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Re: RE: Docket FDA-2019-P-1911

Dear Ms. Pelonis and Mr. Drozen:

This letter is in response to your citizen petition (FDA-2019-P-1911) on behalf of Nexira, Ingredion Incorporated and TIC Gums, Alland & Robert, and Importers Service Corporation, received on April 19, 2019 in which you requested that the Food and Drug Administration amend Title 21 of *the Code of Federal Regulations*, section 101.9(c)(6)(i) to include Gum Acacia, also known as gum arabic, in the regulation's list of dietary fibers.

In accordance with Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 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. When we complete our review of your petition, we will notify you of our decision. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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