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Re: Docket No. FDA-2013-P-0217/CP1

Dear Dr. Jacobson:

This refers to your citizen petition received on February 20, 2013 and filed on February 20, 2013, under docket number FDA-2013-P-0217/CP1, requesting that FDA take action as necessary to ensure the safe use of various caloric sweeteners (collectively, "added sugars") that are added to certain beverage and other foods.

The purpose of this response is to advise you, in accordance with 21 CFR 10.30(e)(2), that we have not reached a decision on your petition within the first 180 days due to competing agency priorities.

We will contact you again when our review has been completed, at which time we will inform you of the actions, if any, the Agency decides are appropriate in response to your petition. In the interim, you and other interested parties may continue to submit additional supplemental materials for Agency consideration to the docket number referenced above.

Sincerely,

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