

Sensus FDA Regulatory update on Citizen's Petition process

Re: Inulin and Oligofructose

A citizens petition from the industry of inulin producers was filed and received by the FDA on September 12, 2016, requesting that the FDA recognize Inulin-Type Fructans derived from chicory root as dietary fiber.

In the citizen's petition, evidence supporting four physiological health benefits were presented.

1. Improved Laxation/ Bowel Function
2. Increased Absorption of Calcium
3. Reduction of Blood Cholesterol Levels
4. Attenuation of Postprandial Blood Glucose Levels.

In the case of #1, Bowel Function: Fifteen human studies were presented that showed significant or positive beneficial effects.

In the case of #2, Calcium absorption: seven human studies were presented that showed significant or positive beneficial effects.

In the case of #3, Blood cholesterol: nine human studies were presented that showed significant or positive beneficial effects.

In the case of #4, Replacing Glycemic Carbohydrates: five human studies were presented that showed significant or positive beneficial effects.

Inulin-Type Fructans from chicory, are one of the most studied food ingredients in the world.

It is defined as fiber in Europe, Canada, and the rest of the world, and Sensus is very confident it will be defined as fiber as we go through this process with the FDA.