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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane
Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket No. 2006N-0168 – Food Labeling: Revision of Reference Values and Mandatory Nutrients

Dear Sir or Madam:

The International Food Additives Council (IFAC) is an international association representing companies that produce high quality substances used worldwide as food additives (e.g., food gums). IFAC requests a 90-day extension to file comments regarding the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM), Food Labeling: Revision of Reference Values and Mandatory Nutrients, published in the *Federal Register* (72 FR 62149) of November 2, 2007. The current deadline for submission of comments to the FDA is January 31, 2008.

The FDA is proposing to revise the reference values for nutrition labeling and is requesting input regarding possible changes related to nutrient declaration. Any revisions to the Nutrition Facts Panel would have a significant impact on the food industry. IFAC requests a 90-day extension to the January 31, 2008 deadline to allow adequate time for IFAC to review the ANPRM and comment in response to the extensive list of questions (e.g., on fiber) raised by the FDA.

Respectfully submitted,

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