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Ventura Coastal Corporation

December 10, 2003

Ms. Jean A. Webb
Secretary of the Commission
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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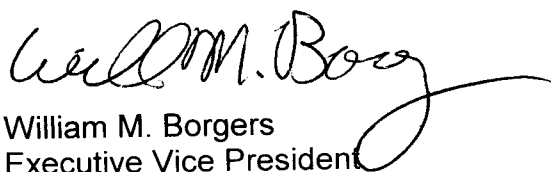
Dear Ms. Webb,

Ventura Coastal Corporation is a California company specializing in the growing and processing of citrus (including oranges) originating in California and Arizona. The recently submitted proposal to limit juice origin for the FCOJ-A contract to Florida and Brazil is of great concern to our company, other California citrus processors and California orange growers.

We object strongly to the proposal and it's intent to relegate California produced orange juice to a secondary, less desirable contract that will trade at a discount to the FCOJ-A contract, while reserving the FCOJ-A contract to juice originating in Florida and Brazil. The position stated in Ms. Fassler's letter of November 11, 2003 that this change will simplify country of origin statements clearly does not apply to juice originating in California, which despite recent political turmoil, remains part of the United States.

We strongly urge you to reject the requested changes and keep the current system as is.

Yours truly,
VENTURA COASTAL CORPORATION


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Executive Vice President

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