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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 8 March 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States in accordance with Article 10.6.

Food Labelling: Trans Fatty Acids in Nutrition Labelling; Consumer Research to Consider Nutrient Content Claims and Health Claims and Possible Footnote or Disclosure Statements

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is reopening for 45 days the comment period for an advanced notice of proposed rule making (ANPRM) published in the Federal Register of 11 July 2003 (68 FR 41507), in which FDA is requesting information and data that potentially could be used to establish new nutrient content claims about trans fatty acids (trans fat); to establish qualifying criteria for trans fat in current nutrient content claims for saturated fatty acids and cholesterol, lean and extra lean claims, and health claims that contain a message about cholesterol-raising lipids; and, in addition, to establish disclosure and disqualifying criteria to help consumers make heart-healthy food choices. Since publication of the ANPRM on July 11, 2003, the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Science (IOM/NAS) issued a report entitled "Dietary Reference Intakes: Guiding Principles for Nutrition Labeling and Fortification." FDA is reopening the comment period to receive comments that consider the information in the IOM/NAS report specific to this ANPRM and trans fat labeling. Information and data obtained from comments to this ANPRM may be used to help draft a proposed rule on trans fat.

Complete details can be found online at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-4504.htm>

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments by 15 April 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Submit electronic comments to <http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments>

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