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Dr. Kathleen Ellwood  
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FDA, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition  
Office of Nutritional Products, Labeling and Dietary Supplements  
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Dear Dr. Ellwood:

This letter is to formally agree to have the health claim petition entitled, "Authorization of a health claim for monounsaturated fatty acids from olive oil and coronary heart disease," submitted to your office on August 28, 2003 considered under the "Interim Procedures for Qualified Health Claims in the Labeling of Conventional Human Food and Human Dietary Supplements" dated July 10, 2003.

We understand that the petition will be made available for public comment in approximately two weeks, and will then proceed through the remainder of the "Interim Procedures".

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional assistance.

Sincerely,

*Bob Bauer / or*

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President

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