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Food Safety and
Inspection Service

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Mr. Leonard Lang
Import Export Associates Inc.
103 Potomac Hills Drive
Stafford, VA 22554

Dear Mr. Lang:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received the petition that you submitted on behalf of the Golden Quality Seafood Corporation dated January 4, 2017. The petition requests that FSIS modify its residue sampling policy for imported catfish so that it is equivalent to residue sampling for imported meat.

Your request is being considered as a petition for policy change 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 17-01. 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/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulations/petitions>.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Michael".

Matthew Michael
Director
Issuances Staff
Office of Policy and Program Development