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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 11 December 2000, has been received from the United States.

Food Labelling: Trans Fatty Acids in Nutrition Labelling, Nutrient Content Claims, and Health Claims - Reopening of the Comment Period

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is reopening to 19 January 2001, the comment period for a document published in the Federal Register of 17 November 1999 (64 FR 62746). In that document, FDA proposed to amend its regulations on nutrition labelling to require that the amount of trans fatty acids present in a food, including dietary supplements, be included in the amount and percent Daily Value declared for saturated fatty acids. FDA also proposed that, wherever saturated fat limits are placed on nutrient content claims, health claims, or disclosure or disqualifying levels, the amount of trans fatty acids be limited as well. Finally, FDA proposed to define the nutrient content claim "trans fat free". FDA is taking this action in response to comments on the 17 November 1999, proposal to ensure that interested parties have an adequate opportunity to comment on the issue of whether the agency should define the nutrient content claims "reduced trans fat" and "reduced saturated and trans fats".

Submit written comments on nutrient content claims for "reduced trans fat" and "reduced saturated and trans fats" by 19 January 2001. Instructions for commenting are in the full text of this addendum which is available from the US SPS Enquiry Point.

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