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Dear Petitioner:

Your petition to the Commissioner of Food and Drug Administration requesting:

- 1) A recall on identified lots of Acetazolamide for injection on the basis that, due to under-potency and excessive impurities in some vials, these drugs are adulterated under Section 501 of the FDCA (21 U.S.C. § 351) and misbranded under Section 502 of the FDCA (21 U.S.C. § 352)
- 2) Conduct examinations and investigation under Section 702(a) of the FDCA (21 U.S.C. § 372(a)) regarding these products, their manufacturing processes, and the manufacturer submissions made for FDA approval under 704(a) of the FDCA (21 U.S.C. § 374(a)) and effect labeling revisions as needed
- 3) Provide information to the public regarding this product under Section 705(b) of the FDCA (21 U.S.C. § 375(b))
- 4) Promulgate regulations requiring robust independent chemical batch-level testing and verification of the chemical content of batches of pharmaceuticals of drugs and, while these regulations are pending, issue guidance requesting such testing and verification was received by this office on 09/30/2020.

It was assigned docket number FDA-2020-P-2033. 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 and in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

Sincerely,

Dynna Bigby  
Supervisory Administrative Proceedings Officer  
Dockets Management Staff  
FDA/Office of Operations (OO)