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FDA regulation of nanotechnology materials; public meeting

To Whom It May Concern:

In addition to our organizational comments on Docket No. 2008-N-0416 and Docket No. 2006P-0210 (FDA regulation of nanotechnology materials; public meeting), please find attached public comments from 6,639 Center for Food Safety members requesting that FDA act urgently to shore up its regulation of nanomaterials to account for their fundamentally different properties and their associated dangers, including requiring new nano-specific testing and the labeling of all nanomaterial products, including nano-food products.

Hundreds of consumer products containing manufactured nanomaterials are already available on U.S. market shelves, including food and food packaging products. New nanomaterial products are coming out at a rate of four to five per week.

In the absence of labeling, public debate and laws to ensure safety, products created using nanotechnology have entered the food chain. Millions of dollars are being spent by government and industry to apply nanotechnology in areas of food processing, food packaging, and agricultural production.

Because there are no regulations to require labeling of nano-ingredients and additives in food and packaging, there is no way for anyone to choose to eat nano-free. Only with labeling can citizens make educated decisions about what they buy and put in and on their bodies. Until such actions are taken, CFS members fully support a moratorium on the manufacture of nanomaterial consumer products and the recall of products currently on the market.

Thank you for taking the comments of our members under consideration,

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