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Re: Docket No. 2005P-0293

Dear Dr. Getoff:

This letter responds to your citizen petition dated May 15, 2005 requesting that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amend its labeling regulations in Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR) Part 101 to preclude the declaration of beta carotenes in foods as vitamin A.

In accordance with 21 CFR § 10.30(e)(2), this letter is to advise you that we have not been able to reach a decision on your petition within the first 180 days of its receipt because of other Agency priorities and the limited availability of resources.

Sincerely yours,

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Director  
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