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## **ABA Enthusiastic over House Passage of National Uniformity for Food Act -Major Victory for Consumers**

March 8, 2006 - Washington, D.C. The American Bakers Association applauds the U.S. House of Representatives for their passage today of H.R. 4167, the National Uniformity for Food Act by a vote of 283-139. "ABA has worked diligently for passage of this priority legislation," said Robb MacKie, ABA President and CEO.

H.R. 4167 was introduced by Congressmen Mike Rogers (R-MI) and Edolphus Towns (D-NY), and was supported by 225 bi-partisan co-sponsors and is a common-sense piece of legislation that will help consumers make educated decisions for themselves and their families in an ever-changing and currently confusing food labeling environment. Consumers deserve a single standard when it comes to food safety, and this bill will allow states and the FDA to work collaboratively in establishing sound food safety policies that benefit, not confuse, consumers.

"The National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005 is a top priority for the American Bakers Association and its membership, and we thank our members for their strong grassroots support through communications to members of the House of Representatives. ABA's efforts, along with the efforts of the other Coalition members, have made this victory in the House of Representatives possible for the entire food industry team. We look forward to continuing our campaign as we now shift our efforts to the Senate as they consider this legislation," said Lee Sanders, ABA Senior Vice President, Government Relations and Public Affairs.

"This legislation recognizes that it makes no sense to have different states adopting different regulatory requirements for identical food products. H.R. 4167 will provide consumers with a single set of consistent, science-based food safety regulations in all 50 states," concluded Mr. MacKie.

*For over 100 years, ABA has represented the interests of the wholesale baking industry and its suppliers - companies that work to provide over 80 percent of the wholesome and nutritious bakery products purchased by American consumers.*

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