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Bob Goldstein
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Re: Docket Nos. 01P-0290/PRC 1 and 01P-0290/CP 2

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

This letter is in response to your petition for reconsideration (01P-0290/PRC 1), dated January 20, 2003, requesting that the Food and Drug Administration reconsider its July 9, 2002 decision to deny your June 18, 2001 petition to establish a standard of identity for the term "stone ground" as applied to wheat flour. This letter also responds to your citizen petition (01P-0290/CP 2), dated January 20, 2003, proposing a standard for "stone ground" and supported by a recent consumer survey.

In accordance with 21 Code of Federal Regulations 10.30(e)(2), this letter is to advise you that we have not been able to reach a decision on your petitions within the first 180 days of their receipt. We are currently at the height of rulemaking in response to the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002. Because of this and other agency priorities and the limited availability of resources, we have not been able to respond to your petitions. We hope to be able to complete the review of your petitions and respond to your request in the near future.

Should you have additional questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

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