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Mr. Erik Jansson  
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Department of the Planet Earth  
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Re: Docket No. 2005P-0377/CP 1

Dear Mr. Jansson:

This letter is in response to the citizen petition you submitted that was filed on September 14, 2005, requesting that the Food and Drug Administration rescind the Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) status of aluminum-based substances listed in 21 CFR Part 182. You also ask FDA to investigate the affect other food ingredients have on the absorption of aluminum.

The purpose of this response is to advise you, in accordance with 21 CFR 10.30(e), that we have not reached a decision on your petition within 180 days of the filing of the petition because of the limited availability of resources and other agency priorities.

Sincerely yours,

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