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The Honorable Howard W. Lutnick Secretary United States Department of Commerce 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20230

Re: Request for Public Comments on Section 232 National Security Investigation of Imports of Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Ingredients (XRIN 0694-XC120)

Dear Secretary Lutnick:

LifeVantage appreciates the opportunity to provide comments related to the Department's National Security Investigation of Imports of Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Ingredients. LifeVantage is a leader in the field of nutrigenomics creating scientifically validated health supplements for customers to assist them achieve their health and wellness goals.

It is essential for our nation's health and well-being to maintain a ready and affordable supply of critical nutrients. Over 170 million Americans depend on critical nutrients and other dietary supplements as part of their efforts to improve their nutrition and stay healthy, including over 70 percent of Americans 60 and over. For example:

- Women of childbearing age count on folic acid supplements for healthy pregnancies. Numerous studies have shown that pre-pregnancy use of prenatal vitamins containing folic acid can prevent 50 to 70 percent of neural tube defects.
- Parents count on the vitamin D, choline and other vitamins and minerals in infant formula to nourish their babies. Well over half of all babies under the age of 3 months are consumers of infant formula. These key nutrients are required to be included in all baby formula marketed in the United States, yet some of these ingredients cannot be sourced domestically.
- Older Americans especially count on supplements including calcium, vitamin
  D and vitamin B12 supplements as the body's needs and functions change as
  we age.

LifeVantage greatly appreciates that the Trump Administration recognized the important role of supplements and included over 40 dietary ingredients in Annex II, thus exempting them from most additional tariffs. This was a significant win for keeping Americans healthy. A preliminary analysis of Annex II yields the following ingredients used to produce dietary supplements:

## **Vitamins**

Biotin - HTSUS: 29362950





- Niacin HTSUS: 29362916
- Vitamin A HTSUS: 29362100
- Vitamin B1 (thiamine) HTSUS: 29362200
- Vitamin B2 (riboflavin) HTSUS: 29362300
- Vitamin B5 HTSUS: 29362401
- Vitamin B6 HTSUS: 29362500
- Vitamin B12 HTSUS: 29362600
- Vitamin C (all forms) HTSUS: 29362700
- Vitamin D (all forms) HTSUS: 29362950
- Vitamin E (all forms) HTSUS: 29362800
- Vitamin K (menadione) HTSUS: 29362950
- Other Vitamins and their derivatives, nesoi HTSUS: 29362950
- Vitamins and provitamins (including natural concentrates) and intermixtures -HTSUS: 29369001
- Aromatic or modified aromatic vitamins and their derivatives, nesoi HTSUS: 29362920

## Minerals

- Manganese Ascorbate HTSUS: 25309080
- Selenium HTSUS: 28049000
- Proteins, Fish Oils, Amino Acids, Probiotics, Flavonoids
- Folic Acid HTSUS: 29362910
- Choline HTSUS: 29231000
- Glutamic Acid HTSUS: 29224250
- Lysine HTSUS: 29224100
- EPA (all forms) HTSUS: 29161930
- Chondroitin (all forms) HTSUS: 30019001
- DHA (all forms) HTSUS: 29161930
- MSM (all forms) HTSUS: 29309092
- Lecithin HTSUS: 29232020
- L-Glutathione HTSUS: 29309049
- Creatine HTSUS: 29252990
- Lactobacillus Acidophilus HTSUS: 30029052
- N-Acetyl Cysteine HTSUS: 29309049
- Leucine HTSUS: 29224980
- L-Tryptophan HTSUS: 29339912
- L-Theanine HTSUS: 29241911
- Betaine HCI HTSUS: 29239001
- Shark Cartilage HTSUS: 30019001
- L-Glutamine HTSUS: 29241911
- L-Taurine HTSUS: 29211961
- Para-aminobenzoic Acid (PABA) HTSUS: 29224910
- Coenzyme Q10 HTSUS: 29146200
- Malic Acid HTSUS: 29181960
- Quercetin HTSUS: 29329961
- Arabinogalactan HTSUS: 29400060
- Aromatic amino acid HTSUS: 29224926





## **Botanicals**

Stevia Extract - HTSUS: 29389000

Because we know that certain of these ingredients can also be used in the production of some pharmaceutical products, we submit these comments to bring this dual use to produce very different products to your attention and to be part of the study record. We ask that the ingredients above from Annex II and other healthful supplements not be inadvertently swept into the 232 investigation and therefore unintentionally be made subject to any forthcoming tariffs that could threaten Americans' ready and affordable access to these critical nutrients. These ingredients when used in the production of dietary supplements should be excluded from these 232 investigations.

We greatly appreciate the Trump Administration's focus on Making America Healthy Again and recognition of the key role that critical vitamins and other nutrients play in helping Americans maintain and improve their health. LifeVantage stands ready to provide any additional information or clarifications the Department finds necessary as it undertakes this study.

Cordially,

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