 202-205-5372 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lynn Larsen, Ph.D.
Director, Division of Nutrition Science and Policy
Office of Nutritional Products, Labeling and Dietary
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