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Guy H. Johnson, Ph.D.  
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RE: Qualified Health Claim Petition – Yogurt and Reduced Risk of Diabetes

Dear Dr. Johnson:

On March 13, 2019, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) acknowledged receipt of the petition you submitted on behalf of Danone North America, in accordance with the July 10, 2003 Task Force Final Report on the Consumer Health Information for Better Nutrition Initiative and the January 2009 Evidence-Based Review System for the Scientific Evaluation of Health Claims: Guidance for Industry. The petition requested the use of a qualified health claim for the relationship between consumption of yogurt and reduction in the risk of type 2 diabetes mellitus.

In accordance with interim procedures set forth in the aforementioned Task Force Final Report, today we are filing the petition for a qualified health claim for yogurt and reduced risk of diabetes. The petition is posted at <http://www.regulations.gov> and we are accepting comments on it for 60 days. Interested persons may submit comments until June 11, 2019. The Docket number for the petition is FDA-2019-P-1594. Within 165 days after the comment period for the petition closes, we will notify you of our final decision regarding the requested qualified health claim. We have calculated this date to be November 25, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Cherisa Henderson in the Nutrition Programs Staff at 240-402-1581.

Sincerely,

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Director  
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and Food Labeling  
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