



July 22, 2022

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Re: Docket No. FDA-2022-P-0088

Dear Ms. Arthaud:

This letter is in response to your citizen petition (FDA-2022-P-0088) dated January 22, 2022, requesting to the Food and Drug Administration that, “Any food product claiming “natural” on its label should, immediately adjacent to that claim, include a disclaimer stating, in equal font type, color and point size: ‘Natural’ does not imply health benefits or organic production.”

In accordance with Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations, section 10.30(e)(2), this letter is to advise you that we were not 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

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

Sincerely,

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