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Dear Mr. Latter:

This is in response to your email correspondence of February 10, 2012 to Marion Law and Neilda Sterkenburg and forwarded to me for direct response.

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the use of propylene oxide on nuts and spices imported to Canada. As a result of requests via submission to establish Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) on herbs, spices and tree nuts, the PMRA is recommending that MRLs be established for these commodities. The letters outlining these decisions have been issued for the relevant submissions (2009-2232 and 2010-2734) and importation of pesticide treated commodities is considered to be acceptable once the letter has been issued.

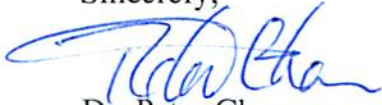
As MRLs are subject to consultation via publication of a Proposed Maximum Residue Limit (PMRL) document, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is kept informed, by the Agency (internal process), regarding the posting of proposed MRLs. Following consultation and in the event that there are either no comments or the comments raised have no impact on the MRLs, the Agency publishes the Established Maximum Residue Limit (EMRL) document signifying that the MRL has now legally come into effect. The Agency also notifies CFIA regarding the posting of EMRLs.

More specifically, PMRA has notified CFIA of this inquiry. CFIA believes that since they have been aware of PMRA's intent to proceed with the establishment of MRLs for propylene oxide and as the scientific assessment that supports the MRLs has been completed, no product action should be initiated when residues in excess of 0.1 ppm are found. If residues of propylene oxide above the 0.1 ppm default MRL are detected in tree nuts and herbs and spices or any other commodity, CFIA

intends to confer with PMRA to ensure that the residues observed are in line with the intent of the proposed MRL.

I hope that this information is useful.

Sincerely,



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