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Re: Docket No. 98P-0610/CP1

Dear Dr. Seidman:

I am writing to inform you that the Food and Drug Administration has not yet resolved the issues raised in your citizen petition submitted on July 24, 1998. Your petition requests that the Agency convert Allegra, Allegra-D, Claritin, Claritin-D, Claritin-D 24 Hour, Claritin-DS, Claritin Syrup, Zyrtec, and Zyrtec Syrup to over-the-counter status.

FDA has been unable to reach a decision on your petition because it raises complex issues requiring extensive review and analysis by Agency officials. This interim response is provided in accordance with FDA regulations on citizen petitions (21 CFR 10.30(e)(2)). We will respond to your petition as soon as we have reached a decision on your request.

Sincerely yours,

Janet Woodcock, M.D.
Director
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