



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville MD 20857

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April 02, 2002

Dr. Sidney M. Wolfe
Public Citizen
1600 20th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009-1001

Dear Dr. Wolfe:

Your petition requesting the Food and Drug Administration to immediately remove from the market Arava (leflunomide; Aventis), a drug for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, was received by our office on 04/01/02. It was assigned docket number 02P-0139/CP 1 and it was filed on 04/02/02. Please refer to this docket number in future correspondence on this subject with the Agency

Please note that the acceptance of the petition for filing is a procedural matter in that it in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

Sincerely,

Lyle D. Gaffe

Dockets Management Branch

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