



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville MD 20857

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Roger A. Kindler, General Counsel
Paul J. Tanis, Assistant General Counsel
The Humane Society of the United States
2100 L Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Mr. Kindler and Mr. Tanis:

Your petition requesting the Food and Drug Administration to amend the current regulation banning the sale of small turtles was received by this office on 03/13/00. It was assigned docket number OOP-1077/CP 1 and it was filed on 03/13/00. 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,

Lyle D. Jaffe
Dockets Management Branch

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