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Dear Petitioner:

Your petition to the Food and Drug Administration requesting that the Commissioner modify section 21 CFR § 112.44 (a)(2) and section 21 CFR § 112.43 (b) of subpart E in Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) was received by this office on 04/08/2019.

It was assigned docket number FDA-2019-P-1781. 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,

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