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RE: Extension of Timeline on Decision for Petition for Qualified Health Claim
for Qualified Health Claim Petition-Green Tea and Cardiovascular
Disease

Dear Mr. de Jesus:

This is in response your telephone call on March 7 to Dr. Stanley Tarka
requesting a 60-day extension on the decision timeline from Friday, March 10,
2006 to Tuesday, May 9, 2006 for the filed petition for a Qualified Health Claim
for Green Tea and Cardiovascular Disease.

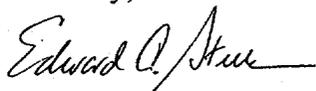
AAC Consulting Group submitted this petition pursuant to Section 403(r)(4) or 403(r)(5)(D) of the
Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act on behalf of ITO EN, LTD. 47-10, Honmachi 3-chome, Shibuya-
ku, Tokyo 151-8550, Japan
with respect to Green Tea.

We have spoken to our client ITO EN and as the Petitioner, we are agreeable to this extension of the
timeline from March 10, 2006 for a decision to Tuesday, May 9, 2006 in order to provide the Agency
with the requested additional time to complete this assessment. We are looking forward to your decision
on this important Petition.

Once again, we need to emphasize our request that you will please keep us apprised of any changes or
questions that you may have during the ongoing review. Obviously, our Client is looking for a decision
soon on this Petition and they are certainly amenable to providing the additional time the agency has
requested to finish this assessment and arrive at a decision.

If you have any questions, please contact Stanley M. Tarka, Jr., Ph.D. at AAC Consulting Group, Inc.
He can be reached at 717-243-9216. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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President

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