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**VIA EMAIL AND  
OVERNIGHT MAIL**

Dr. Julie Schrimpf Moss  
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***Re: Nutrition 21, Inc., Health Claim Petition for Chromium Picolinate***

Dear Dr. Moss:

Nutrition 21 Inc. consents to the FDA request for a fourth extension, of two months, for the Agency to complete the processing of its chromium picolinate qualified health claim petition begun on March 24, 2004. Nutrition 21 understands from your request that this fourth extension is unrelated to the merits of its petition and offers its cooperation in the good faith belief, and with the understanding, that the agency will issue a decision by August 16, 2005.

Sincerely,

Jonathan W. Emord  
Andrea G. Ferrenz