

April 6, 2020

Ms. Rebecca Coates Executive Director Ontario Ginseng Growers Association Box 587, 1283 Blueline Rd. Simcoe, Ontario N3Y 4N5 Canada

Sent via email to: rebecca.coates@ginsengontario.com

Re: Docket No. FDA-2019-P-5069

Dear Ms. Coates:

This letter is in response to your citizen petition (FDA-2019-P-5069) received on 10/11/2019, in which you requested that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration establish a dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane (DDT) action level of 3 parts per million for ginseng.

In accordance with Title 21 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, section 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,

Mark A.

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