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**RE: Docket 00P-1276: Plant Stanol Esters Health Claim Petition**

Dear Dr. Larsen:

As follow-up to today's telephone conversation regarding our Plant Stanol Esters Health Claim Petition, McNeil Consumer Healthcare is agreeable to extending the 190-day deadline for the petition by approximately two weeks.

As we understand the matter, this extension would set the new date to approximately September 6, 2000.

We appreciate the effort that you and your staff are devoting to this endeavor. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 215/273-8194.

Sincerely,  
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