



May 21, 2015

Laura MacCleery  
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Re: FOI Request No. 2014-8497

Dear Ms. MacCleery:

This is in response to your request of October 22, 2014, requesting the Flavor and Extract Manufacturers Association (FEMA), GRAS determinations 1960 to present. Your request was forwarded to the Office of Food Additive Safety in the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

X We have searched our files and find no responsive information. From the 1960s through the late 1980s, under a contract with FDA, FEMA prepared Scientific Literature Reviews (SLRs). The official repository for the SLRs is the National Technical Information Service (NTIS, <http://www.ntis.gov>, use the search terms "Flavor and Extract," "food," "FDA," GRAS," to yield a reasonable number of search results. You will need to create a log-in in order to view these documents. In the mid 1990s, FEMA provided safety and technical information to the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) for their evaluation. FDA scientists participate in the JECFA evaluations. The safety and technical information are publically available on the WHO website (<http://apps.who.int/food-additives-contaminants-jecfa-database/search.aspx#>), select the appropriate functional class, such as flavouring agent, etc. to bring up lists of substances, each with a hyperlink to the supporting data).

X FDA has taken this approach to facilitate the process of responding to you. If you dispute FDA's preliminary determination and would like FDA to reconsider this determination, please let us know in writing at the following address: Division of Freedom of Information Division of Freedom of Information 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1033 Rockville, MD 20857 within 30 days from the date of this letter. If we do not receive a response in that time period, we will consider the matter closed. If you do request further consideration and if the agency then formally denies your request, you will have the right to appeal that decision. Any letter of denial will explain how to make this appeal.

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Sincerely Yours,

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