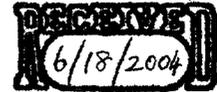


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**Re: Petition for Qualified Health Claim for Conventional  
Foods and Dietary Supplements Containing Omega-3 Fatty  
Acids Submitted by Martek Biosciences on November 3, 2003;  
Docket Number 2003Q-0401**

Dear Ms. Ellwood:

You asked whether our client, Martek Biosciences Corporation (Martek), would agree to the agency's request for a 60-day extension to complete its review of the qualified health claim petition that we submitted on November 3, 2003. On April 15, we agreed to extend the agency review period until June 18. We once again consent to the agency's request to extend its review period by 60 days. We understand that the agency intends to complete its review on or before August 17, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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