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Ms. Fran Stevens
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Docket No. 99P-2148/CP

Dear Ms. Stevens:

This refers to your citizen petition, filed June 28, 1999, requesting that the Food and Drug Administration amend its food labeling regulations to require declaration of the source of certain ingredients and to require the specific ingredient listing of spices and natural and artificial flavors on the label. The requested action would amend Title 21 CFR 101.4(a)(1), and Title 21 CFR 101.22(h)(1) and (h)(2) to require the source following the ingredient declaration of modified food starch, natural flavorings, artificial flavorings, or a general declaration of sources of any ingredients that are not listed. Alternatively, the petition requests that the above cited ingredients be declared by a more specific term.

In accordance with 21 CFR 10.30(e)(2), this letter is to advise you that we have not been able to reach a decision on your petition within the first 180 days of its receipt because of other Agency priorities and the limited availability of resources.

Sincerely yours,

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