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Dear

food standards

I write regarding the Executive Summary for APPLICATION A1039 LOW THC HEMP AS A FOOD

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In your Executive Summary you seem more concerned about moral standards and continuing to support a damaging war on drugs which is destroying the lives of thousands if not millions of people worldwide than the actual food value of the product your supposed to be assessing.

Your are not the moral standards or religious puritan society you are food-standards and my taxes directed by government to support your work are not intended for you to moralize over foods. An avacardo may remind someone of a testicles and bacon is not a halal food but can you please leave such concerns to religious groups or their individual members to worry about. Your job should be primarily concerned about food safety and nutrition what you are actually paid for so please do your job.

Your job as assessing the the value and safety of Low THC Hemp as a food it's as simple as that.

There are several problems in your highly biased and off topic executive summary.

Why this Insistence that seed be de-hulled or made inviable ?

I have several queries i would like answered 1.

Many people soak seeds to increase enzymatic activity, or even to provide sprouts to produce a higher nutrition product for example alfalfa sprouts, wheat grass , mung bean sprouts etc why should that be prevented don't you care about people's health needs. ?

2. Many nutrients and much of the fiber is principally located in the hull yet you seem completely unconcerned about the loss of nutrition which would result from such a practice as hulling why is that. ?

You also seem unconcerned about the the cost to apply this extra processing and the additional packaging and storage necessary after removing the natural protective seed coating which would all ultimately increase the cost of this food thus denying some people access to a nutritious whole health food.

Also the higher rate of degradation /spoilage of hulled seeds can increase bacteria, fungi or other possible food poisoning risks to the public no mention of this either.

As for seeds content even the medicinal/recreational drug variety of seeds are practically free of psychoactive chemicals , yet you seem more concerned about law enforcement concerns than doing your job. !

Hemp Seed product's of all types both unrefined and processed are clearly safe for human consumption and thus all hemp seed products should be allowed and available for human consumption without restriction.

Cheers