



TO: Joint Committee on Dietary Supplements

FROM: Paula Brown, Chairperson

DATE: April 18, 2017

SUBJECT: Proposed revision to NSF/ANSI 173 – *Dietary Supplements* (173i64r1)

On behalf of the issue proponent, Julie Brickel, enclosed is ballot draft 1 for NSF/ANSI 173, Issue 64 – Probiotic Labeling. Please review the proposal and return your ballot **by the due date of May 9, 2017** via the NSF Online Workspace.

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Purpose

This ballot will add labeling requirements for products or ingredients containing probiotics under Section 4.

Background

Within Standard 173, there are currently no labeling requirements for products and ingredients containing probiotics, and the number of products and ingredients containing probiotics submitted for Certification continues to increase. Guidelines and requirements including FDA's NDI Draft Guidance, Health Canada, The International Probiotics Association and The Joint FAO/WHO Working Group were reviewed and utilized to draft the proposed language.

Public Health Impact

These changes will have no negative impact on public health.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

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NSF International Standard for Dietary Supplements —

Dietary supplements

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4 Labeling and literature requirements

4.X Probiotics

For products and ingredients containing probiotics, the following information must be present on the label:

— Colony Forming Units (CFU) count of each live microorganism at the time of the product or ingredient's expiration;

— Total CFU count of probiotic blends (live microorganisms cultured together) at the time of the product or ingredient's expiration is acceptable

— storage direction; and

— identification of the bacteria including genus, species, and strain based on widely accepted nomenclature. If a trademarked name is used to identify the bacteria, the actual genus, species, and strain should also be included on the label.

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