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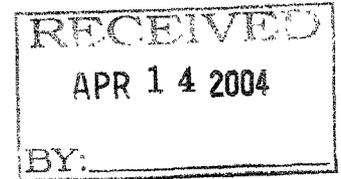
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Re: Clarification for NDI Notification for Phyto-derived Ceramides

Dear Ms. Lutwak and Ms. Jackson:

Thank you for your telephone call of today. Per your request, this letter provides a clarification for our recently-filed NDI Notification for Phyto-derived Ceramides. It is implied but not directly stated in this Notification that the dosage form for the proposed Ceramide supplement is an oil (liquid) to be delivered in a soft gel.

I understand from our telephone conversation that this clarification does not re-set or delay the 75-day clock for this Notification. If you should have any further questions about this Notification submission, please contact me at 303-894-6146, or at sbrienza@pattonboggs.com. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Susan D. Brienza

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