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Mr. Alan D. Kirsch  
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Dear Mr. Kirsch:

Your petition in behalf of CTS Chemical Industries Ltd., Petach Tikva Israel 61000 requesting the Food and Drug Administration to issue a regulation to classify echinacea extract as a GRAS ingredient for use as a technical formulation aid, was received by this office on 09/11/00. It was assigned docket number 00P-1510/CP1 and it was filed on 09/11/00. 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,

Helen K. Harris  
Dockets Management Branch

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