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Re: Docket No. 2006N-0168

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the American Heart Association (AHA) and the American Stroke Association (ASA) we respectfully request that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) extend the comment period for Docket No. 2006N-0168 "Food Labeling: Revision of Reference Values and Mandatory Nutrients" until April 30, 2008.

The Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) is of significant interest to the Association and we appreciate the opportunity to submit comments to the Agency. However, the current comment deadline does not provide adequate time for AHA or other members of the public to develop comprehensive comments. The ANPRM solicits feedback on six major subject areas and 74 separate questions. The questions are complex and will require detailed responses that must include – at the Agency's request – scientific justification to support each response. Additional time should be provided to allow organizations such as ours to thoroughly evaluate the questions, deliberate, and develop useful responses to these questions that will be used to shape the future of nutrition labeling.

Again, we request that the FDA extend the comment period for an additional 90 days to April 30, 2008. We appreciate your quick consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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