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VIA EMAIL

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### Complaint Closure Notice

Re: NOPC 6942-20 & Harris Teeter, LLC

Dear Alexis Temkin:

We are writing to you today because the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), National Organic Program (NOP) has concluded its investigation of the complaint you filed on May 1, 2020, against Harris Teeter, LLC. Your complaint alleged that Harris Teeter Organics brand chickpeas/garbanzo beans tested positive for residues of the prohibited substance, glyphosate.

Our investigation confirmed your allegations. The NOP investigated the supply chain for this product and confirmed that organic chickpeas supplied to Harris Teeter retail stores was handled by an operation currently certified by Organic Certifiers, Inc. The operation has modified its practices to prevent cross-contamination of organic products.

This investigation is hereby closed. If you have further questions, please contact Megha Shah Even at [megha.even@usda.gov](mailto:megha.even@usda.gov) or (831) 227-7464. Thank you for your commitment to organic integrity.

Sincerely,

Keyana Francis  
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