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Dear Professor Regenstein:

This responds to your letter of September 3, 1998, expressing support of the effort to provide specific labeling of the presence of cochineal and or carmine when it is used as a color additive in foods. Thank you for your comments and perspective on this issue. FDA has been reviewing the existing information on the allergen icity of this color additive. In addition, as you may know, the Center for Science in the Public Interest has filed a citizen petition with FDA requesting such an action as well as several other actions. Your letter has been placed in the Docket for the CSPI petition (Docket #98P-0724/CP1) and your comments will be considered in any action we take to address this issue.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Office of Premarket Approval
Center for Food Safety
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