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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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In Re: Vitamins Antitrust Litigation : Misc. No. 99-0197 (TFH)

: MDL No. 1285

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

NBTY, Inc., Rexall Sundown, Inc., Twin Laboratories, Inc., and : Case No. 99-CV-2372 (E.D.N.Y.)

Cambr Company, Inc., f/k/a Solgar Vitamin & Herb Company v. :

F. Hoffmann-LaRoche, Ltd., et al. :

Perrigo Company, et. al. v. F. Hoffmann-LaRoche Ltd., et al. : Case No. 99-CV-2411 (W.D. Mich.)

Natural Alternatives International, Inc., Nutraceutical : Case No. 99-CV-2682 (S.D. Cal.)

Corporation, Makers of Kal, Inc., and Weider Nutrition Group, :

Inc. v. F. Hoffmann-LaRoche Ltd. et al. :

Leiner Health Products Inc. v. F. Hoffmann-LaRoche Ltd., et al. : Case No. 99-CV-3047 (C.D. Cal.)

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IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the undersigned attorneys that the time for defendant E. Merck and Merck KGaA to answer, move or otherwise respond to the Complaint in the above-captioned action is hereby extended to and including May 15, 2000.

This Stipulation does not waive any defense, including the defense of lack of personal jurisdiction and inadequate service of process under the Hague Convention.

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The Honorable Thomas F. Hogan, U.S.D.J.
4/25/2000