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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make the following comments after studying the discussion paper. I consider reorganisation in the field of functional claims to be extremely important. There is no doubt that health and well-being can be affected by nutrition and food ingredients, and it should be possible for this also to be made clear. In this respect Europe is very much lagging behind Japan and the USA. Scientifically-founded claims relating to health or disease risks must also be legalised here. Please support the authorisation in Europe of claims which have long been used in other countries. The European food industry will lose out on the enormous market potential unless the framework legislative conditions for the marketing of functional foods are optimised.

Yours faithfully

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