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Dr. Gilbert A. Leveille
McNeil Consumer Healthcare
7050 Camp Hill Road
Fort Washington, PA 19034

Dear Dr. Leveille:

This letter acknowledges receipt on February 15, 2000 of your health claim petition entitled "Health Claim Petition: Plant Stanol Esters," submitted pursuant to section 403(r)(4) and 403(r)(5)(D) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

With receipt of this health claim petition, the 100-day period for review in consideration of filing has begun. We will notify you on or before May 25, 2000, of the agency's decision to file the petition for comprehensive review or to deny the petition.

Please contact me at the above address or call me at 202-205-5372 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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