DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 17-628/S-067
NDA 18-084/S-051

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Attention: Kathleen F. Dusek, R.Ph., RAC
Associate Director, Regulatory Affairs

Dear Ms. Dusek:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug applications dated January 17, 2006, received January 18, 2006, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for TOLECTIN 9tolmetin sodium Tablets and TOLECTIN DS (tolemetin sodium) Capsules.

These supplemental new drug applications were submitted in response to the Agency's letter dated June 14, 2005, requiring class labeling language for all non-selective non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDS), to include a boxed warning to address possible cardiovascular risks as well as known gastrointestinal risks, revised **CONTRAINDICATIONS, WARNINGS** and **PRECAUTIONS** sections of the package insert, and a **MedGuide** for NSAIDS.

We have completed our review of these applications, as amended, and they are approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the agreed-upon labeling text.

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical, and include the revisions indicated, to the enclosed labeling text for the package insert. The revisions were agreed upon during our teleconference on February 8, 2006. These revisions are terms of the approval of this application.

Please submit an electronic version of the FPL according to the guidance for industry titled *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format - NDA.* Alternatively, you may submit 20 paper copies of the FPL as soon as it is available but no more than 30 days after it is printed. Individually mount 15 of the copies on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, designate these submissions "**FPL for approved supplement NDA 17-628/S-067, NDA 18-084/S-051**." Approval of these submissions by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

If you issue a letter communicating important information about this drug product (i.e., a "Dear Health Care Professional" letter), we request that you submit a copy of the letter to this NDA and a copy to the following address:

MEDWATCH
Food and Drug Administration
WO 22, Room 4447
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002

We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved NDA (21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81).

If you have any questions, call Kimberly Compton, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-1191.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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