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November 21, 2002

Mr. Carlos T. Angulo
Zuckerman Spaeder LLP Corp.
on behalf of Andrx Pharmaceutical Corp.
1201 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Angulo:

Your petition requesting the Food and Drug Administration for denial of OTC Status to Omeprazole Magnesium (brand name Prilosec1), was received by our office on 11/20/02. It was assigned docket number 02P-0493/CP 1 and it was filed on 11/21/02. 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. Jaffe
Dockets Management Branch

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