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Re: Docket No. 03P-0276

Dear Dr. Jacobsen:

This is in response to the citizen petition that you filed on June 4, 2003, on behalf of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, requesting that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) immediately use the best available industry practices as the basis for setting interim acceptable limits for acrylamide for different classes of food and that the FDA should deem any food containing acrylamide in excess of such limits to be adulterated within the meaning of section 402(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

The purpose of this response is to advise you, in accordance with 21 CFR 10.30(e)(2)(iii), that we have not reached a decision on your petition within the first 180 days of filing. We assure you that FDA is committed to addressing issues concerning acrylamide in food and, consistent with resource availability and our developing program priorities, we anticipate acting on at least some issues relevant to you petition.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

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