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Dear Dr. Wolfe:

Your petition requesting the Food and Drug Administration for the immediate ban of the prescription diet drug Meridia (sibutramine) was received by this office on 03/22/02. It was assigned docket number 02P-0120/CP 1 and it was filed on 03/22/02. 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,



Lyle D. Jaffe  
Dockets Management Branch

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