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Dear Dr. Seidman:

Your petition requesting the Food and Drug Administration to expedite over-the-counter approval for Desloratidine was received by this office on 04/17/02. It was assigned docket number 02P-0163/CP 1 and it was filed on 04/17/02. 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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