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## **U.N. COMMITTEE MEETING IN JULY COULD REDEFINE VITAMINS & SUPPLEMENTS SOLD IN THE U.S. AS “DRUGS” AFFECTING BOTH PRICE & AVAILABILITY**

**Nationally-Respected Nutritionist Majid Ali Urges All Americans To Get Involved:  
“This is the one issue that truly affects all of us!”**

With news focused on the recent tsunami and the Iraq War, it's not surprising that most Americans are unaware that moves being made by the committee that determines supplement and vitamin standards for the United Nations can affect our lives more profoundly than either of those two events. It is as chilling as a science fiction scenario to realize that the basic American right to choose what supplements or vitamins you take may no longer be your own decision.

Nationally respected supplement expert and certified nutritionist Majid Ali, L.Ac., of Santa Monica, California, is understandably outraged, and indeed fears for his patients' basic health, basic rights as U.S. citizens, and for their pocketbooks.

“How,” Majid asks with clear and compelling logic, “can any organization be given this amount of power to tell individual Americans what to do with their health?”

The group that determines the vitamin and supplement standards for the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) is the Codex Alimentarius Commission, and their next scheduled meeting is in Rome this July. A review of the record of their last meeting in November in Germany, reveals that the committee is suggesting that the definition of what is a drug and what is a vitamin should be changed.

“Among the changes that scare me as a health professional with a large client base,” Majid continues, “is that they are pushing to make it the law that no supplement can be sold for preventive or therapeutic use, and any potency higher than RDA (Recommended Daily Allowance) will place a supplement in the ‘drug’ category. That definition would mean that for you to get the supplement you want, it must be manufactured by a drug company and must be available by prescription only. This process will ban more than 5000 safe items currently on sale in health food stores and drug stores and supermarkets all over the U.S.!”

But there is some recent history that may help to impede this nightmare. In 1993, the FDA tried to put all supplements and vitamins under restriction, but over four million angered Americans demanded that Congress and the President protect their freedom. As a result, the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act passed in 1994.

But, as Majid reminds us, “we’re going to need a huge protest by the people this will affect, and that means ALL Americans. The issue is that the health of the world should be based on the health of people, and not based on the financial health of large pharmaceutical companies who are the ones who stand to make billions more by marketing vitamins and supplements as ‘drugs.’ This is one issue that affects every American.”

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