



May 8, 2007

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is in response to your letter and accompanying information of March 2nd, 2007, in which you requested information about the regulatory status of chia (*Salvia hispanica*). Please note that our food additive regulations do not include dietary supplements.

Chia seed is considered a food and hence is exempt from regulation, unless there are safety concerns. It appears that chia has been consumed by native cultures for long periods of time and we are not aware of any safety concerns at this time.

I hope this answer has been helpful to you. Please feel free to contact me again should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K. Ricker".

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