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Dear Drew:

As you noted in your letter of April 30, EPA recently established a food additive tolerance for metalaxyl in/on dried apricots. The registrant, Ciba-Geigy Corporation, requested this tolerance in PP#7F3470/FAP#7H5520.

It is our policy to issue such a food additive tolerance when specifically requested by the registrant, assuming adequate residue data have been submitted; however, at the present time we only require residue data on the following dried fruits: figs, dates, raisins and prunes. This policy is currently being reviewed and may change at a future date, but in the meantime the Dietary Exposure Branch does not routinely expect data on dried apricots whenever there is a petition for the stone fruit group.

Sincerely yours,

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