



June 28, 2017

Cicely Simpson  
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Dear Ms. Simpson:

This responds to your letter, dated June 8, 2017, in which the National Restaurant Association requested a 60-day extension of the comment period regarding the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) interim final rule titled, "Food Labeling; Nutrition Labeling of Standard Menu Items in Restaurants and Similar Retail Food Establishments; Extension of Compliance Date; Request for Comments" (82 FR 20825, May 4, 2017). Your letter stated that the interim final rule "properly raises a host of issues that warrant review and reconsideration, particularly with respect to flexibility and ensuring a range of means by which consumers can access calorie and other nutrition information" and that FDA had raised a series of complex questions on various topics (Letter from Cicely Simpson, National Restaurant Association, at pages 1-2). It also indicated that the National Restaurant Association has begun a process for developing comments on behalf of its membership, but that it would be "nearly impossible" to prepare comments without a 60-day extension (id., at page 2).

We appreciate your interest in this matter and are granting a 30-day extension of the comment period. The interim final rule and its 30-day extension will provide an additional comment period of 90 days. We will announce the extension of the comment period through the *Federal Register*.

Sincerely,

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