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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Grant to Welfare Information Network

AGENCY: Office of Family Assistance, ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Grant award announcement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that an award is being made to the Welfare Information Network of Washington, DC in the amount of \$75,000 for information dissemination activities on welfare reform. After the appropriate reviews, it has been determined that this proposal qualifies as a sole source award. Over the past four years, the Welfare Information Network (WIN) has been one of the leading nonprofit organizations in disseminating information and materials on welfare reform. The WIN network is a very unique organization in the welfare reform community. It has created a database on the cutting edge of Welfare to Work promising strategies through a synthesis of the latest research, site visits, and surveys of practitioners and service providers. The WIN organization has been an extremely valuable partner with the Office of Family Assistance in several clearinghouse and networking activities. This partnership with the WIN Organization has proven to be invaluable to States and communities in obtaining the information, policy analysis, and technical assistance they need to develop and implement changes that have helped to reduce dependency and promote the well-being of children and families. The period of this funding will extend through May 31, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99P-2630]

Food Labeling: Added Sugars; Availability of Citizen Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability for comment of a petition submitted by the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI). The petition requested that FDA establish a Daily Reference Value (DRV) for added sugars with a corresponding Daily Value, require the declaration of added sugars, and revise criteria pertaining to nutrient content claims and health claims.

DATES: Submit written comments on the petition by September 25, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Electronic comments may be submitted via the Internet to: www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/oc/dockets/comments/commentdocket.cfm or via e-mail to: fdadockets@oc.fda.gov. All comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. The petition is available for review at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) or electronically on the agency's web site at <http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/dockets.htm>. You may also request a copy of the petition from the Dockets Management Branch.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Smith, Office of Nutritional Products, Labeling, and Dietary Supplements, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-832), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-5372.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. The Citizen Petition

CSPI, in a citizen petition filed on August 4, 1999, requested that the agency establish a DRV of 40 grams for added sugars and require the declaration of added sugars in nutrition

labeling in both grams per serving and a corresponding percent Daily Value. CSPI also requested that FDA define nutrient content claims for added sugars. Finally, CSPI requested that, when nutrient content or health claims are made about a food, meal product, or main dish product, FDA set, in addition to the limits on other nutrients described in the current regulations, limits and require disclosure of the total amount of added sugars for these claims.

CSPI's ground for its petition is that the labeling provision for added sugars is necessary as a public health measure to give consumers the tools they need to reduce their intake of added sugars. CSPI states in the petition that based on U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) data, the per capita consumption of added sugars has risen 28 percent since 1983, and that, in some people, diets with large amounts of added sugars contribute to obesity, the prevalence of which has risen dramatically in the last two decades in both youths and adults. CSPI also asserts that diets with added sugars, from such foods as soft drinks, fruit drinks, candy, cakes, and cookies, include fewer healthier foods that provide nutrients that reduce the risk of osteoporosis, cancer, heart disease, stroke, and other health problems. In addition, CSPI states that frequent consumption of foods with added sugars promotes tooth decay.

CSPI asserts that it is impossible for consumers to determine how much sugar has been added to foods such as yogurt, ice cream, fruit snacks, and juice drinks using current labels. In addition, CSPI states that current labels fail to inform consumers about the proportion of a reasonable day's intake of added sugars that a serving of food provides. CSPI maintains that, although USDA provided quantitative dietary recommendations for added sugars in The Food Guide Pyramid, without labeling of added sugars, it is difficult for consumers to follow such recommendations. USDA's quantitative recommendation serves as the basis for CSPI's request for a DRV of 40 grams for added sugars.

II. FDA Background

FDA addressed comments on added sugars in the January 6, 1993, final rule entitled "Food Labeling: Mandatory Status of Nutrition Labeling and Nutrient Content Revision, Format for Nutrition Label" (58 FR 2079). Comments had recommended mandatory declaration of added sugars only, rather than total sugars, in nutrition labeling and either mandatory or voluntary declaration of both added