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Michael F. Jacobson, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Jacobson:

Your petition requesting the Food and Drug Administration take action regarding cochineal extract and carmine color additives, was received by this office on 08/25/98. It was assigned docket number 98P-0724/CP1. It was filed on 08/27/98. 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lyle D. Jaffe".

Lyle D. Jaffe
Dockets Management Branch

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