



June 8, 2010

Ms. Carol Monahan-Cummings
Chief Counsel
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
California Environmental Protection Agency
P.O. Box 4010
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Ms. Monahan-Cummings:

The California League of Food Processors (CLFP) is a statewide non-profit association that represents food processors with production facilities in California. The membership includes firms involved with canning, freezing, or drying a wide array of fruit and vegetable products.

The CLFP recognizes the continuing efforts being made by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) regarding its proposed Proposition 65 food warning regulations and appreciates the opportunity to comment on the most recent changes to the pre-regulatory draft proposal dated May 17, 2010.

We are concerned, however, about the short deadline to provide comments. While we appreciate OEHHA's extension from June 1 to June 15, 2010, we still feel this is insufficient time to have our members review the proposal and provide feedback. Therefore, CLFP respectfully requests that OEHHA extend its comment period deadline to August 1, 2010 to give the food industry sufficient time to fully analyze the proposal and provide meaningful comments.

CLFP continues to support OEHHA in its efforts to develop new regulations governing safe harbor options for foods sold in retail settings. Unfortunately, there are still a number of outstanding issues that need to be dealt with to assure that any new regulations do not discourage manufacturers and retailers from participation. It is our sincere hope that OEHHA will grant us an extension so we can provide constructive comments that will help move the process forward.

Thank you. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Trudi E. Hughes'.

Trudi Hughes
Government Affairs Executive