



January 27, 2003

Colin G. Meyer, D.V.M., Ph.D.
Director, Food Analysis and Diagnostic Laboratory
2472 Schofield Road, Building 2632
Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6232

Re: Docket No. 02P-0013/CP 1 (Food Additive Petition No. 2A4742)

Dear Dr. Meyer:

This is in reference to your citizen petition under docket number 02P-0013/CP 1 (FAP 2A4742), requesting that the Food and Drug Administration rescind the generally recognized as safe (GRAS) status for aluminum containing food additives, specifically sodium aluminum sulfates, sodium aluminum phosphates, and aluminum sulfates.

In our review of the petition and the additional information that was submitted on January 10, we note that you did not include full copies of all the references that were cited in support of the petition. Specifically, you did not provide complete copies of enclosures A through K or references 1 through 11 that were cited in your original submission. You also did not provide copies of enclosures 1, 2, and 3 in your submission dated January 10, 2003.

Any reference to published information offered in support of a petition must be accompanied by full copies of such references. In your reference to such published information you need to include an adequate explanation as to how you believe said information is relevant to and in support of your petitioned request asking the agency to rescind the GRAS status of aluminum salts.

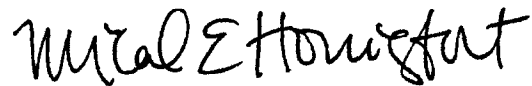
02P-0013

LET 2

Page 2 – Dr. Meyer

We have discontinued our review of the petition because of the above deficiency. If you wish to have the review continued, you must provide complete copies of the missing references. Please send copies of any submission to Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mical E. Honigfort". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mical E. Honigfort, Ph.D.
Consumer Safety Officer
Office of Food Additive Safety
Center for Food Safety
and Applied Nutrition