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Re: Docket No. FDA-2020-P-2357

Dear Mr. Drozen and Ms. Pelonis:

This letter is in response to your citizen petition (FDA-2020-P-2357) received on December 28, 2020, in which you requested that FDA amend the regulation defining “dietary fiber” to add Gum Acacia to the list of “isolated or synthetic non-digestible carbohydrates that have been determined by FDA to have physiological effects that are beneficial to human health and, therefore, shall be included in the calculation of the amount of dietary fiber.”

In accordance with 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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