

FDA Has Not Eliminated Butylated Hydroxyanisole as an Acceptable Food Additive

Sir,

I am writing to correct a statement included in the paper "Flavonoids as Stabilizers of Fish Oil: An Alternative to Synthetic Antioxidants" by S. Nieto *et al.* (1) from the 1993 issue of the *Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society*.

The authors state that butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA) was ruled out as a GRAS (generally recognized as safe) substance by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). On the contrary, the FDA has not changed the status of BHA. According to the most recent U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, "BHA, alone or in combination with other antioxidants is permitted" (2). The regulation also lists the amounts of BHA permitted in various food types.

REFERENCES

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2. *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations*, April 1, 1991 edn., Title 21, Ch. 1, Sections 172.110 and 182.3169.

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