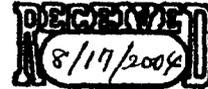


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**Re: Petition for Qualified Health Claim for Conventional  
Foods and Dietary Supplements Containing Omega-3 Fatty  
Acids Submitted by Martek Biosciences on November 3, 2003;  
Docket Number 2003Q-0401**

Dear Ms. Ellwood:

Yesterday the agency asked that we extend the review period until September 8<sup>th</sup> for the above-referenced qualified health claim petition submitted by our client, Martek Biosciences Corporation (Martek). On April 15<sup>th</sup> we agreed to extend the agency review period until June 18<sup>th</sup> and on June 18<sup>th</sup> we agreed to extend the review period until August 17<sup>th</sup>. We once again agree to extend the review period, this time until September 8, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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