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John Edward Erb
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Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Re: FDA Docket No. 2007-P-0178
Legacy Docket No. 07P-0500

Dear Mr. Erb,

This letter is in response to the citizen petition you submitted that was filed on December 28, 2007, which requests that FDA revoke Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) status from monosodium glutamate (MSG) as well as for other ingredients in which glutamate is a primary ingredient.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you, in accordance with 21 CFR 10.30(e), that we have not reached a decision on your petition within 180 days of the filing of the petition because of the limited availability of resources and other agency priorities.

Sincerely yours,

Laura M. Tarantino, Ph.D.
Director
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