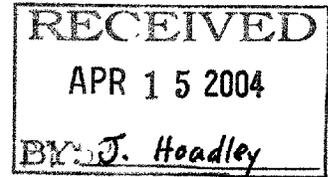


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**Re: Petition for Qualified Health Claim for Conventional
Foods and Dietary Supplements Containing Omega-3 Fatty
Acids Submitted by Martek Biosciences on November 3, 2003;
Docket Number 2003Q-0401**

Dear Mr. Hoadley:

By telephone call on April 14, 2004, you asked whether our client, Martek Biosciences Corporation (Martek), would agree to the agency's request for additional time to complete its review of the qualified health claim petition that we submitted on November 3, 2003. Because the Martek petition was consolidated with a similar petition submitted by Mr. Jonathan W. Emord, the review period for the Martek petition was scheduled to end on April 15, 2004.

In this letter we provide written confirmation of our verbal agreement to extend the review period until June 18, 2004. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Hahn

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