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Dear Ms. Goodrum:

This is in response to your letter of November 3, 1999, regarding the labeling of "flavoring ingredients." We regret the delay in responding.

In your letter you stated that you would like the Food and Drug Administration to promulgate a new food labeling rule that would require companies to identify when there is a meat, poultry, seafood, egg, or dairy product within flavoring ingredients. You specifically expressed that clear labeling is necessary so that consumers can avoid consuming foods that violate their ethical and religious principles.

We thank you for your interest in this matter. We would like to point out that we have a petition (Docket # 99P-5106) from the Vegetarian Legal Action Network that requests us to amend the regulations to require manufacturers to disclose the sources of their natural flavorings, e.g., "natural flavor from beef, pork, poultry, fish, shellfish, eggs, dairy products, other animal sources, peanuts, treenuts, wheat and soy." We will forward a copy of your letter to our Dockets Management Branch to be included with other letters responding to the petition. We will consider all comments before making a final decision.

Sincerely yours,

Loretta A. Carey
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Dear Dr. Henney:

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FARM is a national, nonprofit organization whose mission is to expose the negative impacts of modern animal agriculture on human health, the environment, and family farmers, as well as the atrocities committed against 9.4 billion farm animals each year. Our members generally avoid consuming, wearing or otherwise using the products of factory farming for a variety of reasons. For those with ethical and religious objections to factory farming, the presence of even trivial amounts of animal-based ingredients in food products can be offensive.

We would like to see the Food and Drug Administration promulgate a new food labeling rule that would require companies to identify when there is a meat, poultry, seafood, egg, or dairy product within flavoring ingredients. Clear labeling is necessary so that our members can avoid consuming foods that violate their ethical and religious principles.

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