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In the U.S. Draft Positions for the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses, there is a very troublesome item in the agenda item No. 6, Proposed Draft Guidelines for Vitamin and Mineral Supplements (at step 4). It is a U.S. proposed draft position on labeling, item 5.9, which states: "We recommend the following revision: ' All labels should bear a statement that a supplement should be taken on the advice of a nutritionist, a dietician, or a medical doctor"

This proposed label should be eliminated from any U.S. position paper.

I am asking the FDA to delete item 5.9 of agenda item No. 6 in the draft guidelines for vitamin and mineral supplements. I, as a citizen, have the right to research and decide the truthful and non-misleading information about nutrition, and I believe item 5.9 of the labeling proposal is regressive, misleading, and not in the best interest of the U.S. consumer!

Also, I believe item 5.9 is in violation of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 (DSHEA).

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