



Date: September 29th, 2020

To: Ms. Newkirk - PETA President
501 Front St.,
Norfolk, VA 23510

Re: Monkeys

Dear Ms. Newkirk:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 21, 2020 to our CEO and share your concern about the alleged treatment of monkeys. Once we became aware of this potential issue, we began an investigation. We have made it clear to the supplier that we do not support the use of monkeys for harvesting and that all harvesting must be done by human labor. In turn, our supplier has contractually required the same of all its suppliers. In addition, our supplier is in the process of visiting every one of its supplier farms to communicate the harvest policies. A 3rd party auditor has been hired by Chaokoh to independently verify the implementation of these harvest policies. We have ceased purchasing from our supplier/owner of the brand Chaokoh. We will continue to monitor the implementation of the harvest policies and once satisfied will resume purchasing. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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