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Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Docket No. FDA-2025-N-1733 for "Tool for the Prioritization of Food Chemicals for Post-Market Assessment"

To Whom It May Concern:

The undersigned organizations are members of the Food and Beverage Issue Alliance (FBIA), a coalition of food and beverage trade associations that are writing to respectfully request an extension to the comment period on FDA-2025-N-1733 for "Tool for the Prioritization of Food Chemicals for Post-Market Assessment," which was published in the *Federal Register* on June 18, 2025, by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). As stakeholders in this process, we have a vested interest in promoting safe, science-based practices for food substances, including chemicals in food.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback through comments on this important topic. However, we respectfully request an extension of an additional 60 days, with a new comment deadline of September 17, 2025.

As the current deadline for comments approaches, we would like to highlight several significant challenges that impact our ability to provide thorough, well-informed feedback. There was not a Notice published in the Federal Register, like there was for Docket Number FDA-2014-D-0055 for "Development of an Enhanced Systematic Process for FDA's Post-Market Assessment of Chemicals in Food" which hindered the prompt notification to many organizations – associations and their member companies alike. Moreover, there are two U.S. federal holidays during the original 30-day period – Juneteenth (June 19) and Independence Day (July 4). Most employers provide both of these federal holidays as company holidays for their employees, or at the very least Independence Day. Additionally, the business days surrounding Independence Day are a common time for scheduled employee leave, which may limit stakeholder capacity to provide substantive input. This further limits the time and ability for organizations to gather feedback from our member companies and other stakeholders to prepare thorough and meaningful feedback to the 17 questions posed by the FDA.

Thank you for your consideration of our request to extend the comment period.

Sincerely,

American Bakers Association
Alliance for Chemical Distribution
American Frozen Food Institute
American Herbal Products Association

American Spice Trade Association
Calorie Control Council
Corn Refiners Association
Council for Responsible Nutrition
Edible Oil Producers Association
FMI – The Food Industry Association
Independent Bakers Association
International Dairy Foods Association
International Food Additives Council
National Fisheries Institute
National Confectioners Association
National Pasta Association
National Seasoning Manufacturers Association
North American Millers' Association
Refrigerated Foods Association
USA Rice