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Mr. Robert G. Hibbert  
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Dear Mr. Hibbert:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received the January 10, 2012, petition submitted by you on behalf of your client, Preferred Meal Systems. The petition requests that FSIS authorize a regulatory experiment in which the labels of the FSIS-regulated component of Preferred Meal Systems' products would be generically approved if all labeling materials associated with such products would otherwise qualify for generic approval except for the claim that the product is acceptable for use in USDA-monitored child nutrition programs.

Your request is being considered as a petition under FSIS's petition regulations (9 CFR part 392). Your petition has been referred to the FSIS Office of Policy and Program Development for review and has been assigned petition number 12-01. As provided in 9 CFR 392.6, your petition will be made available to the public in the FSIS docket room and will be posted on the FSIS Website at:  
[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations\\_&\\_policies/Petitions/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&_policies/Petitions/index.asp).

You may contact Mary Porretta, Petitions Manager, Policy Issuances Division, at (202) 720-5627 if you have any questions regarding the status of your petition.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Williams  
Acting Director  
Policy Issuances Division  
Office of Policy and Program Development