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Food and Drug Administration  
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RE: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD  
[Docket No. 2006N-0168] Food Labeling: Revision of Reference Values and Mandatory  
Nutrients; Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking 72 FR 62149 (November 2, 2007)

Dear Sir/Madam:

Based on the wide scope and complexity of issues for which FDA is seeking comment in the above-referenced Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) on food labeling, the Corn Refiners Association (CRA) requests that FDA extend the comment period by ninety (90) days.

CRA is the national trade association representing companies that produce sweeteners, starches, feeds, oil, ethanol and bioproducts from our country's most abundant agricultural resource using the corn wet milling process. Many of the products produced by CRA member companies will be affected by this future rulemaking.

Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, nutrition labeling must enable the public "to understand the relative significance of such information in the context of a total daily diet." In order for FDA to meet this requirement under the Act, the numerous food labeling issues considered in the ANPRM will require extensive discussion to develop responses. The current January 31, 2008 deadline for comment will not allow enough time to provide the Agency with detailed and informative comments on these issues. Again, in light of this concern, CRA respectfully requests that FDA extend the comment period by ninety (90) days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Lomax".

Steve Lomax  
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