



September 13, 2006

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Dear Dr. Michaels:

Your petition requesting the Food and Drug Administration to cancel the GRAS designation for diacetyl until testing is completed and the results are independently evaluated, was received by this office on 09/12/2006. It was assigned docket number 2006P-0379/CP 1 and it was filed on 09/12/2006. 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 cursive script that reads "Gloria Ortega".

Gloria Ortega
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Office of Management Programs
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