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Dear Mr. Guerra:

On May 5, 2000, you sent a request to Dr. Catherine Carnevale, Director of the Office of Constituent Operations, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). In this request, you outlined the history of the pesticide residue control program for the export of Clementines and other mandarins from Spain to the United States of America. You also enclosed the Collaboration Program for the 2000/20001 campaign.

On behalf of FDA, it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge your Collaboration Program entitled, "Export of Clementines and other Mandarins to the U.S.A., Collaboration Program USA - Spain on pesticide residue control." Past efforts on behalf of the Spanish Government have been largely successful in preventing exports to the U.S. of clementines and other mandarins containing illegal pesticide residues, and FDA acknowledges this success.

Although FDA does not intend the Program to be a binding agreement, FDA looks forward to the continuing success of this Program.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Commissioner  
for International and Constituent Relations

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