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Re: Docket No. 2006P-0498/CP1

Dear Dr. Jacobson:

This letter is in response to your petition (2006P-0498/CP1), filed on December 5, 2006, requesting the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to issue an advance notice of proposed rulemaking regarding the use of symbols on the principal display panel that would communicate the healthfulness of foods.

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. We will complete our review of your petition and consider any amendments to our regulations as warranted and in the context of other program priorities within the Center.

Should you have additional questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Barbara O. Schneeman, Ph.D.

Director

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