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Felecia Satchell
Office of Nutritional Products Labeling & Dietary Supplements
HFS 820
Food & Drug Administration (FDA)
200 C. Street SW
Washington, DC 20204

Dear Felicia,

We are writing to request your consideration in amending the recent ruling requiring a safe handling statement on cartons of shell eggs. As a major grocery wholesaler/retailer, my company sells millions of dozens of eggs every year. While we support the effort to communicate safe egg handling instructions to consumers, we find the need to have flexibility in the location of this labeling.

Please consider allowing this safe handling statement to be placed not only on the top principal display panel, or on the front or back of our carton, but also on the inside lid of the carton. This flexibility will allow us to comply with this rule and still maintain our ability to merchandise our eggs to the maximum extent possible given the myriad of legal printing requirements already in place.

As a major food wholesaler/ retailer, we urge you to allow this flexibility in your ruling. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marie Milde
Category Manager
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cc: Dolco Packaging

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