

September 19, 2022

Harry Duty 3697 Family Circle Vernon, FL 32462

Re: Docket No. FDA-2022-P-0405

Dear Mr. Duty:

This is a tentative response to the Citizen Petition (FDA-2022-P-0405) filed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on March 22, 2022.

The petition requests that FDA-CVM "open the regulatory term 'corn protein meal' for public comment as required by § 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act, and in accordance with 21 C.F.R. § 10.30(b)."

Pursuant to the administrative regulations at 21 CFR 10.30, FDA is required to respond to your petition within 180 days. FDA is currently considering the issues raised by your citizen petition; however, the Agency will require additional time to issue a final response.

As we consider the issues raised in your petition, we want you to know that we are aware of the increased public interest in animal food and animal food ingredients over the past several years. We are also aware that there is a desire on the part of stakeholders to be heard on a variety of animal food topics. While no firm decision has been made on topics or timing, we do intend to continue to hold public meetings that could begin as soon as the end of this year to discuss various issues surrounding animal food and animal food ingredients and to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to provide input. Details regarding specific public meetings will be published on our website along with instructions on how to participate in the meeting.

FDA will issue a final response to your citizen petition after completing the analyses of all the issues raised in the petition.

Sincerely,

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