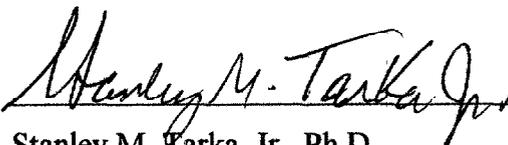
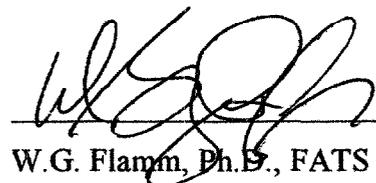


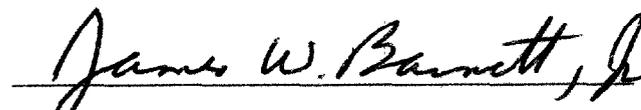
G) EXPERT PANEL CONSENSUS STATEMENT

The undersigned, an independent panel of recognized experts, qualified by their scientific training and relevant national and international experience to evaluate the safety of food and nutritional ingredients, was requested by ITO EN, North America Inc. to review its qualified health claim petition and determine if the proposed qualified health claim is supported by the scientific evidence and that the scientific evaluation represents a reasonable and balanced representation and interpretation of the pertinent scientific literature. The Scientific Panel independently evaluated the petition and other materials deemed appropriate or necessary. Following independent, critical evaluation, the Scientific Panel conferred and unanimously agreed to the decision described below.

Based upon a critical review and analysis of the information summarized herein, the Expert Panel determined that the scientific evidence in the published literature supports the qualified health claim requested for green tea as a source of specific catechins and the reduction of the risk of cardiovascular disease. Further, the Expert Panel considers that the petition presents a reasonable and balanced representation and interpretation of the pertinent scientific literature with regard to the potential health benefits of increased intake of green tea and its catechin components in the diet and associated reduction of cardiovascular disease.


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