



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO TAX AND TRADE BUREAU
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005

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Refer to: **2016-09-090**
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SENT VIA EMAIL TO: 22522-34932134@requests.muckrock.com

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Dear Lukas Knight:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) dated November 23, 2015. You are requesting all records and reports regarding the safety of diketones (especially, diacetyl, acetylacetone, and hexane-2,5-dione) when used as flavorants.

You are also requesting any records or reports that specifically mention "the use of diketones in juices used to produce inhaled vapours and their possible effects on the respiratory system when ingested in that way."

Your request was subsequently referred to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) and received in this office on September 15, 2016.

Please be advised TTB does not maintain the information that you have requested. TTB administers statutory provisions related to the collection of Federal excise tax on alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and ammunition, and to the labeling and advertising of alcohol beverages.

We have determined that the information you are seeking would be under the purview of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Therefore, we are transferring your request to the FOIA Officer for FDA, for processing under the FOIA and for direct response to you.

Further inquiries concerning your FOIA request should be directed to the address below:

Food and Drug Administration
Division of Freedom of Information
Office of the Executive Secretariat, OC
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1035
Rockville, MD 20857

Enclosed is a Document Cover Sheet with your appeal rights outlined on the reverse side. If you choose to appeal this response, you must do so within 90 days from the date of this letter.

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Please note we are charging no fee for processing your request. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Quinton Mason, by telephone at (202) 882-9904, or by e-mail at TTBFOIA@ttb.gov, and reference FOIA number **2016-09-090**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy R. Greenberg".

Amy R. Greenberg
Director, Regulations and Rulings Division

Enclosure(s): As stated