[Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis  
Commissioner for Health & Food Safety  
European Commission  
Rue de la Loi / Wetstraat 200  
049 Brussels  
Belgium

Email: [cab-andriukaitis-webpage@ec.europa.eu](mailto:cab-andriukaitis-webpage@ec.europa.eu)] [OR DETAILS OF MEP]

[INSERT DATE]

Dear Commissioner Andriukaitis [OR NAME OF MEP]

**RE DRAFT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION (SANTE/7036/2017) AND ACTION 23 RELATING TO ONLINE SALES OF FOOD SUPPLEMENTS**

As a health-aware EU citizen who regularly buys supplements online, I am writing to express my deep concern about how my freedom of choice might be impacted if the draft Commission Recommendation on a coordinated control plan on the official control of certain foods marketed through the Internet (SANTE/7036/2017) is finalised in its present form. I am also concerned about the Commission’s associated Action 23 on the enforcement of EU agri-food legislation on internet sales and consumer information.

I urge that you make revisions to the proposed Recommendation to ensure the following:

1. Prevent unnecessary confusion and uncertainty through the misuse of ‘soft law’ that contravenes the European Parliament’s resolution (P6\_TA-PROV(2007)0366)Avoid focusing on novel food ingredients that pose no significant risk to public health
2. Focus instead on commercial products that pose a genuine and significant public health risk (e.g. those identified by RASFF)
3. Recognise the extensive EU case law that focuses on whole products, not ingredients within them
4. Amend the Novel Food Regulation by revising the arbitrary cut-off date of 15 May 1997 that now acts as a disproportionate and protectionist barrier to freedom of choice by EU citizens
5. Remove the requirement for online sellers to have quality seals as this is disproportionate and places a burden on online sellers that exceeds those of offline retail outlets
6. Enforcement actions by EU member states should be prioritised according to the genuine public health risk posed by commercial products
7. The draft recommendation should be amended taking into account the above concerns.

I hope that you will consider the issues raised in this letter as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely