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Ms. Cheng  
Taiwan Food and Drug Administration

Dear Ms. Cheng,

Thank you in advance for your time. I am writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals—PETA entities have more than 10.4 million members and supporters globally. We would like to express our gratitude for the Taiwan Food and Drug Administration’s (TFDA) continued efforts in eliminating animal testing from the health food efficacy regulations, and we would like to encourage you to finalize the draft regulations, the “Efficacy Assessment Method of Health Food for Modulating Blood Lipid” and the “Efficacy Assessment Method of Health Food for Modulating Blood Sugar” in their current forms.

Previously, the former regulation instructed experimenters to feed hamsters a high-cholesterol diet to induce hyperlipidemia, repeatedly force-feed them the test food, starve them for at least 12 hours, and repeatedly take their blood. The latter regulation instructed experimenters to use genetically-modified mice born with diabetes or inject rats with a drug to induce diabetes, repeatedly force-feed them the test food, repeatedly starve them, repeatedly force-feed or inject them with glucose, and repeatedly take their blood. TFDA has done the right thing in proposing the removal of these recommendations in favor of superior, human-relevant research, which is the compassionate and scientifically advantageous thing to do.

If TFDA ever needs assistance with modernizing regulations or has any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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