



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville MD 20857

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Michael F. Jacobson, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Jacobson:

Your petition to the Food and Drug Administration requesting FDA to take action as necessary to ensure the safe use of various caloric sweeteners (collectively, "added sugars") that are added to certain beverages and other foods, was received by this office on 2/20/2013. It was assigned docket number FDA-2013-P-0217/CP1, and it was filed on 2/20/2013. 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 black ink, reading "Gloria Ortega", is positioned above the typed name.

Gloria Ortega
Administrative Proceedings Officer
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