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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am interested in the FDA requiring that there be readable expiration dates on all food products. Let me give you an example of what I mean. I have to figure out when certain brands of cookies were made by decoding a series of numbers which then informs me that the cookies were made on the 283rd day of such and such year, etc. This is ridiculous and time-consuming. Also, there are some products, like certain brands of tacos, that have a clearly marked expiration date once the box is opened! The date is on an inside flap which means that I have had to return some boxes of Tacos because they either passed their expiration date or were close to it (and, therefore, the food is not as fresh).

The date of expiration should be clearly marked on the outside of the product.

I would ask that someone respond to my letter.

Respectfully,



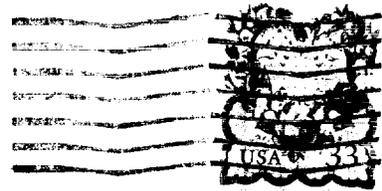
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