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Article 5 to set vitamin dosage

Article 5 of the vitamin directive will determine how much potency levels will be restricted, based on pseudo-scientific risk-assessment models with zero-tolerance for side-effects. UK’s Alliance for Natural Health (formerly Free Choice in Supplements Alliance) is working to impact the implementation of Article 5. They are also considering challenging the directive legally and have a good PR firm and a lobbying team in Brussels working with them. This Alliance is supported by an association of alternative practitioners in England who are very concerned about this directive. The Alliance for Natural Health is

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Alliances fighting EU Vitamin Directive

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Life Extension Foundation (LEF) at: www.lef.org

LaLeva di Archimede (Italy) at: www.lavela.cc

For more information

International Council For Health Freedom, Massive E-Mail Bliz Fails To Stop EU’s Approval of Drug Company-Backed Supplements Control, pages 10 & 11, Fall 2002, <http://www.ichf.net>

“On The Hour of the Time,”(Radio program),<http://www.williamcooper.com>

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What you can do:

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