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Re: Nutrient Content Claim Petition – Total Carbohydrate Content of foods
(Docket No. 2004P-0105)

Dear Ms. Marcouiller:

This letter is in reference to the nutrient content claim petition that the Food and Drug Administration received on December 2, 2003, pursuant to Section 403(r)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 343(r)(4)) with respect to certain claims about the carbohydrate content of foods.

We have completed our review of your petition and are intending to proceed by rulemaking on this issue. You have previously agreed to an extension to March 31, 2005 for the agency to respond to your petition. We do not expect to complete the clearance process by March 31st and, therefore, request that you consider an extension of time until June 30, 2005. We will make every effort to publish a proposed regulation within this time frame.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions.

Sincerely yours,

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