

P-22-01 – Synthetic Dye Warning Label Petition (CSPI)

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: Response to Petition Requesting Rulemaking for Warning Labels on Food Products and Dietary Supplements that Include Certain Synthetic Food Dyes

Dear Jensen N. Jose,

Thank you for contacting the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Your petition for rulemaking was received by CDPH on December 8, 2022 under Government Code section 11340.6. Pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 11340.7, CDPH hereby responds to your petition.

CDPH recognizes the public health concerns which may impact consumers and producers of foods and dietary supplements containing certain synthetic dyes. Pursuant to Government Code section 11340.7, the Department will set this petition for public hearing to further investigate this matter. CDPH welcomes the input of stakeholders during this hearing process. CDPH will schedule the hearing in a way that minimizes the risk of exposure to COVID-19 for CDPH staff and members of the public, and our office will contact you once the hearing date is scheduled.

Under Government Code section 11340.7(d), any interested person has the right to obtain a copy of the petition submitted to the agency. A copy of the petition and this letter will be posted on the CDPH Office of Regulations website at the following:

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OLS/Pages/Petitions_for_Regulatory_Action.aspx

In addition, interested persons may request a copy by contacting the Office of Regulations by email: regulations@cdph.ca.gov, by phone: (916) 558-1710, or by mail: California Department of Public Health, 1415 L Street, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95814.

If you have any questions, please reach me at Keith.VanWagner@cdph.ca.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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