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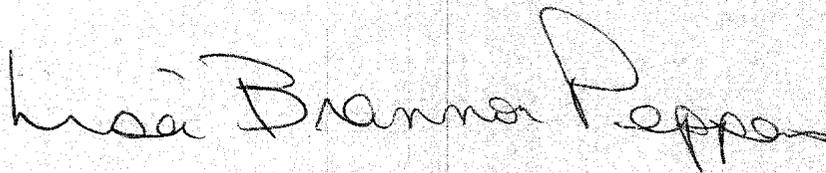
Dear FDA:

I would like to comment on a proposed exception.

Purity Foods has applied for an exception for the spelt in its products NOT to be labeled as wheat (docket # 2006FL-0017). This is NOT true and spelt is an ancient form of wheat and remains something that no celiac can eat without dire consequences and something that most people with wheat allergies cannot eat either. I could give many references, but one is from The Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis network (<http://www.foodallergy.org/allergens.html>) and says "Are kamut and spelt safe alternatives to wheat? No. Kamut is a cereal grain which is related to wheat. Spelt is an ancient wheat that has recently been marketed as safe for wheat-allergic individuals. This claim is untrue, however. Wheat-allergic patients can react as readily to spelt as they do to common wheat."

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS EXCEPTION. Having the new food labeling is so wonderful for those with restricted diets. This allowance would make the "wheat" label meaningless because then any other company could also add spelt claiming that it was approved once.

Thank you,



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