



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration  
Rockville MD 20857

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Dear Ms. Klasmeir:

Your petition submitted on behalf of the National Cheese Institute, Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., and National Food Processors Association, requesting the Food and Drug Administration to Amend 21 C.F.R Pt 133.3 to recognize formally that filtered milk is a form of milk encompassed by the terms "milk" and "nonfat milk" under the standards of identity for cheese and cheese products, was received by this office on 02/11/00. It was assigned docket number 00P-0586/CP 1 and it was filed on 02/11/00. 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,

  
Gloria Ortega  
Dockets Management Branch

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