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RE Docket No. 2006D-0480
Request for clarification for time for filing comments on Draft
Guidance for Industry on Complementary and Alternative Medicine
Products and Their Regulation by the Food and Drug
Administration.

Dear Mr. Chao:

We are counsel for the American Herbal Products Association (AHPA), the trade association of herbal product manufacturers and suppliers to the food, drug, cosmetic and dietary supplement industries.

This letter is to advise you that there is an error in the Federal Register Notice of February 27, 2006 announcing the availability of the Draft Guidance for Industry on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Products and Their Regulation by the Food and Drug Administration. The Federal Register notice states that comments are to be submitted by April 30, 2007 while the Guidance states that "comments and suggestions regarding this draft document should be submitted within 90 days of publication in the *Federal Register* of the notice announcing the availability of the draft guidance." The date which is 90 days from February 27, 2007 is May 29, 2007 (the day after Memorial Day).

It is AHPA's intent to file its comments on the draft guidance on or before May 29, 2007, the date set out in the draft guidance. AHPA urges FDA to clarify this date error at the earliest opportunity, so that the general public will be timely informed of the correct date for filing of comments in this matter.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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