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Dear Dr. Flynn:

Thank you for your letter of October 21, 2020, in which you ask the Food and Drug Administration (FDA or the Agency) to adopt a standard of identity for olive oil. Your letter was referred to me for response.

FDA has received two citizen petitions requesting a standard of identity for olive oil. FDA received one citizen petition from the American Olive Oil Producers Association (FDA-2019-P-5191) in November 2019 and another citizen petition from the North American Olive Oil Association (FDA-2020-P-1423) in May 2020. FDA has met with the olive oil industry several times regarding the possible establishment of standards for olive oil and is reviewing the petitions.

To ensure your comments and information are considered during our review of the petitions, we encourage you to submit your comments to the docket for the petitions. If you wish to include your comments in the docket, you may submit comments via the *Federal eRulemaking Portal*, <https://www.regulations.gov>, by entering the docket number in the search box and following the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically will be posted to the docket unchanged and available to the public at <https://www.regulations.gov>

Thank you, again, for contacting us regarding this matter. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

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