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TO:

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Dear Mr Griffin,

On 22 July 2010 EFSA has published its opinion on the following claim: "*Vitamin B1 plays an important role in the carbohydrate and energy metabolism of food*" (EFSA-Q-2008-183). The Panel concluded that a cause and effect relationship has been established between the dietary intake of thiamine and normal carbohydrate and energy-yielding metabolism. The target population was indicated to be infants and children up to 18 years.


While IDACE welcomes EFSA positive opinion, we would like to indicate in line with Article 16.6 of the Nutrition and Health Claims Regulation 1924/2006/EC that as regards the conditions of use, IDACE has indicated as target group the infants and children up to the age of 3 years old. It is our understanding that EFSA would provide a scientific opinion on the basis of the submitted demand, which in this case is limited to the age span 0-3.

Next, we would like to call upon the Commission in its role of risk manager to take into account our comments when translating the EFSA opinion into a regulation, and reflect the target group as introduced by the applicant, from 0-3.

We feel this claim should be restricted to the target group of population as provided for in the application.

We are at your disposal for any further question.

Yours sincerely,



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