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NSF Standard(s) Impacted**: NSF/ANSI 173**

Issue Statement:
Provide a concise statement of the issue, which reference as appropriate any specific section(s) of the standard(s) that are related to the issue.

Due to the increase in the number of dietary supplements that contain caffeine, coupled with the increasing amounts of caffeine being added, there is a need to set a limit and verify the amount of caffeine present.

Background:
Provide a brief background statement indicating the cause and nature of concern, the impacts identified relevant to public health, public understanding, etc, and any other reason why the issue should be considered by the Committee.

After reviewing data, as well as policies, of other groups such as Health Canada, AHPA and EFSA, NSF has determined that a caffeine limit of 200 mg/serving is appropriate. Also, for products that recommend multiple doses per day, a limit of 400 mg/day is being recommended, as it has not been associated with adverse effects in the general population.
See attachments for background information.

Recommendation:
If action by the Joint Committee is being requested, clearly state what action is needed: e.g., recommended changes to the standard(s) including the current text of the relevant section(s) indicating deletions by use of ~~strike-out~~ and additions by highlighting or underlining; e.g., reference of the issue to a Task Force for detailed consideration; etc. If recommended text changes are more than a half page, please attach a separate document.

5.6 Caffeine

Supplements containing caffeine or making a caffeine claim shall be tested to verify the label claim is correct and that the recommended dose does not exceed 200 mg/serving. For products that suggest multiple daily doses, a daily limit of 400 mg/day is the maximum allowed under this standard.

Supplementary Materials (photographs, diagrams, reports, etc.):
If not provided electronically, the submitter will be responsible to have sufficient copies to distribute to committee members.

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