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and Dietary Supplements  
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition  
Food and Drug Administration  
200 C Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20204

Re: Petition for a health claim for vegetable oil sterol esters and reduced risk  
of heart disease, submitted by Lipton, February 1, 2000

Dear Dr. Lewis:

This follows up on our telephone conversation of July 31, 2000 to inform you that Lipton  
agrees to an extension of the deadline for FDA action on the above-referenced petition to  
September 6, 2000, pursuant to 21 C.F.R. 101.70(j)(3)(iii).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Schnell

cc: Lynn A. Larsen, Ph.D.

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