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Dr. Craig Schroeder
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Sent via email to: Craig.Schroeder@bongards.com

Re: Docket No. FDA-2024-P-1570

Dear Mr. Schroeder,

This responds to your citizen petition dated March 26, 2024, under Docket No. FDA-2024-P-1570 requesting that the Food and Drug Administration amend 21 CFR 133.169, 21 CFR 133.173, and 21 CFR 133.179 and related standards of identity linked to the aforementioned standards to allow the use of extra virgin olive oil, in addition to the currently approved lecithin products, as an anti-sticking agent for cheese slices under these standards. We are advising you, in accordance with Title 21 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, section 10.30(e)(2), that we have not been able to reach a decision on your petition within the first 180 days of its receipt, nor as of the date of this letter, because of other agency priorities and the limited availability of resources.

When we complete our review of your petition, we will notify you of our decision. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

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