



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Food and Drug Administration  
Rockville MD 20857

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December 19, 2013

Joseph Funt  
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Dear Mr. Funt:

Your petition to the Food and Drug Administration requesting the Agency to amend the standards of identity for sweet chocolate (21 CFR 163.123), white chocolate ( 163.124), and milk chocolate ( 163.130) to provide for the optional use of shea-based ingredients as alternatives to cacao fat, was received by this office on 11/15/2013. It was assigned docket number FDA-2013-P-1614/CP1, and it was filed on 12/19/2013. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karen Kennard", is positioned above the typed name.

Karen Kennard  
Director  
Division of Dockets Management  
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