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David Trykowski  
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Management & Analysis Program  
Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA  
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Washington, DC 20250-0203  
Sent via email: [AMS.FOIA@usda.gov](mailto:AMS.FOIA@usda.gov)

**FOIA REQUEST**  
**Fee waiver requested**

Dear Mr. Trykowski:

Pursuant to the Federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting all correspondence between the USDA and any individual or organization outside of the agency in which the word “carrageenan” occurs between November 18, 2016 and April 4, 2018. This request includes, but is not limited to, any and all correspondence to or from the office of the Secretary of Agriculture, the office of Undersecretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, the office of the Director of the Agricultural Marketing Service, and the National Organic Program.

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If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to

specific exemptions of the Act. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Please send materials to the following address:

The Cornucopia Institute  
P.O. Box 126  
Cornucopia, WI  
54827

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Cole". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jason Cole  
Research Associate  
The Cornucopia Institute