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Revised 'Dietary Guidelines' available through USDA, HHS

The second edition of Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans was released by Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block in late September. The revised edition is based on recommendations made by a nine-member advisory committee chosen by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Copies are available from: Dietary Guidelines, Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, CO 81009; National Health Information Clearinghouse, PO Box 1133, Washington, D.C. 20013-1133; Public Affairs Office, Food and Drug Administration, HFE-88, 5600 Fishers Ln., Rockville, MD 20851.

Nutrition labeling bill introduced in U.S. Senate

Fat and sodium content of all packaged foods would be required on nutrition labeling under legislation proposed in late September in the U.S. Senate. Senators Paula Hawkins of Florida and Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio said the proposal was aimed at prevention of cardiovascular disease. The proposed legislation would require listing cholesterol and potassium, as well as fat by type (saturated, unsaturated and monounsaturated) and common name.

Castor oil hearing postponed until Dec. 18

The U.S. International Trade Commission in October revised the schedule for its antidumping investigation concerning hydrogenated castor oil and 12-hydroxystearic acid imported from Brazil. A hearing on the matter now is scheduled for December 18 in Room 331, U.S. International Trade Commission Building, Washington. Deadline for filing comments is Dec. 27, 1985.

