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Division of Dockets Management
Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health and Human Services
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD. Advanced notice of proposed rulemaking for Food Labeling: Revision of Reference Values and Mandatory Nutrients. 72 Fed. Reg. 62149 - 62175 (November 2, 2007). Docket No. 2006N-0168 (RIN 0910-ZA30)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the advanced notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) for revisions to food labeling reference values and mandatory nutrients (*72 Federal Register* 62149-62175). CHPA, founded in 1881, is a national trade association representing manufacturers and distributors of dietary supplements and over-the-counter medicines.

Members of the CHPA Dietary Supplement Committee (DSC) welcome the opportunity to provide comments on the ANPR. However, we feel that additional time is needed to adequately prepare our response. CHPA and its DSC members request that FDA extend the submission deadline an additional 60 days (*i.e.*, until March 31, 2008). An extension would allow interested parties to thoroughly review the *Federal Register* notice and to provide written comments for the Agency's consideration. We feel no harm will result from FDA extending the comment period.

Thank you for considering our request. We hope the Agency will grant our petition. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia D. Howard".

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