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Dear Mr. Hobbs:

This is in reference to your letter of June 14, 2004 in which you requested amendment of the Food and Drug Regulations to provide for the use of a β -fructofuranosidase produced by *Aspergillus japonicus* in sucrose used for the preparation of short-chain fructooligosaccharides (FOS).

We are pleased to advise you that technical evaluation of your submission is now complete and that a senior management committee has given a favourable response to it. It is the intention of the Branch to recommend to the Governor-in-Council that a new Item F.2 be added to Table V of Division 16 of the Regulations that would allow for the use of β -fructofuranosidase (EC 3.2.1.26) produced by *Aspergillus japonicus* in sucrose used in the preparation of short-chain fructooligosaccharides. In this regard, a Schedule of Amendments will be going forth in the near future containing these recommendations. Such amendments will become effective upon their publication in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II.

We wish to advise you that your request for an Interim Marketing Authorization (IMA) has also been given a favourable response. You may expect to hear from the Bureau of Food Regulatory, International and Interagency Affairs (BFRIIA) in the near future in this regard.

We trust that this is satisfactory in the meantime.

Yours truly,

J.W. Salminen
Chief
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