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Ms. Dana Perls
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Dear Ms. Perls:

Thank you for your letter to Mr. Tickle regarding Artic Apples. He has asked that I respond to you on his behalf.

GERBER® has been helping parents raise happy, healthy babies for generations. Parents and caregivers trust us to provide safe and nutritious products and we are committed to maintaining that trust. The safety and quality of our products is our top priority.

Agricultural practices in the U.S. use a combination of GM and GM-free crops. Both are frequently used to make common food ingredients. At GERBER®, we carefully select our ingredients to ensure they meet all regulatory requirements and our own high standards for quality and safety. In some cases, these ingredients have been derived from GM crops.

The FDA has determined ingredients that are made using genetic modification are safe and nutritionally equivalent to traditional crops. There are certain crops that are commonly grown using seeds developed through the use of biotechnology or modern genetic modification (GM). These are soy, corn, and canola. A few other crops may also be grown using GM seeds including sugar beets. Because of how widely these crops are grown, they are used to make many common food ingredients.

As stated in your letter all of our GERBER® fruit and vegetable purees are made without using GM crops. We do not use Artic Apples nor do we have plans to use Artic Apples in the future.

Thank you again for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Johnson-Askew". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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