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Food and Drug Administration
7200 Lake Ellenor Drive
Orlando, FL 32809

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ref: FDA Sample No. 3108372
Customs Entry No. G43-0027012-6
Fresh Uniq Fruit (Grapefruit)

WARNING LETTER

FLA-97-23

February 14, 1997

Judy Chong, Owner
W. C. International, Inc.
9343 State Road 7
Boynton Beach, Florida 33437

Dear Ms. Chong:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) attempted to examine a shipment of fresh uniq fruit (grapefruit) offered for entry into the United States by your firm on December 9, 1996, under the above referenced entry, and found that the shipment was not available for examination. Regulation Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1.90, requires to hold an entry intact pending receipt of a "May Proceed Notice" or "Release Notice" from FDA. We have requested the U. S. Customs Service (Customs) to order redelivery of this shipment (copy enclosed).

Failure to promptly correct this violation and prevent future violations may result in regulatory action without further notice such as seizure, injunction or automatic detention of future shipments. It is your responsibility, as the importer, to ensure that imported products meet all requirements of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

We request a response in writing within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this letter of the specific steps you have taken to correct the violation, including an explanation of each step being taken to prevent the recurrence of the violation. In addition, you should inform Customs and FDA if and when redelivery is accomplished. We advised you previously of a similar violation to hold an entry of papayas in a letter dated May 17, 1994.

Ms. Judy Chong
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Your written reply should be addressed to the Food and Drug Administration, Attention: Michael R. Duran, Compliance Officer, P. O. Box 59-2256, Miami, Florida 33159-2256.

Sincerely,



Douglas D. Tolen
Director, Florida District

Enclosure