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Re: Docket No. 2006P-0394/CP 1

Dear Ms. Meier and Ms. Alms:

This letter is in response to your citizen petition, dated September 27, 2006, requesting the Food and Drug Administration to revise the current labeling requirements for shell eggs to provide for certain terms related to egg production.

In accordance with Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations 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 180 days of its receipt because of competing agency priorities and the limited availability of resources. We will complete our review of your petition and consider any

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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 yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara O. Schneeman", written over the "Sincerely yours," text.

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