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Commissioner, FDA
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Dear Dr. Henney:

I feel that I must express my opinion regarding the proposed change in the labeling of olestra-containing products. I have experienced rather strong gas symptoms when I have eaten too many potato chips containing the olestra product. Had I not read the information about the possible side effects of olestra consumption I would not have known what the cause of my bloating and discomfort was. Some people have much more severe symptoms than I have experienced; some have emergency diarrhea.

The FDA must continue to insure that the warning label is attached to all products containing olestra. It might be a good idea to place the label on the front of the package so that a person is warned before purchasing the product. Not all people experience discomfort or ill health from consuming olestra, but for those who do, knowing the source of the problem is very important.

Sincerely,

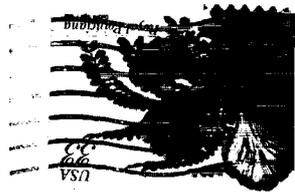


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